

**FEMA US&R Training Site Requirements  
Canine Search Specialist Course**

**Travel Distance to Nearest Hub Airport** 2+ Hours (amended by Ops 6/2005)

**Classroom Facilities**

Maximum Distance from Hotel <u>(Hotel must be canine friendly)</u>	5 – 10 minutes
Square Ft. (60 Students)	3000 Sq. Ft.
Students per Table (30" x 6')	2
Audio/Visual	Screen, 2-LED, Flip Charts, 2 Laptop Computers, Copying capability, PA system

Maximum Student/Instructor Ratio 10:1  
(an approximate 50/50 mix of handlers & STMs) ~~58:1~~

Staff Support (Eagle Systems/FEMA Staff) 3

**Field Exercises**

Maximum Distance from Hotel 5 – 10 Minutes

Maximum Distance from Classroom 5 – 10 Minutes

Specific Type of Facility

Practical Work Area

- Facility must include sufficient area to accommodate directability fields ( 2 stations), bark alert fields (2 stations), agility equipment setups ( 2 stations), field or lot for obedience exercises, and search training areas to accommodate at least 4 separate stations.
- Search training areas may consist of rubble piles, woodpiles, buildings, and other props which provide realistic scenarios for all levels of canine disaster search training. Square footage of each search training area should approximate the minimum area prescribed by the DSCREP (3,500 to 5,000 square feet).
- Advanced course requires three separate large rubble piles.

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PLEASE NOTE: Hosting any training function includes some measure of liability exposure for any jurisdiction hosting training. This particularly includes training with field components. System Members attending FEMA-sponsored training are covered by federal workers' compensation coverage in case of injury, but are not covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act in case of accidents. These coverages do not include all situations or potential sources of liability. Jurisdictions wishing to host FEMA-sponsored functional training should consult with their legal departments to ensure that liability for such events is understood and procedures are in place for addressing any incidents that might arise. Eagle Systems should maintain liability insurance for itself.

