

DFES Urban Search & Rescue Volunteer Canine Unit is recruiting:

- Canine Handlers, formal training is provided;
- Canine Trainers, provide advice to handlers; and
- Support Staff to assist with training.

What we do:

Canine teams are an essential element in the efficient and speedy location of victims trapped as a result of building collapse or earthquake

They are trained to work on unstable and uneven surfaces to find the strongest pool of live human scent.

Our dogs are trained to meet nationally and internationally recognised standards. No experience is needed, however applicants should have a keen interest in rescue work and the dedication needed to train a working canine.



Did you know?

An average dog has 220 million scent receptors, compared to a human who has only 5 million.

Dogs can move their nostrils independently of one another, allowing them to pinpoint the source of a scent.

Humans shed around 40 thousand skin cells each minute; these skin rafts are unique to each individual and are thought to be a key scent that Search and Rescue dogs use to locate live victims.



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