



An Introduction to the | **GREENSBURG BLOODHOUND TEAM**



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The Greensburg Bloodhound Team was founded by the late Chief J. Edward Hutchinson in 1969, and has been assisting the State and Local Police and Fire Departments throughout Western Pennsylvania and has responded to searches in the tri-state area of Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland for the past 49 years. The team today, since 1969, carries on with the traditions and standards and receives its training and certification provided by the National Police Bloodhound Association, a non-profit, founded by the Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York State Police 56 years ago comprised of over 200 law enforcement agencies that utilize scent discriminating man-trailing Bloodhound in searches for missing adults and children and fleeing felons.

The Bloodhound follows a human trail by picking up the scent of shed skin cells that humans leave behind. With a good source material containing the individual's scent, commonly called a scent article, exemplified by a worn piece of clothing, a toothbrush, or handkerchief, the Bloodhound's 300 million scent receptors in his nose can sort out everything else that will lead the magnificent animal to the person he seeks.

The Following pages represents a "FIRST RESPONDERS GUIDE" prepared by the Bloodhound Team. It gives an in-depth history of the Bloodhound Team; explains how the Bloodhound accomplishes its task; the Standard Operating Guidelines of the Team and the details on how to engage the services of the team.

The Team does demonstrations for Law Enforcement and Fire Department Agencies, and for institutions, civic and youth groups, all of course for no charge.

As a Non-Profit, 501 (c)(3), through the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department, the Bloodhound Team does accept donations to defray expenses for personal protection equipment used by the team members.

The Team is comprised of non-compensated members of the Greensburg Fire Department who continually devote personal time in training and working with the 7 Bloodhounds ranging in age from 3 to almost 9-years-old.

The tradition of the 49-year-old team is a legacy of the late Chief Hutchinson who served as the City's Fire Chief for 63 years. The present 7 Bloodhounds that are now serving the department have taken the spots that were once held by their 21 deceased Bloodhound predecessors who served the Greensburg Fire Department gallantly and are all laid to rest in the Pet Haven Cemetery in Hempfield Township. Bloodhounds have a life-span of 8 to 10 years. There is never a charge for the service and the team is available in most cases on 24 hours/7 days a week/365 day. The Team's Service must be activated by a Law Enforcement or Fire Department Agency through the Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety.



GREENSBURG BLOODHOUND TEAM

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FIRST RESPONDER HANDOUTS



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The History of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department Bloodhound Team

By Captain Dale Eicher – Bloodhound Team's First Captain 1969-1985

The Bloodhound team was an innovation of Chief Ed Hutchinson with the idea that a bloodhound could replace manpower in the event of a search. He had read articles that indicated that a bloodhound could locate a lost person more quickly and with much less manpower and cost. His idea materialized in the month of February, 1969.

He discussed his idea with Dale Eicher, a fireman from Truck Company #2 and a dog handler to establish a need and merit for such a team. It was decided that Dale would kennel and train the hounds with the assistance of interested firemen. At his point, we did not know where to purchase a hound.

Dale found an ad in a dog magazine that advertised bloodhounds. The department purchased two puppies from Crandell's Kennels in Kingman, Kansas. A Female 12 weeks old and a male 19 weeks old were shipped to Greensburg. They arrived in Greensburg on February 23, 1969 scared and cold.

No one knew exactly how to train a bloodhound to become a man-trailer. Our source of knowledge came from a 10-page booklet sent along with the puppies. At the young age of 15 weeks, the puppies began their training. Little did we know that this breed of dog has an inborn instinct to trail humans. The training seemed easy and a lot of fun. The puppies were really training the handlers.

The initial team was made up of about a dozen firemen and their sons. Chief Hutchinson, Carl Metz, and Dale Eicher were the first official handlers. We trained mostly in the woods at Rector, PA., using Chief Hutchinson's cabin as a base. We knew we were making progress but lacked the expertise of an expert handler to instruct us in man-trailing. We were very elated when we received information that there was such an organization that could help us in our training. Before we could join this organization, we were called upon by the Pennsylvania State Police to assist in several searches. Much to our amazement, we made positive finds in each case.

In March, 1970, we applied for training with the National Police Bloodhound Association to be held in Willimantic, Connecticut. We were advised that you must be a law enforcement officer to participate in this seminar. Dale Eicher was then sworn in as a special deputy of the Westmoreland County Sheriff's Department to comply with the criteria for application. This seminar was attended by Dale Eicher, Bill Wright, and Charles Welsch in May, 1970. Our transportation was a borrowed pick-up truck with a home-made kennel in the bed. This seminar was just what we needed and a lot of expert advice was brought home to the rest of the team. We also became a member in good standing with the National Police Bloodhound Association so as to attend future seminars.

The bloodhound team succeeded in becoming expert man-trailers with this professional training. The hounds were magnificent in their performance. We were called upon frequently by local and state police to assist in the location of lost persons. Our success rate for finds was about 85% with the criminal element being the least successful. At our first field seminar, we made the first and quickest find in a group of 35 hounds and handlers. Our hounds showed outstanding ability at a very young age.

In 1972 and 1973, the Bloodhound Team hosted two field seminars at Rector, PA. They were very successful and added quite a lot to the education of law enforcement agencies and search and rescue groups in the area.

At this time, we bred our female. She produced 12, all but one died. The survivor became another very good man-trailer. The female was bred the second time and gave birth to ten puppies. Five of this litter died and we had to hand raise the remaining pups. They were all sold to law enforcement agencies with the exception of one. He was kept with the team and became another excellent man-trailer. From this point on we never bred any more females.

The original two hounds died when they were 8 years old. Both died of cancer and were buried in the Westmoreland Pet Cemetery as all their successors were. Their pups took over the #1 spot with no problem. As time passed, the pups grew old and died and we had to rely on new blood to continue the team.

Handlers and assistants came and went. Knowledge was passed down to sons and fellow firemen. Very few of the original team are active today. Chief Hutchinson is still active and sees that the team is coordinated. The hounds are no longer kept at one kennel, but at individual kennels. Each handler is responsible for the training and health of his hound.

We hope the Team will continue for many years to come. Many mothers and fathers could not express the joy when their lost child was found or a murderer was found and taken off of the streets. All this was done by a scent discriminating bloodhound and a dedicated volunteer.

Deputy Dale the co-founder of the Greensburg Fire Department Bloodhound Team became very active in the National Police Bloodhound Association. Dale attended for the most part all the NPBA training seminars during his tenure as Team Captain, from 1969 to 1985. Dale served as Vice President of the NPBA and managed and oversaw the team adhering in the strictest of disciplines within the philosophies and training of the National Police Bloodhound Association.

