

Disaster Live and HR Written Test Study Guide

This guide outlines topics covered by NSDA's written exam for the Disaster Live and HR Test, which is pre-requisite to the K9 Team Disaster Field Test and a required component of the certification process for K9 Disaster Teams. Handlers are required to successfully complete NSDA's Discipline prerequisites Test prior to taking the Disaster Live and HR Test . A study guide for the Discipline prerequisites Test is available on the NSDA web site.

Handlers wanting Disaster Live and HR certification should be knowledgeable in the following topics:

- **Processes and stages of human decomposition**
- **The FEMA Response System**
- **FEMA Structure and Hazards Marking Systems**
- **Audible Evacuation Signals in a Disaster search area**
- **Scent Dispersal in a Disaster environment**
- **Basic temperament and physical abilities of a disaster search Dog and handler**
- **Management of Stress for Handler and K9**
- **Safety precautions**

References

Cadaver Dog Handbook by Andrew Rebman, et al, 2000

FEMA National Urban Search Field Operations Guide

http://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/usr/usr_fog_sept_25_2003_color_final.pdf

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/emergency/usr/usr_23_20080205_rog.pdf

**National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Canine Search Team Certification
Evaluation Handbook**

http://www.disasterdog.org/pdf/policies/Handbooks/CSTCEHandbook_LF_Aug2015.pdf

NASAR Canine Certification Programs

http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/nasar/legacy_url/185/CCP_2010_09.14.pdf?1421875329