

**Search and Rescue Resume for
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SAR Unit Affiliations:

1985-1987: Search Dogs North (Missoula, MT). K9 handler.
1987-1992: Montana P.A.W.S. K9 Search and Rescue (Missoula, MT). K9 handler
1988-1990: Ravalli County Search and Rescue (Hamilton, MT). Ground searcher/K9 handler
1990-1992: Big Sky Police Service Dog Association (Belt, MT). K9 handler/trainer apprentice
1990-1992: Mountain Patrol Search and Rescue (Great Falls, MT). Ground searcher/K9 handler
1992-present: Flathead County Search and Rescue (Kalispell, MT). Ground searcher/K9 handler/K9 training director. Current President, past Vice President/Training Coordinator, Secretary and Board member.
1998-present: North Valley Search and Rescue (Columbia Falls, MT). Ground searcher/K9 handler.
1998-present: 1st Special Response Group (Moffat AFB, CA). K9 handler/Medical support.
2002-2003: RCMP Civilian Search Dog Association (Calgary, Alberta Canada). K9 handler.
2004-2006: Flathead Task Force-1 (Kalispell, MT). K9 handler.

Canines:

- **Mon Petite Amity “Amy”** (Doberman Pincher). SAR certified area and avalanche search (retired due to ACL tear with resulting surgery and advancing age) DOB: 10-81/SAR training initiated 1985/retired 1989.
- **Kimars Little Teak Talisman “Talis”** (Golden Retriever) Am/Can CDX, TD, TDI, CGC. SAR certified area, water, trailing, avalanche and article. Multiple placements in the Big Sky Police Service Dog Association annual competitions in trailing, article, junkyard search, obedience and agility (retired due to juvenile onset cataracts. Limited deployment until severe visual impairment evident). DOB: 05-89/SAR training initiated 1989/retired 1997.
- Am/Can CH **Rockin’ Heart’s High Heaven “Merak”** (Belgian Shepherd-Tervuren) Am CD, TD, NA/Can CD, TD, TT, CGC, HIC, HCT-s, WD, ABTC Versatility award winner. Flathead County SAR certified area, wilderness trailing, article, cadaver, avalanche and water. Honorable Mention recipient of AKC’s ACE Award for SAR dogs (retired due to advancing age and ACL tear). DOB: 12-92/sar training initiated 1993/retired 2002.
- Am/Can CH **Klaar Quest To The BigMtn “Mickey”** (Belgian Shepherd-Tervuren) Am/Can TD, TT, CGC, HIC. Flathead County SAR certified wilderness/urban trailing, cadaver and avalanche (retired due to arthritic changes in shoulder). DOB: 3-98/sar training initiated 1998/retired 2004.
- Am CH, Can CH, U-WPCHX, select **Gaelera Big Mtn Brennerain “Brenner”** (Belgian Shepherd-Tervuren) Can TD, HIC, CGC. Flathead County SAR certified Avalanche, Wilderness, Article, Disaster First Responder (rubble, junkyard and building components), Cadaver, Water (shore and open), Human Remains Detection (vehicle, open, building), Trailing I, Trailing II. Training in urban trailing. International Police Work Dog Association certified: Basic Area Search, Basic Cadaver, Advanced Cadaver, Advanced Area Search, Trailing, Water Search, Patrol Trailing, Article Detection. North American Search Dog Network certified: Cadaver, Area Search. Search and Rescue Dogs of the US certified: Cadaver Detection. AKC ACE Award Honorable Mention recipient for SAR dogs 2006. DOB: 09-02/sar training initiated 2002/current
- **BsqLne-BgMtn Sliabh Bhreadndain “Braendon”** (Belgian Shepherd-Tervuren). North American Search Dog Network certified: Area Search. Flathead County Search and Rescue

certified: Cadaver, Area Search. Training in trailing, avalanche search and water search. DOB: 08/08/sar training initiated 2008/deceased 2009.

- **Synecdoche-BgMtn To TaiShan “Tai”** (Belgian Shepherd – Tervuren). DOB: 01/10/sar training initiated 2010. Currently training in trailing & cadaver.