We will all miss Dale.....Dale could tell many stories which he shared proudly, and that we will have no more. Happy Trails Dale – May God Bless you, you are now in the ever-loving arms of our Lord and Savior. Rest Easy – We will take it from here.

W. Dale Eicher, 81, of Greensburg, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2015, in Oak Hill Nursing and Convalescent Center. He was born June 19, 1934, in Scottdale, a son of the late Warren H. and Janet (Grimm) Eicher. Prior to retirement, he had been employed by Peoples Natural Gas. He was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church, Greensburg, and a life member of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department Truck Company No. 2, where he had served as president, secretary and a member. He was an [Army veteran](#) of the Korea War, and a member of the NPBA and American Legion Post 981, South Greensburg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Miller. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Connie L. (Spitznogle) Eicher; two sons, Robert W. Eicher and his wife, Ann, of Greensburg, and Kenneth C. Eicher and his wife, Lauren, of Tarrs; six grandchildren, Jessica Stutzer (Ben), Robert W. Eicher Jr., Kristin Geckle (Cameron), Katie Eicher, Caleb Eicher and Rachel Eicher; great-grandchildren, Natalie and Quinn, and one anticipated great-grandchild; a brother, Jerry Eicher, of Alverton; a sister, Mara Lee Wolfgang and her husband, Earl, of Scottdale and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday in the LEO M. BACHA FUNERAL HOME INC., 516 Stanton St., Greensburg. A funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Otterbein United Methodist Church, Greensburg, with Pastor Sung S. Chung officiating. Everyone attending the service please go directly to the church. Interment will follow in Alverton Cemetery with full military honors accorded by the American Legion Post 981 Honor Guard. The Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department will conduct a memorial service at 7 pm Monday in the Funeral home.

Today, 48 years after the founding of the team, the responsibility of the team has been placed with Lou Battistella, who has served as the Team Captain for over 15 years. Several months prior to Chief Hutchinson's retirement, the Chief entrusted Captain Battistella with the deployments of the team. Chief Bell informed Captain Battistella, that it was up to him as to what the future held regarding the team's continuance. It is planned for the team to be of service to the community for many years to come.

Over the years, the Greensburg Team has had some well-qualified people who have served or are still serving as support and backup. These individuals included Tom Tridico, Carl Metz, John Rock and Bill Krulak, who all were Pennsylvania State Police Officers as well as volunteer firemen.

Rob Eicher with Bloodhound Cy, son of Dale Eicher, a Past NPBA Vice President shared a story from the late 1980's when the Greensburg Boys were called out to assist the PA State Police to search for a missing archery hunter.

The call put the Team on the scene at about 1800 hrs. The missing hunter's partner stated that the two hunters went their separate ways when they set out to hunt. Some of the missing hunter's clothes left in the vehicle provided a suitable scent article.

The trail began in total fall darkness with the fall weather typical – cool, dry, and a 15 to 20 mph constant wind on this Pennsylvania mountain ridge. Rob realized his dog through training reacts differently to different situations. Rob felt the dog was definitely working a pool scent on a trail that was about a quarter mile east and 300 yards to the south from the start of the trail. A thorough search of the area yielded nothing. Rob re-scented Cy a number of times and still got the same results.

When daylight arrived, after working the trails throughout the night, Chief Hutchinson ordered a sweep of the woods in the area that Rob and Cy worked. Rob and his back up, Paul Cycak lined up and walked the area they had worked with Cy. Starting in the pool scent area as indicated, Rob and Paul, 30 yards from each other, walked in a straight line 40 to 50 yards and spotted what appeared to be a pile of leaves at the bottom of a tree. Unfortunately, it was the 34-year-old hunter in camouflage, who had died as a result of a fall from a tree stand. Rob and Paul recalled that they were within at least 20 feet from the missing hunter at one point while with Cy. The darkness hindered the visibility with the camouflage adding to the degree of difficulty. The wind was a constant issue and lastly Rob felt a lesson in pool scent from a deceased person was truly learned. Rob felt extremely confident that Cy was trying to work the scenario out.

Handler Elysia Battistella, daughter of Lou Battistella and Bloodhound Darby assisted Greensburg City Police on an armed robbery case in 2006 at an off-track betting parlor. The incident occurred after closing on a mild temperature clear-calm night. Being called very shortly after the robbery occurred, the team arrived and surveyed the situation. The challenge on this call was the lack of a scent article. However, upon the questioning of the management team, it was revealed that the only person who exited by the back entrance of the establishment was the robber himself who was confirmed when the video surveillance tapes were reviewed. The rear exit was a double set of doors with a small foyer in between. Bloodhound Darby was harnessed and started between the two sets of doors using the missing man technique that is practiced and part of the instruction received by the National Police Bloodhound Association. Elysia

trailed from the rear entrance, down a block and then turning onto a heavily traveled street, continued to trail about another block where Bloodhound Darby led Elysia right up onto a porch of a duplex-type dwelling. From this information, plus the management team recognizing the type of shoe and the voice of the masked robber as a possible former employee, an arrest was made and the robber is now serving time for armed robbery. Just another piece of the puzzle was secured by Bloodhound Darby and Elysia who helped the police to put the matter to rest successfully. The subject pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 to 10 years plus restitution of approximately \$29,000.00.

Handler/Deputy Lou Battistella and Bloodhound Dixie along with Handler/Deputy Bill Prohaska and Bloodhound Molly assisted the PA State Police on a sunny late summer afternoon with mild temperatures and very light wind, after two suspects crashed their stolen car into a trooper who had attempted to block a road with his police cruiser. Both subjects bailed and ran. Bill Prohaska directly scented Bloodhound Molly off of the driver's seat and took off in pursuit of the driver. By the time Lou and Bloodhound Dixie arrived, the R & I unit had already started to process the vehicle. Lou scented on the passenger seat, carefully using a 4x4. From trailing indications, the two subjects apparently fled in opposite directions. The State Police helicopter flew overhead as Bill and Bloodhound Molly trailed, and was accompanied by several State Troopers. Lou and Bloodhound Dixie trailed with only Bloodhound Team Backup, Roy Mowry. Hot on the trail, Bloodhound Dixie trailed down a side road approximately ½ mile from the crash site.

