

# K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc.

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## **Cadet Policy**

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1. Establish a full member cadet status for teenagers ages 16-18. This would allow them to train and acquire the necessary equipment.
2. Children ages 11 to 16 may apply to as Junior Cadets provided a parent or guardian is an active member of K-9 Search and Rescue Team, Inc. Junior Cadets would be ineligible to vote, draw funds or hold an office. Junior Cadets would be allowed to wear uniforms and participate in all activities except missions in the company of and directly supervised by the parent or guardian member, subject to the approval of the strike team leader, Operations Section Chief, or Team Commander.
3. At age 16 if the cadet member exhibits sufficient skill and maturity, then the member could be allowed to go on missions as a navigator without a dog until the member turns 16; with the approval of the Operations Section Chief.
4. Cadets may become handlers at age 16.
5. The parent of the cadet member must attend a meeting and sign this agreement at a regular meeting.
6. Cadet members who have an active parent/guardian on K-9 Search & Rescue Team Inc. are exempt from parts 3 and 4 of this policy.
7. High school students will notify the Team Commander and/or Operations Section Chief anytime their academic average drops below 3.0. At that time a conference may be scheduled between parent, Team Commander and student to develop an action plan for academic improvement. Should that action plan not be fulfilled, the decision of the Team Commander concerning lost school time will be final.