Personal certification/licensure/training highlights:

Flathead County Sheriff Certified SAR responder
Flathead County Search and Rescue Operational Member
National Forest Service Avalanche Awareness I
National Ski Patrol Avalanche Awareness I
National Ski Patrol Avalanche Awareness II
I-100/195 Basic Incident Command
IS-700 NIMS National Incident Management System
Crime Scene Training for First Responders (Montana Dept. of Justice-MT Forensic Science Division)
Crime Scene Management (King County Major Crime Unit)
Crime Scene Preservation (Flathead County Detectives office)
Blood borne Pathogens (National Safety Council)
Hazardous Materials Level I Awareness (NFPA – OSHA CFR 1910.120 – NIOSH)
IS-292 Disaster Basics
(2006, 09) Basic Law Enforcement/SAR Tracking (Joel Harding Professional Tracking Services)
Swift water Rescue Responder (Rescue 3 International)
NASAR Managing the Lost Person Incident
NASAR SAR Tech II
NASAR SAR Tech II – Evaluator (expired)
SAR Alberta Emergency Response Institute SAR Fundamentals
Registered Nurse (MT, WY, Alberta licensure. Acute care med/surg, peds, oncology, ER, telemetry, acute pain management focus)
Forensic Nurse Certification
Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE)
CPR for healthcare providers
Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC)
Interviewing the Child Victim/Witness (Wendy Dutton MA)
Responding to Missing & Unidentified Persons – Fox Valley Technical College
Amtrak Passenger Train Emergency Response
National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care Technician
National Ski Patrol Mountain Travel and Rescue
EMT-B (expired)

K9 training courses attended:

(1986) Multi-unit SAR/LE mutual aid training (Big Sky Police Dog Association, Belt, MT)
(1987, 88, 89, 90) Montana State SAR conference
(1995) K9 trailing, area search-Lake Tahoe, NV (Hans Schlegal, Terry Fleck, Western States Police Canine Assoc., WOOF)
(2000, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008) SAR applications in K9 first aid (Karen Dashfield DVM/Pam Barker DVM/Mark Lawson DVM)
(1996, 97) K9 high angle rappelling-Libby, MT (David Thompson SAR/Flathead County SAR)
(1998) K9 Training in drive-Idaho Falls, ID (Kevin George)
(2000, 2006) Sno-Dog Rally K9 Snow and Avalanche Rescue-Lakeside, MT (FCSAR)
(2000) K9 Tracking through drive-Eureka, MT (Grant Hignell - RCMP)
(2000) IRO symposium (Canary Islands)

(2000) SR/DR (Miami, FL)
(2001) Evidence and Court Room Lecture-Calgary, Alberta (Jim Galloway - RCMP)
(2002) K9 Trailing in Drive-Eureka, MT (Jeff Finley)
(2003) Ground Cadaver-Salmon, ID (T-C Kennels/Salmon Search & Rescue - Tracy Campbell and Terry Stratton)
(2004) Multi-unit SAR training/man-trailing (Theirse, Austria/Wurtzburg, Germany)
(2004) K9 Cadaver seminar-Columbia Falls, MT (Applied K9 Technologies - Bill Dotson)
(2004) K9 Disaster First Responder-Columbia Falls, MT (Applied K9 Technologies - Bill Dotson)
(2004) K9 Disaster Response-Calgary Alberta (Jan Bogers – International Rescue Group (Netherlands) and Search and Rescue Dog Association of Alberta)
(2005) Montana K9 Water work-out, Winston, MT (multiple trainers)
(2005) K9 SAR workshop-Columbia Falls, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2005) K9 Disaster training – Calgary Alberta (Axel Sauter (German Red Cross) and Search and Rescue Dog Assoc. of Alberta)
(2006) K9 SAR workshop-Columbia Falls, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2006) K9 Scent Discrimination Trailing Seminar-Columbia Falls, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2006) Montana K9 Water work-out- Canyon Ferry Reservoir, Winston, MT (Ann Christensen)
(2006) South Dakota Search and Rescue Dog Association Fall retreat-Brookings, SD (Jonni Joyce, Bart Wilson)
(2007) Land Cadaver Seminar- Idaho Falls, ID (High Country Shepherds – Ann Christensen, Tracy Campbell, Terry Stratton)
(2007) K9 Search and Rescue Seminar – Columbia Falls, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2007) K9 Evaluators Workshop-Columbia Falls, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2007) K9 Water Search Seminar – Winston, MT (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2008) K9 Avalanche Responder workshop and testing – Lakeside, MT (Bonnie Gafney)
(2008) International Police Work Dog Association National Seminar (Greenwood, IN)
(2009) 1st Annual SAR Quest. Maine K9 Services & IPWDA certs. – Columbia Falls, MT (Debrah Palman)
(2009) Search and Rescue Dogs of the US evaluator seminar – Estes Park, CO

Courses taught/assisted with:

