A Canine Search Team - Land Human Remains searches for human remains outside the urban collapsed structure environment, in debris fields, and in areas of varied terrain with limited structures.

**RESOURCE CATEGORY**
Search and Rescue

**RESOURCE KIND**
Team

**OVERALL FUNCTION**
1. Provides search services for detecting human remains outside the urban collapsed structure environment, in debris fields, and in areas of varied terrain with limited structures
2. Provides medical care to include first aid
3. Conducts planning for team-level tactics
4. Provides basic protection of personnel with regard to:
   a. Safety
   b. Emergency shelter
   c. Medical care
   d. Simple decontamination
   e. Basic ground support capability for helicopter operations
   f. Minor repair of personal or team equipment (Incident Logistics Support)
5. Operates in environments with and without infrastructure, including compromised access to roadways, utilities, transportation, and limited availability of shelter, food, and water
6. Does not provide ambulance service or transport of humans or animals to shelter or other locations

**COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS**
1. Discuss the following items prior to deployment:
   a. Communications beyond Intra-team communications, such as programmable inter-operable communications with Command, General Staff, the military and other supporting resources
   b. Presence of contaminated environments and need for related personal protective equipment (PPE), clothing, and equipment
   c. Security and force protection needed upon arrival
   d. Logistics support, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals
   2. The requestor should specify mission location and operational environments, such as the presence of failed structures, water, type of terrain, weather, and hazardous materials contamination
   3. Requestor should order an adequate number of canine teams based on the physical endurance of the canines, search area, and environmental conditions
   4. Requestor should specify equipment such as hardware, software, personal protective equipment (PPE), ropes, and victim evacuation devices, needed to accomplish operations
   5. Requestor should specify the need for additional vehicles, trailers, equipment, or supplies
   6. The handler determines duty cycle of the dog based on assignment, environment, terrain, and other factors affecting detection performance
   7. The requestor should order separately any additional specialized personnel, such as Advanced Life Support (ALS), medical, animal, logistics, advisors, or helicopter support

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

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<td>MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
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<td>SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM</td>
<td>1 - NIMS Type 1 Canine Search Specialist - Land Human Remains, with canine 1 - NIMS typed Land SAR Technician or Mountain SAR Technician</td>
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<td>GENERAL FUNCTION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>Equipment consistent with this resource's capabilities and needs to include the following: 1. Access and search 2. Ground support for air operations 3. Base and spike camp</td>
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<td>TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM</td>
<td>Vehicle</td>
<td>Vehicle is for use in transporting team members and equipment and should be capable of 4-wheel drive if necessary for conditions.</td>
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NOTES
Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES
1. FEMA, NIMS 509: Canine Search Specialist – Land Human Remains
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Land Search and Rescue Technician
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Land Search and Rescue Team
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Mountain Search and Rescue Technician
5. FEMA, NIMS 508: Mountain Search and Rescue Team
6. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017