

MASSACHUSETTS CANINE RESPONSE TEAM IS A FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT NON-PROFIT 501 (C)(3) CHARITABLE CORPORATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO:

***TRAIN**

...dogs and volunteer handlers

*** EDUCATE**

...the public and requesting agencies

*** EQUIP**

...members with gear and clothing

*** FINANCE**

...members through contributions

*** SEARCH**

...for lost and missing persons

For further information about making a donation to assist MACRT in its volunteer efforts, please contact:

Email admin@macrt.net

Or, fill out and return this form:

RETURN FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/ZIP: _____

Yes! I want to support local search dogs.
Enclosed is my contribution for
\$10.00 ___ \$25.00 ___ \$50.00 ___ Other ___

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

Please make your contribution payable to:
**MASSACHUSETTS
CANINE RESPONSE TEAM, INC.
P.O. Box 134, Bedford, MA 01730**

(Tax ID# Upon Request)

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Volunteer Canine Search & Rescue

Search and Rescue Dogs Can:

- *Find people lost in wilderness & neighborhoods
- *Locate victims of violent crime & other traumatic events
- *Rescue/Recover victims of disasters

Search and Rescue Dogs Responded to:

- *Hurricanes Katrina, Andrew, & Hugo
- *San Bernadino & Northridge Earthquakes
- *Oklahoma City & World Trade Ctr Bombings
- *The September 11th Terrorist Attacks



The dogs that risked their lives at the disaster sites were heroes, but **every SAR dog that responds to a search emergency is a hero!!**



OUR DOGS

- ◆ Non-discriminatory air-scenting dogs which are trained to cover large areas (with their handlers) searching for human scent in the wind
- ◆ Work off-lead to follow the scent to it's source and then lead the handler to the missing person
- ◆ Are all obedience and temperament tested—many have passed the AKC Canine Good Citizen test.
- ◆ Are many different breeds — mostly medium sized herding and sporting breeds
- ◆ All belong to, and are trained by, their handlers
- ◆ Began their training at 8 weeks to 1 year of age



OUR HANDLERS

- ◆ All volunteer many hours to train their dogs, support the team, and help search for missing persons
- ◆ Come from many different backgrounds and professions, including firefighters, nurses, and office workers
- ◆ Are trained in navigation, first aid (or beyond), crime scene preservation, and basic search theory. Many have also completed other related courses.
- ◆ Insured by MACRT for training/searches
- ◆ Purchase most of their own equipment—are fully equipped when deployed



OUR TRAINING

- ◆ MACRT trains as a team four times a week (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays)
- ◆ Our training locations include State and municipal parks, town conservation land, and residential areas
- ◆ Since people become lost/missing in all types of weather, we only cancel training in dangerous situations
- ◆ It takes approximately 18 months to train a dog to be ready for certification testing and subsequently to respond to searches
- ◆ Involves exposing the dog to as many different locations, situations, and people as possible, so the dog will reliably perform at all times



OUR TEAM

- ◆ Massachusetts Canine Response Team (MACRT) is a volunteer canine search and rescue organization
- ◆ Based in Massachusetts, available to respond throughout the state and beyond
- ◆ Fields only state-certified dogs and handlers to a variety of lost and missing person emergencies including:
 - *Alzheimers walk-aways
 - *children who have wandered away from campsites or homes
 - *lost/ missing hikers
- ◆ Will search for victims of crime, but will not search for criminals
- ◆ Available for demonstrations for school, scout, and other groups (children and adults)
- ◆ Ready to respond 24/ 7 to calls from any official requesting agency, at no charge



HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ◆ Volunteer— positions are available for field assistants and wilderness dog handlers
- ◆ Hide for MACRT dogs and/or walk along with handlers during trainings
- ◆ Donate— equipment, or use of training locations (wilderness, residential, warehouses, empty buildings....)
- ◆ Contribute — financial contributions are tax deductible, and will help MACRT train our search dog teams, purchase equipment, provide seminars and other public demonstrations