

Basic disaster teams shall re-certify every two years by successfully completing a re-certification test according to the re-certification policy.

The evaluation shall be conducted by a primary evaluator and another primary or associate evaluator as the co-evaluator.

To re-certify in SWSD basic disaster, the team shall have current certification in SWSD area search or trailing. Should a team fail to re-certify in area search or trailing, the team’s basic disaster certification will become invalid.

Evaluator Guidelines

The test shall consist of searching a single site for one live subject. The team will have up to 20 minutes to find the subject. The test site shall be approximately one eighth acre (3500 square feet) or one or more buildings. The subject shall be concealed, inaccessible to the dog, and unresponsive during the test. The handler may not know the location of the subject. The handler must wear a helmet, gloves, long sleeves, long pants, and sturdy boots. Evaluators shall not deliberately place or include distractions to the dog on the test pile. The dog may indicate the location of the subjects in any manner that the handler can accurately read. The team must correctly indicate the location of the subject to pass the test.

Southwest Search Dogs (SWSD) Basic Disaster Dog Re-certification Test

Handler _____ **Dog** _____ **Date** _____

Location _____ **Subject** _____

Evaluators’ Signatures #1 _____ **#2** _____