



**FIRE K9.ORG**

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### **What Is FIRE K9.ORG?**

Fire K9.org is a nonprofit public benefit CA corporation founded in 2009, to support and promote the use of professional independent canine accelerant detection teams on an international level. The organization is funded solely by member dues, sponsors, and donations.

Our certified handlers and their canine partners – sometimes referred to as “arson dogs” – are located in the US, Canada and Europe. They assist fire departments, investigators, law enforcement agencies, and arson task forces engaged in the investigation and control of arson. Trained to detect ignitable liquids, our fire canines search burned buildings, vehicles, vessels, wild land or other suspicious fires and alert their handlers when they detect traces of ignitable liquids.

FireK9.org develops and hosts training and proficiency programs for our members to achieve greater competence through the exchange of practical, technical and scientific information involving ignitable liquid detection, canine health, and research.

Members of Fire K9.org help combat crime and reduce the threat of arson by offering canine accelerant detection demonstrations, participating in arson awareness discussions, and conducting fire prevention education programs in their home communities.

### **Why Use a Fire K9?**

**Fire Canines can save investigators time and money. They can:**

- Detect ignitable liquids in structure, wildland vehicle, and vessel fires;
- Save time searching multiple areas and layers of debris for evidence;
- Reduce the number of samples sent to the lab for testing;
- Detect ignitable liquids on people & clothing;
- Access tight or hard to search areas;
- Find traces of ignitable liquids not detected by mechanical hydrocarbon detectors.



### **What Do the Dogs Detect?**

Our canines have been trained to detect several types of ignitable liquids including:

- Gasoline
- Diesel
- Charcoal Lighter
- Lighter Fluid
- Paint Thinner
- Turpentine
- Kerosene
- Jet Fuel
- Lantern Fuel
- Lamp Oil
- Mineral Spirits

And many more...

### **How Are The Teams Trained and Certified?**

Our FireK9.org detection teams have been trained by professional canine detection academies or certified trainers throughout the US, Europe, or Canada. Each handler is matched with their canine partner, and after several weeks of rigorous detection training, is jointly certified as a proficient ignitable liquid detection team.

Each of our handlers own their canine, and have paid for their dog, academy training, food, care, maintenance, vet bills, and ongoing training and certification out of their own pockets. Each dog lives at home with their handler and his or her family. As independent contractors, our handlers train on a continual basis with their canines.

FireK9.org conducts quarterly group trainings with members and other regional ignitable liquid detection canine teams. At our annual meeting, members also receive educational, legal, and canine health updates. Teams are certified annually by independent forensic labs through double blind testing evaluations.

Our FireK9 teams are available for school and community fire prevention programs. For more information e-mail us at [info@firek9.org](mailto:info@firek9.org) or call (707) 480-1935.

