

Instructor Bio's

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Gregory Strickland - Gregory has worked in law enforcement as a sworn police officer since 1993. During this time, he has held positions in; Road Patrol, Traffic Homicide Unit, Motor Unit, DUI Task Force, Community Policing Unit, K-9 Unit (narcotics detection and search and rescue/recovery) and Detective assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He has been deployed to hurricanes, plain crashes, Haiti earthquake and other state and local searches as a canine search specialist. Gregory is a member of Florida Task Force 1 as a FEMA Canine Search Specialist. He is partnered with his FEMA certified live search canine, Indy, and his Human Remains Detection (HRD) canine, May. Gregory is currently a Canine Instructor, Evaluator (Live/HRD) and Mentor with FEMA, a Master Trainer with North American Police Working Dog Association (NAPWDA) Cadaver, an Elevator with National Entomology Scent Detection Canine Association (NESDCA).

Mickey Januszkiewicz - Retired Charleston Police Dept. in 2005, after 30 yrs. Mickey spent, 18 yrs. as K9 handler, trainer, & supervisor, with the Charleston Police Dept. Mickey trained, worked & handled: Belgian Malinois / Dual-Purpose (K9 Remo, K9 Rurik, K9 Paddy). She is a NAPWDA Master Trainer for Utility, Narcotics and Cadaver. She is a member of South Carolina Search Dogs with her Labrador retrievers: K9 Abby and K9 Ruby (HRD) and a Dutch Shepherd: K9 Raylan (Trailing)

Cynthia Avery - has over 23 years in law enforcement and is a retired Detective from the Ann Arbor Police Department in Michigan and holds a BA in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. She has training and experience in search management and is a national instructor in the field of safety service background investigations; teaching law enforcement agencies throughout the United States. She brings her skills of homicide investigation, the investigation of violent death, evidence preservation, crime scene training, search and rescue report writing and courtroom testimony to her search and rescue instruction. Cynthia was first introduced to the K9 Search and Rescue in 2006. She now contributes her time as an Air Scent and Human Remains Detection K9 Instructor. She has certified in Illinois Search and Rescue Council of Search Management and Technical Search Planning, holds a NASAR SAR Tech II certification and is a member of Michigan Search and Rescue, and the Klaas-Kids Foundation. She is on the deployment roster for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and a K-9 resource for the Missouri mutual aid disaster response. Cynthia holds K-9 certifications with the Network of Canine Detection Services, the North American Police Working Dogs Association, the International Police Working Dog Association and Country Class Canines in the disciplines of SAR Area Search, Air Scent, Advanced and Crime Scene Human Remains Detection, and Article Search. She has instructed in the states of Michigan, Indiana and Florida. She has conducted presentations throughout the State of Michigan, Indiana, Manatee County Search and Rescue, Southwest Florida K9 Search Unit and National Network of Canine Detection Services.

Kathryn Gordon, J.D., M.S.W., CCPDT-KA, - has trained dogs for search and rescue since 2011. She has trained search and rescue handlers and taught weekly obedience and scent detection classes since 2013—developing one of the first and most successful nose work programs in Michigan. She is currently the owner of On-Scent L.L.C. a business that teaches scent detection and dog obedience. She also works with clients on resolving a variety of canine behavioral issues, especially canine reactivity. She has experience working with dogs in all the search disciplines, personally training dogs in trailing and for human remains detection.

She currently works with Hexi, a German shepherd, and Gus, a rescued border collie, both of whom are certified as human remains and crime scene detection dogs through the International Police Work Dog Association. Kathryn, Hexi and Gus have participated in searches across Michigan and Indiana. She has also been called upon to provide independent evaluations for human remains detection K9 teams across the state.

Kathryn stays abreast of scientific and legal literature related to scent work and attends numerous trainings and professional conferences on the subject, including the University of Pennsylvania clinic and

veterinary conference, the K9 clinic at the Forensic Osteology Research Center in North Carolina, and the recent AKC US Detection Dog Conference. Kathryn has given numerous well-received talks and full and half-day seminars to groups in Michigan and Ohio on canine physiology related to olfaction, scent theory, search strategies, and handling skills. As a former social worker, Kathryn has training and experience dealing with people in crises situations, and with helping people to learn new skills. Kathryn is also a retired lawyer, who worked for a time as an analyst for the FBI. While at the FBI she provided geospatial analysis support to several search operations and acted as FBI liaison to the Department of Homeland Security's Operational Integration Center at Selfridge Airbase. Her background gives Kathryn a different perspective on issues pertaining to SAR, which she brings to her teaching. Kathryn has also successfully completed the National Association of Search and Rescue's SARTECH II training.

Kathryn loves the outdoors. Before entering SAR, she backpacked regularly in the Appalachians, the White Mountains, the Rockies, Grand Tetons, and the Chisos along the Texas-Mexico border. In her younger days, she also used to winter camp in West Virginia, the Rockies, and the Smokey Mountains. Kathryn is an avid gardener, who loves to read in her free time.