

## Mission Statement

The Mid-South Search & Rescue Dog Association is an all-volunteer, nonprofit association dedicated to providing highly trained search and rescue dog teams to assist with search & rescue operations throughout Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, and surrounding states.



We endorse and encourage training of search and rescue dog teams and support personnel to the highest level achievable.

We provide assistance to agencies in need of search and rescue dog teams and support personnel.

We promote public understanding of the purpose and capabilities of search and rescue dogs.

As volunteers, we accept the personal risks associated with the performance of our duty.

We maintain our team, our equipment, and ourselves in a state of readiness so that we may respond quickly and efficiently whenever needed, doing our best to help so that others may live.

## MSSARDA's History

Established in 2007, MSSARDA evolved from a regional chapter of the Tennessee Search & Rescue Dog Association, an all-volunteer, nonprofit association whose ideals we continue to embrace. Our parent team, TSARDA was disbanded in early 2008 when team leaders moved to a different part of the country. Like TSARDA, MSSARDA's goal is to help law enforcement, EMS squads and SAR K-9 teams by providing a valuable resource in support of their search missions.

MSSARDA is a non-profit volunteer group. Members are solely responsible for all costs relating to their training, equipment, and care of their canine.



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Serving the Mid-South and  
surrounding areas

*...That others may live!*

## How Can Search Dogs Help?

*MSSARDA K9 teams trained and certified to National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR™) standards are available to assist you in trailing, air scent, land cadaver, and water recovery.*



**Trailing Dogs** follow a scent trail left along the route where the lost person recently passed. They use the scent that explodes off each person from all over his body, leaving an invisible cloud of scent that hangs in the air along the trail.



**Area Search Dogs** (air scent dogs) work off-leash, ranging widely as they search large areas for airborne human scent, which spreads from the lost person's current location—carried by wind, temperature, and air pressure..



**Urban/Disaster Search Dogs** help to find those missing in the aftermath of a tornado, hurricane, earthquake, flood, or terrorist attack, often locating victims trapped in buildings and concealed under rubble.

**Human Remains Detection (HRD) Dogs** are trained to search for the different scents associated with persons who are deceased. HRD dogs can locate materials that are buried, suspended, or at ground level. Forensic specialist HRD dogs are used to search for small trace scent, like blood, hair, teeth, and fingernail clippings.



**Water Recovery Dogs** search for drowning victims or the remains of subjects submerged in water. The dogs work from a boat, questing for scent rising from the surface of the water above or near where the remains are located. Dogs may also alert from the shore, using airborne scent.



***MSSARDA** has qualified, experienced dogs certified in each of these specialized areas.*



*MSSARDA responds to provide prompt assistance in a lost/missing person case **ONLY** at the request of the EMS or law enforcement agency in charge.*

**Contact MSSARDA at 662-252-1004** for assistance or more information.

