

Instructor Bios:

Trailing

- Kathy Holbert (Beginning Trailing)

Kathy Holbert, Master Trainer, is a professional detection dog trainer with more than 20 years experience, including a recent year spent in the Middle East working to find the remains of missing soldiers with her K9 Strega. Kathy has trained dogs certified in narcotics, explosives, human remains, and live find search and rescue. In demand around the U.S. as a trainer and lecturer in SAR, detection specialties, tracking, and trailing, Kathy also breeds and trains working German Shepherds and working Beaucerons at her training and boarding kennel in Philippi, WV.

- Charlie Douthett (Intermediate Trailing)

Charlie Douthett is a Sergeant and bloodhound handler with Porter County Sheriff's Department (PCSD), Indiana. Charlie purchased and began training his first Bloodhound "Sam" in April 1996, prior to which the PCSD had no K9 units. His Bloodhound Team assignments have included: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Bloodhound Response Team and the FBI Hostage Rescue Team Canine Assistance Program. His Police Bloodhound cases include homicide investigations in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Montana, and Mississippi. The team has assisted numerous local and State Police and Sheriff Departments and federal agencies including the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Charlie has been instrumental in creating a renewed interest in the use of canines and scent evidence for explosive and arson incidents. He and his partner "Sam" were selected as one of 11 Bloodhounds

- Jason Greene (Intermediate Trailing)

Jason Greene currently serves as Patrolman/K9 Handler and K9 Unit Coordinator of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) Transit Police Department. He has been working a Dual Purpose Explosive Detector Dog (EDD), with numerous apprehensions of criminals. His Police Dog and he have provided assistance for numerous details throughout Northwest Indiana during the Obama vs. Clinton Presidential Campaign assisting the U.S. Secret Service. They also assist local police jurisdictions with explosive, gun, and criminal search/apprehensions. Jason has certified his Police Dog to United Police Canine Association (UPCA), National Police Work Dog Association (NPWDA), and American Police Canine Association (APCA) standards. Jason is a Trainer with the APCA, and is also certified through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy as an Instructor with experience in Police Dog Handling Instruction, General Law Enforcement Instruction, Railroad Safety Instruction, and general dog handling and care instruction. Jason has founded (February 2014) Greene Dog Consulting LLC, a small dog training company serving local law enforcement K9 Training, consultation as well as civilian obedience and wellness dog training.

- Lee Weatherall (Advanced Trailing)

Lee is a founding member of Arkansas Alliance of Bloodhound Search Specialists. He has been with the Pope County K-9 Unit since 2000. He has been training and handling bloodhounds for

search and rescue, as well as law enforcement since 1999. He has worked cases for the FBI, US Forest Service, US Forest Commission, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as well as state and local law enforcement agencies. Lee is a Paramedic/Firefighter currently serving as an Assistant Fire Marshall/Arson Investigator with the Russellville Fire Department. Lee is also currently serving as the Canine Officer for the Yell County Mounted Patrol. He has taught numerous seminars over the years.

- Natalie Castle (Urban Trailing)

Natalie Castle, currently a Mission Ready handler and Training Group Leader with California Rescue Dogs Association, brings more than 23 years of experience to the classroom. She has been deployed on multiple searches covering five states and one overseas deployment. Natalie is also currently active with 1st Special Response Group and Los Angeles Search Dogs, and she is a past certified member of Search and Rescue Dogs of Colorado, Larimer County Search and Rescue (Colorado), Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team, and Michigan Urban Search and Rescue.

Airscent

- Janet Geist (Beginning Airscent)

Janet has been a member of the North Alabama Search Dog Association since 1996 and was one of its founding members. She has always worked area and HRD dogs until her current dog, Tusket, who is HRD only. She has worked a mixed breed dog, Jester, a Malinois, Chaos, and Tusket, who is a Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever. She has worked water with Jester and Tusket, and has successful experiences with water work. She has taught both Area and Water at CSAR seminars in the past. She is a NASAR evaluator for both live and HRD. She has also served on CSAR's board for the last several years.

- Darcy Harbaugh (Intermediate Airscent)

Darcy has been a member of the North Alabama Search Dog Association since 1996 and was one of its founding members. She specializes in both area work and HRD work on land and water. She is currently working her third lab, and all have been NASAR certified in both area and HRD. She has worked water with all three dogs, and has successful experiences with water work. She has taught both Area and Water at CSAR seminars in the past. She is a NASAR and NSDA evaluator for both live and HRD. She has also served as President of CSAR and, at various times, a member of its board.

- Jane Harlan (Advanced Airscent)

Water

- Lisa Higgins (Beginning Water HRD)

Lisa was the first to come up with the idea of having a canine search and rescue team in the state of Louisiana. In 1989 she brought a group of people together to discuss pursuing this idea.

