

Canine Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities

The Canine Coordinator manages the daily operation and training of the Task Force canine program. The Canine Coordinator follows their Task force chain of command. As a manager, certain managerial skills are expected of the Canine Coordinator.

These skills should include the ability to:

- Communicate effectively
- Coordinate a large group of people
- Effectively integrate the canine element into the Task Force
- Short and long-term planning
- Implement said plans
- Flex to new situations

Roles and responsibilities of the Canine Coordinator include:

- Maintaining a deployable canine element
- Screening of handlers and canines
- Ongoing assessment of the canine element's needs and progress
- Tracking and enforcing attendance requirements
- Tracking FSA and CE attempts
- Overseeing maintenance of training log books
- Knowledge of resources, including what teams have experience in addition to US&R, (e.g. wilderness, HRD, water, etc.)
- Ability to provide accurate input as to deployment of canine teams
- Providing annual canine budget planning
- Providing annual canine accomplishments
- Coordinating canine PR events
- Providing input as to sponsoring evaluators, instructors, mentors, testing teams
- Attending scheduled conference calls