At a single-family residential dwelling in a remote area, Bloodhound Dixie trailed up to the house. The State Police investigators who were running their command post on the hood of a State Police Cruiser, in front of this house, told Lou that they already checked the house and it was clear. Despite their information, Lou allowed Bloodhound Dixie to trail right up the house. The hound skirted the foundation to the rear, and skirted the rear with an overhanging deck with the bottom of the deck enclosed by lattice. Just as Bloodhound Dixie passed the deck, she turned away from the rear of the structure but immediately started to circle to turn back. Backup Mowry, before Bloodhound Dixie made her turn to get back to the rear of the house and deck, indicated to Lou, who was temporarily blinded by intense late afternoon sunlight, that there was someone hiding under the deck behind the lattice. An arrest of the actor Lou & Roy trailed was made and later it was revealed that through this arrest, some 28-area burglaries became solved. The person of interest that Bill Prohaska and Bloodhound Molly were tracking successfully got away. However, he was later apprehended in the State of Florida and was extradited back to Pennsylvania on vehicle theft, assault, and burglary charges. The actor caught by Lou cooperated by testifying against his fellow criminal companion. A lesson here is to never listen to those around you, listen to your hound and work the trail.

Handler/Deputy Buddy Mertz has raised and trained 5 different bloodhounds since 1980: Jackie, Ruthie, Maggie, Chanel and Amber who likes to sprawl across the family couch in front of the fireplace. In his 30 plus years as a handler, Buddy has been involved in many high-profile calls. He recalls the 1983 bank robbery in a nearby county when an FBI agent was shot at. Buddy and Handler/Deputy Pierre DeFelice had a long trail in the rough terrain along a river; the armed actor when captured stated that he had the dogs in his sights many times along the hot run. Buddy also recalls a homicide call when an actor killed a man with plans to lure a police officer to chase him so that he could kill him too. That call resulted in a two-day court testimony and led to his conviction.

On a lighter side, Buddy recalls a call to assist a local police department when two actors fled after a traffic stop. With Bloodhound Chanel hot on the trail and Handler/Deputy Dave Klingler as his trusted back-up; as Chanel, Dave and Buddy were in mid-air – jumping across a small creek they noticed Chanel's nose take an immediate right – pointed to the actors lying along the creek bed. With no ground at their feet they could only land in the creek. After splashing quickly upstream and with actors too startled to run, they never noticed that they were taken into custody by two soaked guys in camo toting only a flashlight.

Dale Eicher, had many tales and good war stories. One though that stuck in his mind was the case of the "Missing Golfer". He said it was late summer in '72, when the team was called to a community about an hour away to search for a lost golfer. The golfer's car was at the clubhouse, but he was nowhere to be found. An eyewitness said he had seen the man walking down the road that morning near the golf course. Deputy Eicher scented Bloodhound Troop off of the car seat.

The dog started down the road in the direction which the golfer was last seen. The trail made a sharp 90-degree turn downhill into a wooded area. Half way down the trail, Bloodhound Troop began to yip and yelp – holding his paw off the ground. PA State Police Trooper Carl Metz, a member of the Greensburg Team, was Deputy Eicher's back up. Trooper Metz was a big man – and strong. It was dark out and Eicher asked Metz if he would hold the dog down and shine the flashlight on Troop's foot so he could see what was wrong. Big Trooper Metz refused to hold down the dog stating, "If I hold him down, that damn dog will bite me." Eicher and Metz reversed their roles and found a two-inch thorn in the dog's paw. Eicher pulled it out and continued to trail. The trail ended at a pond about a mile from the golf course. At the edge of the pond, the golfer's putter and another article belonging to the golfer was found. The Greensburg Dive Team, another credit to Chief Hutchinson, was dispatched the next morning to search the pond. Billy Anderson, a Greensburg VFD Diver was the diver that day and recovered the body from the pond. The death was ruled a suicide. The unique thing about this wasn't the trailing of the dog; it was that the Golfer had apparently crawled down a tree that was in the pond to die. When Diver Anderson found the body, the golfer's arms were still locked around the tree.

Eicher said this was just one story that stuck out in his mind. The rest are good war stories. Or maybe, just good bull sh*#. Either way, everyone's stories deserve to be told with 48 years of trailing.

Just recently, May 2017, Handler Elysia Battistella with her 7-year-old Bloodhound Sophy who just recently recovered from both ACL's repaired in her back legs, were part of the team's response to a rural landscape in Mt. Pleasant (PA) Township where a 4-year-old autistic girl walked away from home. Elysia scented Sophy off of the little girl's recently worn dress and together were able to find the girl within a 9-minute time span, ½ mile from the girl's home unscathed.

The tales could go on forever, but basically the dog to dog and from handler to handler and from agency to agency, they are all basically the same. The entire team beams with gratification when calls turn out to be successful.

When the Alzheimer patient is lost on a freezing cold night and is found unharmed, or when assistance is given in the recovery of evidence, the same sentiment is shared by the team – who cares if it is 2 in the morning – we did it! Any kind of successful call is gratifying enough to sustain interest in being part of the team. Chief Hutchinson once said, "Most guys like hunting or being in the woods. The team desires adventure and excitement – and most importantly, to help – that's what motivates us. It's not easy – Hey, you get calls just as the Steelers are about to kick off or at 11 PM on the coldest night of the year."

The Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department is one of the largest volunteer fire departments in the state of Pennsylvania with 6 companies and 300+ men.

Not only is being a member of the Greensburg Fire Department Bloodhound Team an elite position to hold, but also to be a member in such a great Association for 48 years hold a distinguished level of satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

The team is very active with its training organization from where the teams' certification is obtained. Captain Lou Battistella serves the National Police Bloodhound Association as its Director of Administration and Finance, a trustee, editor of its quarterly newspaper The NOSE NEWS and a twenty-year instructor. Buddy Mertz serves the NPBA as a twenty-nine-year instructor and Elysia Battistella, is in charge of the NPBA's members' Merchandise Store. The NPBA is one of oldest and foremost authority on the utilization of the Man-Trailing Bloodhound in Law Enforcement. The NPBA was founded by the Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New York

State Police back in 1962 and holds two 40-Hour Man-Trailing Training and Certification Courses each year, a course that is an approved Licensure & Certification Course by the Maryland Higher Education Commission through Garrett College's (MD) Continuing Education & Workforce Development Department that qualifies for 4 contact hours – (Continuing Education Units). The membership of the NPBA is from all over the United States with representation of both police and sheriff agencies that is comprised of 200 members. The NPBA is open only to law enforcement and single discipline use (man-trailing) Bloodhounds.





History of the Greensburg Bloodhound Team



Founded in 1969 by Chief J. Edward Hutchinson

With over 47 Years of Bloodhound Experience in

Man-trailing in Law Enforcement.