After the meeting, she and her daughter Troi-Marie were the only two that moved forward to help form the first SAR dog team in the state of Louisiana – LaSAR. Lisa has devoted herself to helping local, state and federal agencies dealing with searches for missing persons, lost hunters, homicides and article searched for murder weapons. She has responded to over 250 searches in LA, TX, MS, AL, FL, GA, OK and British Columbia with her canine partners Frosty, a golden retriever, Molli, a Labrador Retriever and Maggie, her Australian Shepherd. On her first search, she and her canine partner Frosty located the body of a drowned victim that was four feet under water and three feet under sand. She, Molli and Maggie obtained their NASAR Canine SARTECH III certification in Land HRD and also in NNDDA HRD. Lisa also served as a Lead Evaluator for the NASAR Canine SARTECH III Program. She is one of two handlers qualified as an “Expert” in canine body recovery in New Orleans Criminal Courts. Lisa has worked in law enforcement since 1982, currently serving as a reserve officer with ST. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office. Lisa is has served as a member of the Federal DMORT Region VI Team (LA) and TX State Mass Fatalities Taskforce. She is the recipient of the NASAR 2001 State of Louisiana Award for excellence in canine training and response and for the proliferation of the NASAR SARTECH Certification Program in the State of Louisiana. Lisa has also co-authored several articles and a book chapter on water search and recovery.

- Barbara Weakley- Jones (Advanced Water HRD)

Barbara Weakley-Jones MD currently holds the title of Coroner with Jefferson County located in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, she also serves as a Clinical Professor at the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine and is a volunteer advisor to the Louisville Zoo. With years of experience within her professional field, Dr. Weakley-Jones has become an expert in anatomic pathology, forensic pathology, K-9 Human Remains Detection (HRD) teaching and training. She is also skilled in areas such as private investigations, emergency services, disaster response, public safety, forensic analysis, criminal justice, teaching, crime prevention, and research. Prior to her current position, Dr. Weakley-Jones was a state medical examiner for 29yrs before retiring. As part of that position, she trained and handled the state human remains detection dog. After retirement from ME Office, she was elected coroner of Jefferson County and moved the cadaver dog program into the coroner’s office. She has been the director of the state cadaver dog program from 1997 to present time with working search dogs to this day. She has gained a wealth of valuable knowledge and experience while serving as the Owner of Forensic Investigation team Doc and Dogs, where she was responsible for consulting, investigating on medical legal cases, and searching for human remains with K-9.

HRD

- Robin Habeger-Gruebel (Beginning HRD)

Robin Habeger-Gruebel has been involved in canine search and rescue for over 10 years, starting in wilderness and human remains detection. She’s a certified search manager and a certifying official for several national level organizations. Robin and K9 Moses are a FEMA certified Type 1 Disaster Dog team and deployable with Nebraska Task Force 1. Robin, K9 Moses and K9 Talyn,

her certified cadaver disaster dog also deploy with Iowa Task Force 1 and have responded to the Cedar Rapids IA floods (2008) and the Joplin tornado (2011). Moses and Talyn are also NASAR Type I Area Search certified and Talyn has several human remains detection certifications.

- Lou Ann Metz (Intermediate HRD)

Lou Ann Metz is a 30 year veteran of the fire and emergency medical services. She is Fire Chief of the Bainbridge Township Fire Department. Lou Ann is a National Registered Paramedic and State of Ohio FF II. She is a Hazardous Materials Technician, with a specialty in WMD and a Certified Infection Control Practitioner. Lou Ann is a Fire and EMS Instructor and has lectured abroad as well as across the US. Lou Ann has been involved in SAR for 18 years with Summit Search and Rescue Dogs as a founding member. Summit provides SAR resources to the 39,000 acre Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Northeast Ohio. She is a NASAR SARTECH II, Search Manager and canine handler. She has trained and certified dogs in wilderness airscents and HRD. She is currently working Grissom, her third certified HRD dog. She is a member of CSAR, Ohio Search and Rescue Association and the Child Abduction Response Team of Summit County where she serves as the SAR Coordinator.

- Pat Horn (Advanced HRD Instructor)

Pat Horn is Founder and Team Leader of Missouri Region "C" Technical Rescue K9 Division of St. Louis Mo. He started his dog training career at the age of 17 when training duck dogs. In the early 1990s Pat was approached by the Pike Co Missouri Coroner about training a cadaver dog. Pat accepted the challenge and began his long and successful career teaching and training cadaver dogs. Pat founded MRC K9 in 1995 and has been providing services to St. Louis and surrounding areas as well as nationally ever since. Pat has studied and trained at the Quantico FBI training academy where he received his first HRD K9 Jetta, while training under Andy Rebmann. He developed his K9 search criteria and requirements for his maximum competence from Rebmann and Shirley Hammond, as well as several other nationally recognized instructors. MRC K9, with Pat at the helm, has also received the "Exceptional Service in Public Interest" Award presented by the Director of the FBI Louis Freh. At the inception of the St. Louis Metropolitan Heavy Rescue Task Force, MRC was invited to be the "Search Element" for all 5 strike teams of the task force, and is still part of that division today. Pat has accomplished the following roles in his career: Professional Firefighter; Acting Captain in charge of Water Rescue Operations; Rescue Boat Operator; Swift Water Technician; Haz-Mat Technician; Canine Search Specialist; Instructor for MU Fire and Rescue Training Institute; Instructor for Missouri Emergency Training Specialists; Instructor for FBI Forensic Archeology Institute. He has instructed at both St. Louis County Police and Fire Academies, been a CSAR Board Member and HRD Instructor.