



Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of Emergency Management - Search and Rescue Program

7507.2 - TRACKING TECHNICIAN - POSITION TASK BOOK

Name _____

CATEGORY Subcategories	Minimum time (hours)	Task Date	Task Time			Signature
			Start	Finish	Total (hours)	
TRACK/SIGN DETECTION	16					
Ground Cover Soils (e.g. sand, clay, etc)	2					
Vegetation (e.g. grass, broad leaf, short or tall, etc)	4					
Hard surface (e.g. rock, concrete, ice, asphalt, etc)	2					
Leaves (e.g. deciduous leaves, pine needles, etc)	4					
Other Ground Covers (e.g. dew, snow, dew, water, etc)	4					

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TOOLS	2					
Use of tracking tools on task						

INTERVIEWING	4					
Practicing interviewing techniques to gather pertinent tracking information						

RECORDING	5					
Photographing	2					
Practicing or learning about proper photodocumentation techniques of tracks and other clues.						
Drawing	2					
sketching tracks and overview of trails						
Reporting	1					
Writing a tracking report						

COLD CASES	4					
Training or practice in searching for human remains						

COMMUNICATION	2					
Transferring tracking information or teaching tracking techniques to others						

Working with K9s	1					
Combining Tracking & K9 resources						

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INTERPRETATION	16					
Animal Tracking	2					
Practicing or learning about identifying animal tracks/sign						
Identification	4					
Practicing or learning about correctly assessing the identity of a track pattern						
Aging	6					
Practicing or learning about assessing the age of tracks or sign						
Direction of travel	4					
Practicing or learning about interpreting the direction of travel of a track maker						

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TACTICS	16					
Trailing	8					
Learning about or practicing following a trail using tactics such as track by track, signcutting, likely route of travel, leapfrogging, etc.						
PLS / LKP	8					
Learning about or using signcutting techniques to approach and assess a point last seen or last known point (or a clue) for the presence and significance of tracks						

NIGHT TRACKING	4					
Practicing or searching for tracks and sign at night						

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CLUES		8					
	Clue Awareness	4					
Practicing searching for material clues other than tracks/sign							
	Clue Management	4					
Practicing techniques to preserve and manage clues							

EVASIVE		2					
Practicing or learning how to follow tracks/sign from someone being evasive or leaving less sign							

SEARCH MISSIONS	6 searches	Search Date(s)	Mission #	# Tasks	Signature
Active involvement (at least one task) in a search operation					