Mission Statement

***Giving to the Community and In Assistance to Others
Saving Lives and Protecting Property***



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Team Members

- Our members on the team are hand picked with care in order to insure that professionalism is maintained during our deployments and afterwards.
- Our Key Personnel – Senior & Regular Handlers and Senior Backup Support Personnel are Sworn Deputies of the Westmoreland County Sheriff under the Sheriff's SAT (Special Assist Team) K-9 Unit.
- We operated independently from the Sheriff's Dept. as a special resource of the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department, insured by the City of Greensburg.

Our Training

- Each Handler and K-9 receives 40 hours of annual training and is certified by the National Police Bloodhound Association
- Annual Training is augmented with 16 hours of individual team training every month.



National Police Bloodhound Association

- Founded by the Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York State Police in 1962 known as the Eastern Police Bloodhound Association. In 1966 changed the National Police Bloodhound Association
- Membership is made up of nearly 300 Law Enforcement Agencies from all over the United States and parts of Canada and Europe.



National Police Bloodhound Association

- The NPBA tagline is appropriately *“Setting the Standard Since 1962”*
- Annual Training and Certification is 8 hours of classroom and 32 hours of field training.
- Classroom topics include tactical trailing & courtroom preparation

The Greensburg Bloodhound Team's NPBA Membership

- Is the ONLY non 100 % Law Enforcement Agency
- Has been a member since 1969
- Two Greensburg Members have served as President of the Association

The Greensburg Bloodhound Team's NPBA Membership

- Many Greensburg Members have served as Trustees & Instructors over the years
- Presently two members of the Greensburg Team serve as Instructors



EXPERIENCE HELPS

Most of our Handlers have been on the trail for many years. Their EXPERIENCE level on criminal type calls or missing person type calls cannot be match ANYWHERE in this area

EXPERIENCE HELPS

We are able to conclude or recommend varying solutions that MAY be pertinent or helpful to the deployment and, over the last several years, have developed and forged a successful working relationship with the Westmoreland County Team 211 Rough Terrain Support Unit

OUR DOGS



BLOODHOUND	SEX	AGE	HANDLER
Sophy	Female	8	Elysia Battistella
Fancy	Female	8	Doug Fordyce
Lucy	Female	5	David Jackson
Delphie	Female	4	David Burnfield
Sadie	Female	4	Greg Saunders, Jr
Eddie	Male	4	Greg Saunders, Sr
Darcy	Female	3	David Klingler

Our Team

Captain: Lou Battistella Since 1994
NPBA Instructor/Retired Handler/NPBA Trustee

Team Lieutenant: Bud Mertz Since 1974
NPBA Instructor/Retired Handler

Team Lieutenant: Dave Klingler Since 1974
Handler & Backup Team

Team Lieutenant: Rob Cameron 15 Years of Experience
Law Enforcement Agency Employed

Handlers:

Elysia Battistella	Since 1999
Greg Saunders, Sr	Since 1984
Doug Fordyce	Since 2004
David Jackson	Since 2004
Greg Saunders, Jr	Since 2012
Dave Burnfield	Since 2013

Our Team – Backup & Support

	<u>Team Experience</u>
Larry Weimer	1995
Steve Fontana	2014
Les Harvey	1995
Mahlon Manley	2014
Danielle Grosser, EMT	2016
Mike Baker	2017
Matt Mollins, EMT	2017
Roman Lamberski, DVM	2018

Incident Personnel are Assigned as Experience Dictates



Our Dogs

Those who have Served

❖ Gin	1969 – 1976	❖ Jo – Jo	Unknown
❖ Troop	1969 – 1977	❖ Maggie	1993 – 2001
❖ Sassy	1971 – 1979	❖ Penny	Unknown
❖ Barney	1972 - 1980	❖ Chanel	1994 – 2004
❖ Judy	1977 – 1985	❖ Dixie	1996 – 2004
❖ Jake	1978 – 1986	❖ Quincy	Unknown
❖ Jackie	1980 – 1989	❖ Trixie	Unknown
❖ Ruthie	1984 – 1995	❖ Daisy	2004 – 2005
❖ Cy	1986 – 1993	❖ Darby	2005 – 2014
❖ Jed	???? – 1997	❖ Amber	1999 – 2009
❖ Molly	1997 – 2008		

Our Team is Used for

- State/Municipal Police Support and Criminal Searches
- Missing Adults and Children
- Alzheimer Patients who wander away
- Special Needs Persons
- Searching for Evidence Along a Trail
- Both Criminal and Humanitarian Type Calls

The American Kennel Club

Just recently developed a list of the 10 Best Breeds for following Scent. Dogs have more than 200 MILLION smell receptors in their noses as compared with only 5 MILLION in HUMANS!

A dog's quick sniff of another canine can tell it if the other dog is friend or enemy; if the other dog is spayed or neutered; Male or Female; and more

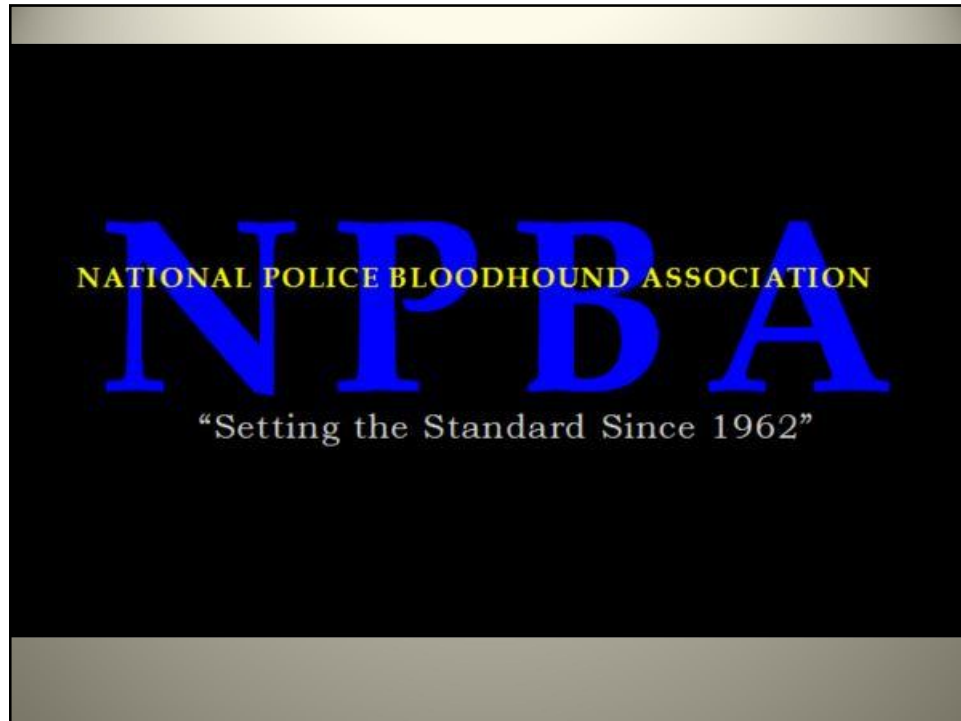
Dog's keen sense of smell has gotten dogs work following their noses to everything from bombs and bodies to endangered species to bedbugs.

