

K9 Search and Rescue Team Inc.

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Job Description: Base Camp Support Person

The job description herein is not meant to be inclusive nor exclusive but rather broad, general concepts to guide members in their performance. All Team members are expected to be able to do any task as needed for overall team success and to follow all team Bylaws and Policies.

Summary

Team members that are capable of supporting field teams in wilderness, urban, water, disaster, or snow environments and have training in appropriate search techniques. Must be able to perform first aid procedures. Base camp is responsible for liaison with incident command, radio communication and logistical support. New Mexico Field Certification and Civil Air Patrol 101 cards are strongly recommended.

Purpose

To provide logistical support to the handlers and field support people. Maintain constant radio contact and map locations of all field teams. Operate all base camp equipment efficiently. Provide first aid for base camp medical emergencies. Provide public relations and liaison with incident command in the absence of the operations leader. May be asked to assist with rescues.

Supervision

The K-9 officer in charge of a given activity. For example, the strike team leader, based on the assignments from the Operations Section Chief, typically assigns search activities. Training is under the direction of the training officer. Business and overall operations are under the direction of the team leader.

Qualifications

The base camp support people must be well versed in radio operations, mapping, Incident Command System, camping, and logistical support activities. The base camp people must be dedicated, professional, detail oriented, work well under pressure, and supportive in nature. The base camp people must have adequate medical training to handle routine medical emergencies in base and thorough familiarity with medical equipment to support rescue situations.

Time Frame

Base camp support requires approximately the same amount of time as is required of a handler, plus specialized training in public relations, weather, and incident command. Some training in professionalism may also be required.

Site

The majority of team activities are in the Four Corners area but response requests can be worldwide.

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Benefits and Risks

The team can provide some response equipment such as pagers, radios, GPS, response vehicles, building, etc. The team provides training and training opportunities. The team will provide a framework and organization for all activities. Responses provide the opportunity to help others in need and to access restricted areas. These exposures include, but are not limited to: accident and/or sickness without readily available medical facilities, pathogens, the forces of nature, travel on the ground, on water and in the air, travel in high alpine terrain involving risks of falls, avalanche, exposure to the elements, exposure to deceased &/or seriously injured persons, strenuous physical work covering periods as long as several days, and the physical and other risks involved in high stress levels and high altitude work.