UPWDA Narcotics Certification

This test is to determine the team's ability and reliability to detect narcotic odors. This test is based on a pass or fail basis.

The canine team will be tested in a minimum of three test phases:

- Vehicle Phase
- Building Paste
- Container Boxes, Luggage, or Open Area (Master Trainer's Discretion)

The narcotic odors used will be based on the individual agency's needs, which must be agreed upon by the Master Trainer conducting the test. Examples include, but are not limited to, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, marijuana, fentanyl, and MDMA.

UPWDA understands that some odors may vary depending on specific agencies and their specific needs based on their geographical area.

Under no circumstances will pseudo drugs be used in the certification process.

A minimum of twenty-minute set-up time will be allowed for each test. The Master Trainer will use caution with the wind direction and the location of the hide so as to not interfere with cross contamination.

Narcotic Overview

- There will be a minimum of one hide of each odor in one of the three testing phases.
- The narcotic drug will be unknown to the team and the location will be determined by the Master Trainer.
- A minimum of at least five grams of each odor will be used.
- A maximum of one false indication is permitted in this test. The false indication will be noted as a miss. If the team misses the odor completely, the team will have to retake that part of the test with that particular odor. At the Master Trainer's

discretion, the subsequent test may be given on that same day. If the team misses that odor again, the test may not be taken a third time on the same day.

- Conflict odors (enticement odors) will be present in all phases of testing.

Polymer Odor Capture and Release Aids (POCR)

POCR training aids may be utilized for the detection and testing of dangerous and unstable materials, such as peroxide based explosives and Fentanyl.

If POCR narcotic training aids are utilized in the certification process, the laboratory certification for the narcotics utilized in the production of the aid must be available for the Master Trainer conducting the certification.

Vehicle Test (Mandatory)

- There will be five vehicles in this test.
- There will be four vehicles that have one hide on the exterior.
- There will be one blank vehicle.
- The Master Trainer will determine where hides are placed and on which vehicles.

Vehicle Test (Optional)

UPWDA recognizes that geographical locations and individual agency requirements may require interior searches of motor vehicles. This requirement is driven by high incidents of interior-hidden compartments/traps in that deployment location.

- The requesting agency will request the interior aids be added to the vehicle test, which must be agreed upon by the Master Trainer conducting the test.
- The optional test will mirror the vehicle test for the exterior.
- A minimum of 5 grams of each odor will be utilized in the interior of the vehicle.
- Each vehicle with an exterior training aid will have an interior aid utilizing the same narcotic odor.
- The Master Trainer will determine where the hides are placed in the vehicle.
- One additional miss on this phase will be allowed if the optional vehicle test is added to the certification.

Building Test (Mandatory)

- This test will consist of five rooms.
- Four of the rooms will have one hide of each of the four narcotic odors.
- One of the rooms will be blank.

- The Master Trainer will determine where the hides are placed and in which rooms.

Boxes, Packages, Luggage, Locker, Open-Area Test (Master Trainer's Discretion)

- If boxes, packages, or luggage is used, there will be a minimum of sixteen pieces used for testing. There will be one hide of each narcotic odor being tested in four separate pieces. The remainder of the pieces will be blank.
- The Master Trainer will determine where the narcotic odors are placed.
- If lockers are used, there will be a minimum of twenty-five lockers used for the test. One hide of each of the four narcotic odors will be placed in four of the lockers being used. The remainder of the lockers will be blank.

These tests may be conducted on or off leash per the handler's choice.

The Master Trainer will ensure the hides are placed in a safe location for the team.

The Master Trainer is responsible for filling out the test sheet, in its entirety, using the legal name for the narcotic odor in the test.

The Master Trainer may discontinue the test if he or she feels the canine is no longer working or is sick.

In this test, the canine and the handler will be certified as one team. The canine, if handled by a second handler, must retest with that handler. There are no exceptions to this rule.

So long as the member remains in good standing and his or her membership dues are current, this certification will be valid for one year from the date of issue.