

# National Search Dog Alliance (NSDA)

## Avalanche Ski Patrol Responder Test Prerequisites

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Handler's Name \_\_\_\_\_

The team being tested must provide documentation verifying completion of all the testing prerequisites before the field test may be taken. Copies of original documents showing successful completion of the following shall be presented in an organized fashion (notebook, stapled, folder, etc). NSDA may request copies in advance of the actual testing event. If so, the documents may not be returned. The candidate is required to take and pass the written Discipline Prerequisite test prior to the Avalanche discipline specific test -- see online testing [www.n--sda.org](http://www.n--sda.org).

**\* Required for Ski Patrol Responder certificate**

<b>K-9 is at least one (1) year of age:</b> copy of proof from veterinarian, AKC registration or similar organization registration
<b>NIMS IS 200</b> - copy of certificate
<b>Basic First Aid or higher:</b> copy of certificate/card from American Red Cross or other recognized organization.* <b>Emergency Medical Technician or Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC):</b> copy of certificate/card from a recognized organization
<b>CPR Certification:</b> copy of certificate/card from American Heart Assoc., American Red Cross or other recognized organization
<b>Temperament evaluations:</b> copy of certificate from AKC Canine Good Citizen, Therapy Dog International, Schutzhund title, AKC obedience title or other nationally known obedience title
<b>Current vaccinations:</b> copy of veterinary records of <b>*Current</b> rabies vaccination, copy of veterinary records proving that the K9 has received adult vaccinations for distemper and parvo at a minimum age of 1 year old, or a positive titer test within the past twelve (12) months. <b>*Current</b> is defined as within last twelve (12) months or a documented three (3) year vaccination in the last thirty-six (36) months.
<b>Training Logs showing:</b> eight (8) completed live problems in the last twelve (12) months, of which two were double burials.
<b>Proof of successful completion of one of the following:</b> American Avalanche Association, Level I or II ; National Ski Patrol Avalanche, Level I or II; American Institute for Avalanche Research Education, Level I or II
<b>Proof of helicopter hot load/unload:</b> <i>Recommended</i> signoff.
<b>Letter of recommendation</b> from: a Sheriff, Ski Patrol Director, SAR Commander or K-9 SAR Coordinator/Training Office stating that the candidate and K-9 meet the following: a. Handler has strong over-snow travel skills; b. Handler has winter survival skills; c. Handler is an asset to the winter rescue mission; d. K-9 is physically capable of performing under adverse conditions.
<b>Testing fee received</b>

**Evaluator(s) Printed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Evaluator(s) Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_