



**Bear- Chocolate Lab
Handler – John Gilkey, MDTF1
FEMA Certified - 1997
Deployments PATF1: Hurricane Floyd 1999, WTC 9/11/01**

Bear was one of the original East Coast dogs to certify to Type 1. If you were trapped, Bear was the dog to not only find you, but to dig you out as well.

He joined his friends and teammates in September 2003, dying from liver complications that did not break his spirit for life, even to the very end.

Bear was known for his courage and intensity and for the love of his frisbee and John. They were a true team.