

MC.017—Canine Search and Recovery Investigation and Training

Scientific Merit for Achievement:

The cadaveric specimens provide an opportunity for learners to have hands-on practice and testing with human anatomy. The learners may receive training via three or more ways such as simulation, live animal and NAM. Each of these training modalities provides a different perspective to the overall procedure. Overall, the NAM portion of the training is pivotal for the completeness of the learning process.

Objective:

To illustrate and train cadaver dogs to locate (recover) human remains and forensic evidence. Depending on the nature of the search, these dogs may be trained to locate entire bodies (including those buried or submerged), body fragments (including blood, tissues, hair, and bones), or skeletal remains.

Methodology to Achieve Objective:

By utilizing fresh-frozen anatomical material, the sponsor will perform, teach, and/or perfect various methods to train cadaver dogs specific applications for recovery of human remains and forensic evidence. The utmost care will be taken in handling the donors with the least traumatic approach possible to preserve the respect and honor for the donor, and to maintain the aforementioned training consistency with true to life forensic recovery cases. These procedures, analyses, and investigations include, but are not limited to, training specifically in wilderness and urban settings. During the practice or perfection of many of the aforementioned techniques the presence of MERI staff will be imperative to maintain strict adherence to this curriculum.

NAM may only be provided for sponsors who request escorted events only. No un-escorted NAM shall be provided for any type of canine search and recovery investigation and/or training scenarios or curriculums.

Additionally, due to the variant nature of this course from the majority of the MERI curriculums, notification will be made to the family and/or legal authorizing party of any donors participating in this course, prior to the course.

Equipment, Supplies, and/or Instrumentation Potentially Required for Methodology:

- General Instrumentation (MERI provided)
- PPEs (Gloves, Gowns, Masks with Shields, Caps, and Shoe Covers)
- Other specialty items specified by sponsor.

Qualified Learners/Participants:

These individuals shall include board certified physicians, resident physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and other medical and non-medical learners/participants. Typically, the students are of the same specialties and of the same position in the medical/surgical field, field of study or the medical device industry.

Sponsors Approved in Utilization of Curriculum:

- Federal, State and Local Emergency Management Agencies
 - Forensic Investigation Team(s) or Societies
 - Law Enforcement Agencies
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Escorted by MERI Personnel or Non-Escorted:

- Category “A”-Sponsors as listed in “Sponsor Approved for Utilization of Curriculum” are approved to utilize MERI services both escorted and non-escorted.
- Category “B”-Sponsors as listed in “Sponsors Approved for Utilization of Curriculum” are subject to utilization of escorted and/or non-escorted services through MERI’s “Sponsor Application” process.