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

7407.2 - OPERATIONAL TRACKER - POSITION TASK BOOK

Name _____

CATEGORY Subcategories	Minimum time (hours)	Task Date	Task Time			Signature
			Start	Finish	Total (hours)	
TRACK/SIGN DETECTION	**8**					
Ground Cover **Soils**	**1**					
(e.g. sand, clay, etc)						
Vegetation	**2**					
(e.g. grass, broad leaf, short or tall, etc)						
Hard surface	**1**					
(e.g. rock, concrete, ice, asphalt, etc)						
Leaves	**2**					
(e.g. deciduous leaves, pine needles, etc)						
Other Ground Covers	**2**					
(e.g. dew, snow, dew, water,etc)						

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TOOLS	1					
Use of tracking tools on task						
INTERVIEWING	2					
Practicing interviewing techniques to gather pertinent tracking information						
RECORDING	2					
Photographing	1					
Practicing or learning about proper photodocumentation techniques of tracks and other clues.						
Drawing	1					
sketching tracks and overview of trails						
Reporting	0					
Writing a tracking report						
COLD CASES	2					
Training or practice in searching for human remains						
COMMUNICATION	1					
Transferring tracking information or teaching tracking techniques to others						
Working with K9s	1					
Combining Tracking & K9 resources						

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INTERPRETATION	**8**					
Animal Tracking	**1**					
Practicing or learning about identifying animal tracks/sign						
Identification	**2**					
Praticing or learning about correctly assessing the identity of a track pattern						
Aging	**3**					
Practicing or learning about assessing the age of tracks or sign						
Direction of travel	**2**					
Practicing or learning about interpreting the direction of travel of a track maker						
			Start	Finish	Total (hours)	

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TACTICS	**8**					
Trailing	**4**					
Learning about or practicing following a trail using tactics such as track by track, signcutting, likely route of travel, leapfrogging, etc.						
PLS / LKP	**4**					
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	2	Task Date				
NIGHT TRACKING	**2**					
Practicing or searching for tracks and sign at night						
					Start	Finish	Total (hours)	

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Subcategories	(hours)		Start	Finish	Total (hours)	
CLUES	**4**					
Clue Awareness	**2**					
Practicing searching for material clues other than tracks/sign						
Clue Management	**2**					
Practicing techniques to preserve and manage clues						

EVASIVE	1					
Practicing or learning how to follow tracks/sign from someone being evasive or leaving less sign						

SEARCH MISSIONS	3 searches	Search Date(s)	Mission #	# Tasks		Signature
Active involvement (at leaast one task) in a search operation						