AKC Ranking From 10 to Number 1 *"Best Breeds to Follow Scent"*

10. Labrador Retriever
9. English Foxhound
8. Bluetick Coonhound
7. Redbone Coonhound
6. Bassett Hound
5. Harrier
4. Dachshund
3. German Shephard
2. Beagle



#1 THE BLOODHOUND!



Techniques Used by Tracking & Trailing Dogs

Tracking	K-9 Tracks person footstep for footstep utilizing ground disturbance
<u>Trailing</u>	K-9 Trails person using ground disturbance & Scent Left Along the Trail
Fringing	K-9 works Trail in Back and Forth Manner working the edges of the scent on the trail

Trailing Dog and it's use

- Crimes where suspects have fled the scene
- Evidence Recovery
- Missing Persons – Children & Adults
- Older Trails – 24 to 48 Hours Old
- Scent Discrimination



**The List isn't quite as long as the Patrol Dogs!
But there is a Reason for this**

Bloodhound's Characteristics

- A Breed that Dates back to 700 AD – 1,300 Years Old!
- It's primary function is Human Scent Trailing
- Often used to pick up the trail where the patrol dog left off
- A Bloodhound should be summoned immediately in serious cases and matters of life and death
- Trailing is inherent in the breed

Bloodhound's Characteristics

- Their Olfactory system is superior to other breeds.
- This is the reason for their large ears and saliva drooling "slimers"
- A Bloodhound is able to start a trail in a contaminated area with less difficulty.
- A Bloodhound can follow an older trail with a higher percentage of success.
- OUR DOGS are trained for 24 Hour Trails.

Time is of the Essence

A Bloodhound Should be summoned immediately in serious cases and matters of life and death

Perimeters and Distance

**Miles Covered by Walking
Based on 2 MPH or a 30 Minute Mile**

2 MILES in 1 Hour!

**Perimeters should be established
IMMEDIATELY**

Every Bloodhound Trail Starts with a Scent Article

What Are Scent Articles?

A Scent Article Can be Any Item which has been worn, handled
or came into contact with the Search Subject

These Can Include

Soft Scent Articles

Upper Body Clothing, Under Clothing, Pajamas
Jackets, Pillow Cases, Paper NOTES, a Car Seat or Footwear

Other Types of Scent Articles

Exotic Scent Articles

Any Body Fluid

These Can Include

Blood, Semen, Fecal Matter, Urine, Saliva

And Last of the Basic Types

Hard Scent Articles

These Can Include

Knife, Rock, Shell Casing, Vehicle Interior Knobs, Handles, a
Door Jam, Window Casing

Scent Article Awareness

- First Responders/Incident Commanders need to determine the availability and/or provide a scent article
- If an article is already at the Place Last Seen and available then let the handler and Team OIC obtain it when he/she arrives. The Bloodhound in this case will disregard the handler's scent, but NOT OTHER PEOPLE'S SCENT
- Do NOT Touch the Scent Article with YOUR BARE HANDS

Scent Article Awareness

- If an article is to be brought to the scene from another location, then contact the handler first for advice on how to secure the items and minimize contamination.
- If at all possible, it is better for the handler to pick the best scent article that is available. Secure the area that contains the scent article. Do not Enter the room of the scent article.

Scent Article Awareness

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- If the scent article is a vehicle, stay OUT OF THE VEHICLE. Don't contaminate the scene.
- If you need to turn off the Engine, care should be taken not to contaminate the area. Don't sit in the vehicle, reach in and turn the key off and then get away from the vehicle.

Scent Article Awareness

Continued

- Do not dig around or rummage about looking for the Vehicle's registration card or some other form of I.D. **If you do**, the Vehicle is no longer useful as a scent article.
- If no object is available, the last known location of the subject can sometimes be used to start a trail. It should be treated like any other scent article, and DO NOT Contaminate it.

FIRST RESPONDERS

- Keep the area where the subject was last seen free from contamination
- Shut off all vehicle engines of any and all vehicles near the place last seen. This includes Fire and Rescue Trucks, Patrol Cars and TV-NEWS Vehicles.
- Keep all unnecessary parties away from the scent area. This includes members of your OWN Department.
- As officers arrive, if not needed, insist that a good perimeter should be set up

FIRST RESPONDERS

And above all.....

Be HONEST...tell the handlers
where you went and what you
touched!

FIRST RESPONDERS also please!

Insure that all investigative efforts are being made such as:

- Missing Person Questionnaire
- Contact Friends, Family, and Neighbors
- Check the House again and then again – from top to bottom
- Subject History: “Has this happened before?”
- Notify all surrounding Police Departments
- Check Hospitals

Scent

- The scent the Trailing Dog follows is the gas created by dead skin cells that are shed from a human after the cells have started to decompose when introduced to bacteria and moisture.
- This scent trail of dead skin cells called “rafts” is microscopic, very fragile and is subject to destruction by the elements (wind, heat, cooling, rain, etc....

Scent

- Scent can be thought of as smoke and the wind or forces around it can alter it
- Scent laid in the heat of the day, will drift down hill in the cool of the night.
- Scent can be washed away from hard surfaces during a rain, right down the storm drain.

Evidence Recovery

- As we are all aware, almost anything can be considered an item of evidence. Gun, items of Clothing, Stolen items, Wallets, Household items. An example: Burglary of a residence, items may be recovered along the track route.
- However, the evidence recovery is incidental to the trailing mission.
- Should the incident where items are being sought, speak with handler or OIC of the team to see if they can help.



