

<b>WYOMING K-9 SAR HANDLER'S SKILLS CHECKLIST</b>		
<b>Evaluation Item</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>	<b>Initial</b>
<b>Optional Items:</b>		
<b>Managing The Lost Person Incident Course</b>		
<b>Man-tracking Course</b>		
<b>Mandatory Items:</b>		
<b>Incident Command System</b>		
<b>Basic ICS Course IS-700a</b> <a href="http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp">http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700a.asp</a>		
<b>Understand and verbalize the following terms and explain their role in SAR:</b>		
<b>ICS</b>		
<b>POD</b>		
<b>PLS</b>		
<b>DOT</b>		
<b>POA</b>		
<b>Team Leader</b>		
<b>Area Segmentation</b>		
<b>Operations Leader</b>		
<b>Planning Chief</b>		
<b>Incident Commander</b>		
<b>Sheriff</b>		
<b>Navigation:</b>		
<b>Orient a map to the north</b>		
<b>Take two or more compass bearings – triangulate on map</b>		
<b>Describe features on a topographic map</b>		
<b>Describe declination, magnetic &amp; grid north</b>		
<b>Find location on map from UTM coordinates</b>		
<b>Navigate point compass course using paces</b>		
<b>Demonstrate GPS skills</b>		
<b>Verify/change Map Datum and Position Format</b>		
<b>Mark a waypoint at current location and create a map waypoint</b>		
<b>Enter UTM coordinates in GPS and save as a waypoint</b>		
<b>Follow a route using GPS waypoints (GoTo)</b>		
<b>Clear active track log and save a track</b>		
<b>Scent Theory:</b>		
<b>Able to understand and verbalize the following:</b>		
<b>Scent Pools</b>		
<b>Convection</b>		
<b>Wind effect on scent</b>		
<b>Terrain effect on scent</b>		
<b>Weather effect on scent</b>		

Temperature effect on scent		
Chimney effect (lofting)		
<b>Search Strategy:</b>		
<b>Able to understand and verbalize the following:</b>		
Determine search strategy using terrain and wind		
Determine distance between grids		
Basic knowledge of Lost Person Behavior		
Basic knowledge of how/where to deploy multiple search dog teams.		
Knowledge of search strategy by walking with operational dog teams		
Evaluate an area and conditions, plan strategy for team		
<b>Described actions of the dog and reasons for the dog's behavior</b>		
<b>Describe the following:</b>		
Types of alerts (passive / aggressive)		
Signs of stress		
Signs of aversion		
Examples of displacement behavior		
<b>K-9 First Aid</b>		
<b>Demonstrate/Verbalize emergency steps for the following:</b>		
CPR		
Bandaging		
Heat Stroke/Exhaustion		
Hypothermia		
Repair torn nail		
Shock		
Internal bleeding		
Fracture		
Drowning		
<b>Human First Aid (Minimum)</b>		
Current CPR certification		
Basic First Aid		
<b>Physical Requirements</b>		
Ability to negotiate typical terrain with appropriate response equipment- varies with certification requirements		
<b>Crime Scene Preservation</b>		
Explain actions to be taken when finding evidence in the field		
Describe how to preserve a possible crime scene in the field		
<b>Night Search</b>		
Describe equipment needed for night searching vs daytime		
Participate in a mock or actual night search		
<b>Man tracking</b>		

<b>Demonstrate how to measure a track</b>		
<b>Demonstrate how to use a tracking stick</b>		
<b>Obedience &amp; Agility</b>		
<b>Dog must demonstrate controlled obedience with distractions:</b>		
<b>Sit</b>		
<b>Down</b>		
<b>Down-Stay (5 minutes with handler out of sight)</b>		
<b>Heel or Close within 2 feet of handler</b>		
<b>Jump at least three feet into a specified area</b>		
<b>Crawl under an obstacle <math>\frac{3}{4}</math> of the dog's height</b>		
<b>Climb onto, walk along a log or obstacle 3-4 feet off the ground and 10 feet in length</b>		
<b>Stay on area/object until released</b>		
<b>Walk through a culvert or small tunnel</b>		
<b>Approach a person, shake hands, etc.</b>		
<b>Response to a search incident</b>		
<b>Handler has responded in support of an operational dog team</b>		
<b>Knots</b>		
<b>Demonstrate how to tie the following knots</b>		
<b>Figure 8</b>		
<b>Water knot</b>		
<b>Fisherman's knot</b>		
<b>Figure 8 bend</b>		
<b>Avalanche Safety (Avalanche Certification Only)</b>		
<b>Avalanche safety and awareness class must be completed before testing a dog for Avalanche Level 1 Certification</b>		
<b>Revised: 2/22/2010 for link to ICS course</b>		