Explosive Detector Dog Certification Scenarios

The skills outlined in the following certification scenarios are considered important for the seasoned/veteran Explosive Detector Dog.

1. **Large Vehicle Exterior Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate two separate simulated Improvised Explosive Devices (IED'S) which have been hidden on the exterior of a large vehicle such as a bus or streetcar. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to clear the vehicle for transport purposes.

2. **Large Vehicle Interior Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED which has been hidden inside a large transport vehicle such as an aircraft or a ship. A diversion shall also be placed within the suspect area. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to clear the vehicle for transport purposes.

3. **Workplace Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED which has been hidden in a workplace environment, i.e., an automobile repair shop. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to clear the facility after the dismissal of a hostile employee.

4. **Multiple Vehicle Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED which has been hidden on one of six personal vehicles. The exercise is completed when the Handler, by virtue of the Dog's indication, can identify the exact location of the possible device. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation or a request from a proprietor to check vehicles coming onto a site, as in a championship sporting event.

5.   **Buried Explosive Sniff Scenario (or Equivalent).**
     The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which
     has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to
     locate/indicate one simulated IED (1000 grams
     quantity) which has been buried in a suspect area
     approximately 800 square yards and about 8-12 inches
     deep. A diversion shall also be placed within the
     search area. This represents the environment which
     may be encountered during a criminal investigation
     or a request from a citizen to check land or
     property for unexploded explosives.

*For purposes of Utah POST Certification, another scenario of comparable difficulty may be
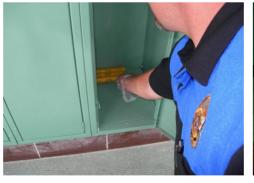substituted, with the permission of the Judge.*

6.   **Firearm/Ammunition Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall
     deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared
     to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate a
     discharged firearm and also several of its expended
     cartridges which have been hidden in two separate
     locations within a suspect area of approximately 800
     square yards. A diversion shall also be placed within
     the search area.   This represents the environment
     which may be encountered during a criminal
     investigation involving a firearm or ammunition which
     has been disposed of in a field or forested area.

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officers/agencies
which choose not to
train the dog to find*
*firearms/ammunition, in which case the examination grades will be prorated to
calculate the final grade.*

7.   **Large Building Exterior Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED which has been hidden on the exterior of a large building. The suspect area shall not be limited to the walls of the building itself, but shall include any reasonable attachment or item adjacent to it. A diversion shall also be placed within the search area. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation involving a bomb threat at a building or even a preventive measure for a VIP visit at the building.

8.   **Large Building Interior Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED which has been hidden inside a large building such as a postal facility, commercial establishment, or industrial workshop. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation involving a bomb threat at a building or even a preventive measure for a VIP visit at the building.

9.   **VIP Sniff Scenario.** The Handler shall deploy the Dog in a scenario which has been prepared to examine the Dog's ability to locate/indicate one simulated IED in an environment comparable to a VIP sweep; i.e., a restaurant, conference room, or stage assembly. This represents the environment which may be encountered during a criminal investigation involving a bomb threat at a building or even a preventive measure for a VIP visit at the building.