REQUEST FOR SERVICE



Request for Our Service Can be made by any Public Safety Agency through the Westmoreland County Department Of Public Safety

We Are Volunteer and Usually available 24/7/365

Our Service is Free of Charge as it always has been

For Questions
Contact

Lou Battistella, Team Captain
(724) 396-1524

Or Westmoreland County 9-1-1 at (724) 600-7327

GVFD BHT 79 Call Out Protocol

- Agency Request or Resource Available
- WCDPS Notifies Lou Battistella # 79-C4 or if not available: a member in sequence on the Dispatch Protocol List
- 79-C4 or his temporary stand in will request a Team Dispatch and the location of the team's assembly point

Other BHT/9-1-1 Interaction

Incident Number assignments for

Public Demonstrations

or

Training Exercises



79 Bloodhound Team Call Out Procedures & Dispatch

Request for our Resource must come directly from a Law Enforcement Agency or Fire Department – **Before A Call Out is Dispatched, the Team Captain or his designee must discuss the call with the Requesting agency**

Upon a Request, 9-1-1 Dispatch will initially request 79-C4 (Lou Battistella) on Greensburg City Fire Radio, “to call the Center”. At the same time the Dispatcher shall initiate a Rover “Spotted Dog” Message - ***“All Gbg Bloodhound Team Members stand-by for a POSSIBLE Bloodhound Call”*** Simply to Alert the team of the pending call

IF 79-C4 does not respond as a result of the initial radio request after two attempts, 9-1-1 is to call 79-C4’s Cell Phone (724)396-1524. If there is no response from 79-C4, then 9-1-1 will then move to secondary contacts

If is imperative that all Radio Transmissions regarding the call, after the initial call acknowledgement by 79-C4 or the Secondary Contact be avoided until the mission is accepted and the Center is so advised

When 79-C4 or a Secondary Contact accepts the mission, an order will be broadcasted to Dispatch to put in a Bloodhound Call and the Dispatcher will be instructed as to the location that the Team will be meeting at. The place to meet will differ on each call - from place to place pending on the direction of departure travel.

This information is be relayed as well as a Rover “Spotted Dog” Message

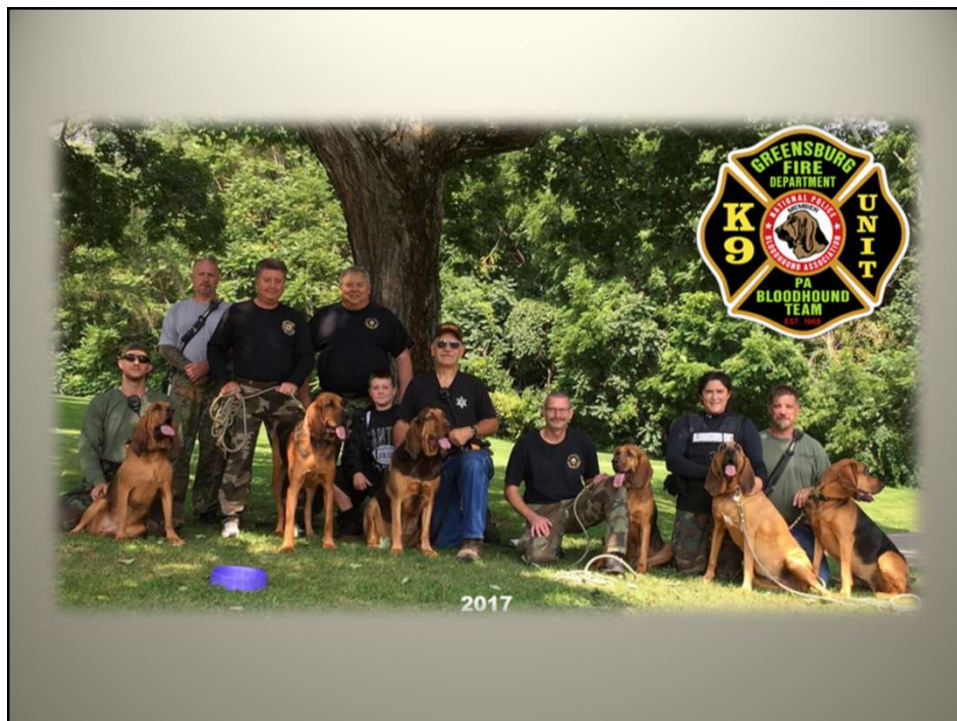
Secondary Contacts

Greensburg Bloodhound Team

Rank	Name	Radio #	Cell Phone
Team Lieutenant	Bud Mertz	200	(724) 640-4175
Team Lieutenant	Dave Klingler	41	(724) 309-1725
Team Lieutenant	Rob Cameron	879	(724) 493-8108
Handler	Elysia Battistella	898	(724) 309-5404
Handler	David Jackson	89	(724) 640-5258
Handler	Greg Saunders, Sr	984 or Chief 84	(724) 640-5206

LAST RESORT

If NO Response from Any of the Above – The Team Will Be Considered NOT AVAILABLE and a Rover “Spotted Dog” Notification System will be sent by Dispatch reading,
“GREENSBURG BLOODHOUND TEAM CALL IS CANCELLED”



STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES



Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department
BLOODHOUND TEAM

◆ REVISED July 2018 ◆



GREENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – Bloodhound Team
STANDARD OPERATIONS GUIDELINES

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GLOSSARY

- **GBHT** **Greensburg Bloodhound Team**
- **BHT** **Bloodhound Team (Handler & Hound)**
- **NPBA** **National Police Bloodhound Association**
- **GVFD** **Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department**

Greensburg Fire Department

General Department Standard Operating Guidelines (est. 1996) Current Version 2018



GREENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bloodhound Search & Rescue Team

Standard Operation Guidelines

Section 790 Bloodhound Search & Rescue Team

(Hereinafter referred to as the Greensburg Bloodhound Team or GBHT)

I. TEAM MISSION

- Provide safe and efficient emergency response to community and emergency agencies providing assistance in the search of loss or missing persons
- Provide safe and efficient assistance to local and state agencies in efforts in apprehending sought after or fleeing subjects
- Establish Training & Certification to maintain organizational readiness, equipment
- Provide Team Building and Member Support Activities
- Establish Community Awareness through regular Public Relations and Community Demonstrations to both the General Public and local emergency service responders.

II. TEAM STRUCTURE

A. Chain of Command

1. Fire Department Chief

- Responsible for insuring members operating on the team are appropriately qualified, trained, and meet the medical, physical, and emotional profile to be a functional and safe team member.
- Address inter-team operation organizational planning and operational readiness, and development of strategic objectives for field operation
- Development of requirements for Team Membership
- Responsible for designating a Team Captain
- Responsible for the temporary assigning of a team command replacement in the absence of the Team Captain.
- The Fire Chief has the expressed authority to eject a team member from the team for any reason whatsoever. The Fire Chief's decision will remain final. There is no appeal process.

