

## Instructor Biographies

**Trailing: Dale Dohms.** Dale Dohms is a 21year veteran of law enforcement, currently a Sergeant with the Dunn County Sheriff's Department in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He also has been the only Bloodhound Handler for the Sheriff's Department for 12 years. Sgt. Dohms responds to an average of 45 calls per year. He has tracked in nine different counties within the state of Wisconsin including murder cases, lost children, elderly "walk aways" and all other types of criminal cases. He has assisted several tactical teams in the Dunn County area. Jett, Dale's current K9 partner of five years, was activated into full service at the age of 7 months

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**Trailing: Charlie Douthett.** Indiana Police Officer 1986-2008 and retired from the Porter County Sheriff's Department. Certified Instructor by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and an FBI certified bomb technician and the only Bloodhound handler for the Sheriff's Department. Studied Bloodhound handling under the watchful eye of Mr. Glenn Rimbey and compiled the study of "Reading your Bloodhound" a handout used by handlers across the United States. Have assisted numerous local, state and federal agencies across the Midwest with numerous cases in the Chicago area. Helped setup and conduct some of the explosive post blast scent experiments that sparked the renewed interest in the federal use of bloodhounds across the United States.

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**Trailing: Debbie Goebels.** Debbie has been active in K9 SAR since 1997. She is a founder of the Central Alabama Search Dog Association. Has been an instructor in Alabama, Florida, Wisconsin, Mississippi and Arkansas. Debbie has certified dogs in trailing, air scent and cadaver. She currently works a Bloodhound in trailing, two German Shepherds in cadaver and has one Belgian Malinois in training.

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**Trailing: Kim Watson.** Kim completed full time police academy at Weatherford College, Texas in 1997. Certified Texas Peace Officer and commissioned by Jack County Sheriff's Department in September 1997 as a Reserve Deputy. She has served as a Reserve Deputy Canine from 1997 to present. She was added as a narcotics canine handler in 2002 with K9 Fire, trained by Kimberly Watson and Clyde Watson and certified in Franklin, NC by Carolina Command Dog and Police Services lead trainer, Mark Davis and Asst. Police Chief, Jerry DeHart. Kim is also an active canine handler with Parker County Search and Rescue, Weatherford, TX. She has instructed in several states to include NOCDS in Mississippi, Appomattox Virginia, Watertown South Dakota and Arkansas' 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Dog Seminar. She has trained at least 6 K9 partners. Her current K9 partner is Judge, "The Judge of Jack County" a bloodhound and Fire a Belgian Malinois in narcotics.

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**Water Cadaver: Lisa Higgins.** Along with her daughter TroiMarie and Dee Wild is co-founder of LaSAR Dog Team. She is a nationally certified HRD canine handler who has responded to over 300 searches across the United States, Vancouver, British Columbia, and Puerto Rico with her canine partners. She works regularly for the Forensic Canine Program, Evidence Response Team Unit, for the FBI. She is one of two handlers qualified as subject matter "Expert" in canine body recovery in New Orleans Criminal Courts. Lisa has worked in law enforcement since 1978 beginning with Pearl River Police Department then in 1991 with St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. In June of 2008, she retired as SSgt. Special Operations Division, serving with both the Mounted Division and K9 SAR units. She is a member of the Federal DMORT Region VI Team and Louisiana Mass Fatalities Taskforce. Lisa has also coauthored several articles and a book chapter on water search and recovery.

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**Land Cadaver: Charlotte Allmann.** Charlotte has been involved in SAR training since 1999, and is currently certified with NNDDA, land and water cadaver. She has been training dogs for more than 30 years in obedience, and more recently in agility, freestyle, tracking and human remains detection. She teaches classes for an allbreed obedience club as well as a private dog training business, where the goal is to build a solid foundation and train people to train their dogs. Charlotte is a founder of Wisconsin Interstate Search and Recovery K9 Team, has served as president and training coordinator since 2004. She handles two PBGV's; Cindy Lou, tracking, and Clue, HRD. WISARK9 specializes in hrd searches, land and water, general missing persons searches, old, cold cases in urban, suburban and wilderness surroundings. Charlotte is a licensed insurance agent, a graphic designer/art director, dog training instructor and teacher in adult postsecondary education.