(2007) K9 SAR puppy primer – Martin, SD
(2007) Land Search Seminar-Lethbridge, Alberta (Jonni Joyce Seminars)
(2008) South Dakota Search and Rescue Dog Association K9 seminar – Martin, SD (area search/trailing)
(2008) Scent of a Dog Part I. Yamhill County K9 Special Teams – Boring, OR (area search/trailing)
(2008) North American Search Dog Network fall seminar (area search/cadaver search) – Custer, SD
(2009) Scent of a Dog Part II – Boring, OR (area search/cadaver/trailing)
(2009) North American Search Dog Network fall seminar (area search) – Camp Ripley, MN

Articles written:

“Introduction to Avalanche Dogs” (2000)
“How to Chose a Belgian puppy for Search and Rescue” (2000)
“Belgians as SAR dogs in Europe” (2001)

Proven proficiencies:

(1992, 93, 95, 99, 2001, 03, 08) Dive/Water Operations (Flathead County Dive Team)
(1992, 95, 99, 2001, 05, 08) Technical Rescue (Flathead County Technical Team)
(1992, 95, 98, 2000, 03, 06, 08, 09) Vehicle Road Search/ATV Operations (Flathead County Search and Rescue)
(1992, 96, 98, 2000, 06, 08, 09) Emergency driving (FCSAR)
(1993, 95, 97, 2002, 06, 07, 08, 09,10) Snowmobile ops (FCSAR)
(1992, 93, 94, 96, 98, 2000, 02, 03, 06, 08) Map, compass and GSP operations (FCSAR)
(1993, 96, 99, 2002, 06, 07, 08) Jet boat Operations (Flathead County Search and Rescue/North Valley Rescue)

(1992, 95, 98, 2001, 04, 06, 08, 09) Wilderness Survival-Summer/winter ops (Flathead County Search and Rescue)
(1993, 05, 98, 2002, 03, 04, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10) Snow and Avalanche Ops (FCSAR, FNPS, NFS)
(1993, 98, 2002, 06, 08) Foot and Grid pattern searches (FCSAR)
(1992, 95, 99, 2002, 03, 04, 08, 09) Helicopter Safety (ALERT/National Forest Service)
(1992, 95, 99, 2001, 04, 06, 07, 08) Communications (Flathead County Search and Rescue, FCSO)
(1998, 2005, 06, 08, 09) Basic man-tracking and sign cutting (David Thompson SAR and Flathead County SAR)
(1998, 2002, 04, 05, 06, 08) Search Management (FCSAR, FCSO, NASAR)
(2004, 08) Victim packaging (Flathead County Technical Team)
(2005) Search Theory for the Searcher (Tony Copes – German Shepherd Search Dogs of WA)
(2006) Search Management/Strategies for SAR Responders (Bart Wilson)
(2006) “The Will to Survive” (Jonni Joyce)

Misc. Canine Training Experience:

Have personally trained and competed with my own dogs in conformation, tracking, agility, obedience and weight pulling. Have been active in therapy work in both acute care and long term care facilities.

Have multiple students who have achieved multiple titles in both AKC and CKC in tracking and obedience. Have also helped train children for 4H obedience and showmanship competitions, many of them earning placements in county competitions.

Affiliations:

Flathead County Search and Rescue (<http://www.flatheadsar.com>)
North Valley Rescue
MT TF-1 (<http://www.digisys.net/oes/hazlepc.html>)
1st Special Response Group (<http://www.lsr.org>)
International Police Work Dog Association (<http://www.ipwda.org>)
Search and Rescue Dogs Association of Alberta (<http://www.sardaa.ca>)
Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States (<http://www.sardogsus.org>)
National Search Dog Alliance (<http://www.n-sda.org/>)
North America Search Dog Network (<http://www.nasdn.org>)
American Belgian Tervuren Club (<http://www.abtc.org>)
United Belgian Shepherd Dog Association (<http://www.ubsda.com/>)
Big Sky Tracking Dog Club of Montana (<http://bstcm.tripod.com/>)
Courteous K9's Obedience Club
Flathead Kennel Club of Montana (<http://www.flatheadkennelclub.com>)
Rocky Mountain Belgian Tervuren Club
Canadian Kennel Club

Awards:

(1998) Flathead County Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year
(2004) Flathead County Sheriff's Office Sheriff's Commendation
(2006) Flathead County Search and Rescue Volunteer of the Year

Other:

Have responded to hundreds of searches both domestically and abroad as a ground pounder, support or K9 handler.

Have been instrumental in developing and instituting the “Doggie Detectives” and “Powder Hounds” children's educational preventative SAR programs to the Flathead Valley. Since conception winter of 2003,

Flathead County Search Dogs have educated over 3000 children and adults in how to stay safe and be found if lost during summer and winter months.

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