2. Team Captain

- Team Captain must be or have been an experienced trained and certified Bloodhound Handler having participated in training and team deployments on the GBHT having received man-trailing Training as provided by the National Police Bloodhound Association for at least five (5) years
- Responsible for development of safe and efficient field operations
- Responsible for ensuring that the requirements for handler membership in the National Police Bloodhound Association are met and kept up to date including but not limited to dues.

- Responsible for ensuring that the requirements of the Westmoreland County Department by order of the Sheriff himself for the selected deputized GBHT members are met
- Is the Team liaison with the Sheriff's Department and will determine which GBHT members are deputized after approval has been granted by the Westmoreland County Sheriff
- Responsible that all members of the team are in compliance with all specific requirements of the Mayor, Council and City Administrator of the City of Greensburg that pertain to the GBHT
- Responsible for the development of operations planning from pre-planning, deployments, operations, and demobilization
- Ensure appropriate safety plans and standards are applied and implemented throughout training and operations.
- Ensure all personal personnel equipment inspection and readiness is maintained
- Responsible for development of after-incident action plans for operation training and improvement
- Responsible for the completion of any necessary paperwork that may be required for operation requirements and documentation of team expenditures as may be necessary
- Responsible for maintaining Team accountability systems being implemented and utilized at scene operations
- Responsible for maintenance of any necessary training certification as may be required
- Responsible for ensuring that all Bloodhounds and all related equipment are always in a state of readiness

- In consultation with on-scene agency incident command, Team Captain is responsible for selecting on-scene Handler/Hound (*hereinafter referred to as Bloodhound Team or BHT*) assignments based on available BHT knowledge, training, experience, and on size-up information whereas plan shall be based on all scene information, including but not limited to safety risk factors involving the deployment
- Team Captain will make the final determination as to whether the deployment is warranted given the risk factors of available on-scene information and environmental conditions.
- Team Captain will assess each and every call making the final call as to whether the deployment is viable for the use of a man-trailing bloodhound.
- Team Captain will make all final decisions as to what support team member candidates are selected for specific assignment.
- Team Captain has the authority to eject a team member from the team for any reason whatsoever. Team Captain's decision will remain final. There is no appeal process.

3. Team Lieutenants

- Team Lieutenants are selected by the Team Captain
- All Team Lieutenants must be or have been a certified Bloodhound Handler having participated in prescribed training as provided by the GBHT subscribed practices of the National Police Bloodhound Association
- Responsible for the completion and/or oversight of tactical assignments as may be assigned by officers in Chain of Command.

- Responsible for insuring Team Members approach their Team operational responsibilities with a professional attitude and function as a Team responsible for implementing and training as may be necessary to address operational mission responsibilities and requirements as necessary.

B. Operations

1. All Operations

- It is to be distinctly understood, the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department only provides handlers and personnel with knowledge and expertise in the deployment and utilization of Bloodhounds for man-trailing purposes and does not perform incident command services associated with search management protocol. The Greensburg Bloodhound Team does plug into the Incident's Command System in place.

a) Incident Commander – Requesting Agency

- Responsible for the overall oversight of the emergency scene site
- Is the person of authority from the agency who requested the services of the Greensburg Bloodhound Team – (GBHT)
- The Team Captain reports to the incident commander
- The Incident Commander is responsible for the deployment scene
- The Incident Commander is responsible for the decision to suspend/halt/abort/discontinue operations
- Responsible for acquiring all sources of search subject information and is the source of information for the GBHT Captain
- Responsible for ensuring sufficient available operation resources, support resources, and the operational interacting of those resources as necessary

- Responsible for acquiring additional resources necessary, which include, but are not limited to, additional first responder companies, ATV Teams, helicopters, emergency medical services, or other specialty response teams
- Responsible for adding command staff as needed to efficiently and safely manage the incident utilizing NIMS-ICCS command and control formats, designating location of the command post, staging areas as to not interfere with the intended search area, and any other necessary operation areas; and responsible for ensuring safety plans and site hazards, and operation issues are attended to
- Responsible for insuring all safety, logistics, medical and support operations are manned and prepared for implementation

b) Bloodhound Team Safety Officer

- Shall be designated for each deployment by the Team Captain
- Responsible for reporting to the Team Captain
- Ensures each individual Bloodhound Team has a support person assigned
- Ensures operational and rehabilitation resources are available for Bloodhound Teams
- Advises Team Captain of any unsafe potentially hazardous or threat conditions that might be of concern in the execution of the search Deployment

c) Field Positions

1. Team Captain
2. Team Lieutenant
3. Safety Officer
4. Handler
5. Support/Backup

2. Deployment Detail Operations

a) Bloodhound Team Captain

- Responsible for Team training, readiness, and safe operations
- Responsible to ensure Team Members responding are qualified, physically able, and experienced for task assignments
- Responsible for development of tasks
- Has the authority to halt operations if conditions are deemed unsafe or if there is an immediate team member life at risk
- Dictates Bloodhound Team assignment order

b) Handlers

- Responsible for the readiness and training of their hound or assigned hound
- Responsible for the execution of the Bloodhound Team's (BHT) search assignment
- Reports directly to the Team Captain
- Has the authority to halt a search operation if conditions warrant
- Makes sure self-physical fitness is maintained as to not interfere with the mission
- Must be an active member of the Greensburg Fire Department*
- Must Attend at least one(1) NPBA Training Seminar per Year
- Must Stop trailing should backup/support person drops behind.

c) Support or Backup Personnel -

(Including On-Scene Agency Personnel *If Utilized*)

- After being assigned, takes direct orders from the assigned Bloodhound Team handler
- Makes sure self-physical fitness is maintained as to not to interfere with the mission or the safety of the BHT
- Watches out for the safety of their assigned BHT
- Must stay up with Handler and Hound and not become a mission burden or become distracted by performing any other search function, i.e. ground tracking. Safety of the BHT itself is the first and foremost concern of a support person – Nothing else matters
- Speaks only when there is a detection of an eminent hazard or only when spoken to by Team Captain or Handler - while on trail
- Must be an active member of the Greensburg Fire Department*

C. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. In City – Greensburg Fire frequencies: Channel #1: Repeater [153.950 MHz] • Channel #1: Non-Repeater [154.250 MHz] • Channel #2: Non-Repeater [154.145 MHz] • Local Government [154.965 MHz]
- b. Out of City – Greensburg Fire Channel #1 Non-Repeater • Channel #2 Non-Repeater • Local Government • 800 Tac Channel as assigned by Dispatch
- c. Seek other agency radios/frequencies as may be necessary or utilize 800 band upon being requested by Emergency Dispatch
- d. All personnel shall be required to have both a High Band Radio and an 800 band Radio available, fully charged and ready for operation