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**Cadaver: Brad Dennis.** Brad is the Director of Search Operations for the KlassKids Foundation's National Search Center for Missing Children. He has over twenty years of experience in search and rescue and disaster response. He has managed search efforts for over 60 missing/abducted children around the country including, managing the search following the abduction of Polly Klaas. He has instructed thousands in search and rescue procedures, teaches seminars nationwide, and is an instructor for the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). He serves as a NASAR Coordinator for the Search and Rescue Technician program and their K9 certification program. He has completed numerous search management, law enforcement investigative and forensics training courses. He authored the "Predatory Abduction Search Management" course offered to law enforcement agencies. He is a certified SAR Manager/Incident Commander, K9 Evaluator/Handler, Victim Advocate and Search and Rescue technician and serves as CO Director of Gulf Coast Search and Recovery K9's, Inc. in Pensacola, Florida. Mr. Dennis retired from the U.S. Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer.

**Cadaver: Clyde Watson.** Clyde has been a certified Texas Peace Officer since 1992. He graduated in 1993 from the Narcotics K9 handler program in Austin, Texas. Clyde served as a Jack County Sheriff's Deputy and fulltime K9 narcotics handler from 1992-1998. He handled K9 Mars who was cross trained for tracking. He received recognition for criminal pursuits and fugitive arrests with his K9. He was a Cross Timbers Narcotics TASK Force agent for 19 months. He is currently a State Public Lands Peace Officer in Jacksboro, TX. He is a member of the First Response Hurricane Disaster Team for Texas Parks and Wildlife and has deployed for Hurricanes Rita and Ike. He has received training in the National Incident Management System and an active canine handler with Parker County Search and Rescue, Weatherford, TX. Clyde is a Master Trainer with the Texas Police Canine Association. He is CEO and Training Coordinator for The Alliance of Search K9's and has taught at numerous seminars in various states to include, TASK seminars, NOCDS in Mississippi, Appomattox, Virginia, Houston Texas and Arkansas' 2nd and 3rd Annual Working Dog Seminar. Clyde has trained 7 K9's to include his current partner Clementine a bloodhound and Fire a Belgian Malinois cross trained narcotics/hrd.

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**Area Search: Judy Otto.** Judy has been training SAR dogs for 13 years, and has qualified with three canines in air scenting, HRD, and other disciplines. She has served as K9 leader of the Marshall County (MS) Sheriff's Department SAR Team, and currently serves as Training Coordinator for the MidSouth SAR Dog Association. She has previously served as an auxiliary deputy and as a K9 course instructor for various conferences and seminars, including SDAOA seminar. She has taught obedience classes for more than 24 years, and is currently missionready with Clark Kent, her Canine SAR Tech III Area Search partner.

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**Area Search: John Burdue.** John Burdue started his SAR career in 1974 with the Union County Sheriff's office and has responded to hundreds of SAR missions both ground and water. He is still active as the training officer and K9 Team leader for that unit. John lives and works in the south Arkansas area. He is a Paramedic and medical training officer for a local Ambulance company. When not working as a medical officer or in the K9 field John works at SouthArk Community College as EMS instructor trainer, the Paramedic program clinical coordinator. John works with Medical Center of South Arkansas as medical education faculty. John has responded to many disasters both local and national. Recently John was a strike team leader in both Katrina and Gustoph Hurricane responses. Is the current Vice President of the Search Dog Alliance of Arkansas. John works in the SAR field with his K9 partner Savanna in Area search. John has instructed in K9 area search at various seminars and organizations such as SDAOAR NOCDS, and Piney Creek SAR. Is A SARTech II, MLPI with NASAR and currently training to certify a Sheppard partner in area search. And is working toward Disaster K9. John also teaches classes in NIMS and ICS and has conducted classes for Arkansas Department of Emergency Management.

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**Michael Wiederhold.** Michael has been training dog professionally for 12 years. He is currently a Vice Commander and Training Officer of Sonoran Search and Rescue. He serves on the Sonoran K9 training committee. He was a lead evaluator for the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR) SARTech II certification and for canine the Wilderness Area Search, Trailing and Human Remains Detection. He is also certified as a Wilderness First Responder. He has served on the NASAR Canine Committee as Section Chairperson and as NASAR Canine Committee Education Chairperson. Michael is also an AKC Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. His search dog Wicca is certified in Human Remains Detection for the state of Arizona and nationally through NASAR. Wicca is also certified as an Operational Level Wilderness Search Dog for the state of Arizona and a K9 SARTech 2 wilderness through NASAR. In the year 2005 only 7 dogs were certified to Level 2 Wilderness for NASAR, Wicca was one of those 7. In 2006, Wicca was upgraded to a K9 SARTech 1 Wilderness under the new NASAR search dog typing and certified as a Type 3 Forensic and Type Other Cadaver canine. In May of 2008, she also certified as K9 Disaster Dog Responder for both live find and forensic human remains. In December of 2009 she certified as HRD Water Type 1 under NASAR. As well Michael has certified Kalli, his second dog to K9 SARTech 2 Wilderness under NASAR.