D. MUTUAL AID

- Mutual Aid resources will be activated and requested if necessary
- Local Fire Departments and/or emergency services should be used primarily, as Workers' Compensation and liability insurance is primary.
- Mutual aid agencies should only be requested by the Team to provide support functions that are clearly considered to be safe and without risk. Any technical or high-risk support operations should only be assigned to mutual aid resources if, a) it is clearly shown that they take full responsibility for any injuries or risk to their own members and/or third parties, or b) the local emergency response agencies are in command and will oversee and take responsibility for mutual aid responding resources
- When the Greensburg Bloodhound Team is part of a mutual aid response to a host emergency service, the local Incident Commander shall be consulted with and mission assignment shall be clarified.
- A communication's link shall be established with the local Incident Command Agency.
- The Incident Commander or Bloodhound Team Captain will, upon arriving at an emergency scene, determine whether the requested GBHT operation can be quickly and safely implemented for the mission requested.

E. SAFETY

- a. On this Team, safety is always "first" objective and the top priority. While there is always a certain amount of risk in all operations, all risks and hazards shall be addressed and best efforts to minimize, neutralize, mitigate, or avoid shall be practiced.
- b. Each member of the team is a "Safety Officer"

F. OPERATIONAL GOALS

- a. To successfully locate the missing subject or felon, the target of the deployment mission, as safely and as quickly as possible

G. FUNDAMENTAL OPERATIONAL RULES

- a. No Team Member or any mutual aid department assistance member shall wear bunker gear or bulky clothes while being in a team response.
- b. All Team Members on scene shall wear:
 - i. Approved Camouflage Pants, a team issued t-shirt, suitable traction over the ankle boots, a black team nylon jacket with appropriate identification or issued sweat shirt. Absolutely no running shoes will be permitted
 - ii. Safety Items shall include a flashlight, whistle, knife, gloves, tourniquet, Handlers – Narcan, QuikClot
 - iii. Ballistic Vests have been issued to certain personnel and is recommended for all calls, but are required when deemed necessary. Both handler and backup will be required to don ballistic vests in these instances. Handler and Support personnel shall bring vests on all calls
 - iv. All team members if licensed for firearm concealed carry for personal protection may carry a weapon. However, the weapon MUST BE CONCEALED under a jacket or sweatshirt at all times and may NOT be in public view. No Long Arms are permitted
 - v. When attending a public demonstration, firearms are PROHIBITED for the safety concern of the public. In these cases, it is mandated that if you carry a weapon at all times, leave your weapon secured in your vehicle until after the demonstration, unless you are a law enforcement officer and required to carry at all times as standard procedure set in place by your employing agency.

III. PREPARATION

A. Team Membership Requirements: *New Team Members and existing Members shall always maintain the following:*

- Be at least eighteen (18) years of age
- Apply to the Team Captain and participate and attend training at local drills when called by handlers or Team Captain
- Belong to the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department or Greensburg Police Department with appropriate Greensburg Fire Department clearances
- Have been trained in Incident Command Systems – ICS-100, 200; Crew Response Management
- Be medically cleared and approved
- Provide a copy of your Child Clearance and other documents as required by the Team Captain
- * The Greensburg Bloodhound Team will no longer accept personnel who are not members of the Greensburg Fire Department to be part of the team. All those presently serving who are not members of GVFD are considered grand-fathered
- Members of the Greensburg Fire Department who wish to join, must first satisfy their probationary year and show strong interest in the fire department first before consideration will be given for approval. Approval must be granted by both the Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief and the Greensburg Bloodhound Team Captain.
- Once approved, a new member will participate by following the orders the Team Captain and following through on his requests without question and develop skills that demonstrate satisfactory abilities as a team member

- All experiences that transpire during a deployment will be held in the strictness of confidence and will not be discussed or disseminated to anyone outside of the Greensburg Bloodhound Team or Leadership of the Greensburg Fire Department. There will be no unauthorized comments made to any media source or disclosed on social media. All requests for information shall be referred to the Team Captain.

B. Training Requirements

- All members shall seek out, read, and be familiar with Team Standard Operation Guidelines (SOG)
- All Members shall maintain current training, operations readiness, and current handlers must possess current certification
- All support members shall respond to team captain and handler called drills as announced on the Department's ECM or by email
- All Trail Training and Public Demonstrations involving the Bloodhounds will be assigned an incident number from Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety. The Team Captain shall be made aware of all demonstrations involving the Bloodhounds

IV. MOBILIZATION

A. Request for Mobilization

1. All requests for mobilization shall be made to the Team Captain (presently Lou Battistella #79-C4) or if no response, the Authorized Team Duty Officer per GBHT Dispatch protocol list (copy attached hereto). This will occur even if communication is initiated through Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety 9-1-1 Dispatch Center, City of Greensburg Police Desk or any of the Pennsylvania State Police Barracks.

B. Call Out

1. Radio and/or pager notice(s) shall be made to alert and provide any necessary emergency reconnaissance information for the Team. Information will include:

- Where to Respond
- How Deployment/Transport will occur
- Special Equipment/Resources needed
- Estimated Time to Respond
- Assembly or Rendezvous points or place(s) to meet for operations

C. Dispatch Process

1. Response Declarations – Immediate functions

- Dispatch – notify Chief or his designee for scope of mission and deployment information known
- Notify Westmoreland 9-1-1 of vehicles leaving and being out of service
- Short Mission Statement
- Alarm assignment changes, if any
- Prior to deploying, the team shall plan and discuss the travel communication frequency
- Site communication plan
- Crew leadership assignments and functional assignments
- Review personal gear and PPE issues for specific mission

2. Team Captain or designated Command Officers shall:

- Prepare an action plan based on response information and anticipated conditions
- Prepare safety, communications, rehabilitation plans. This includes, but not limited to, whether a weapon is involved, environmental concerns, or any other safety concerns that will put a risk to the safety of the team
- Designated Team Operation Officers shall acquire all necessary scene information

3. Crew Rosters along with timeline of deployment time marks shall be recorded along with search times of each individual BHT

4. Team Members' Responsibility

- Members are responsible for completing delegated tasks and assignments made pre-deployment and during deployments.
- All Team members shall be expected to act professionally and as Team Members
- Team members are not permitted to make comments to any bystanders, news organization, and other responding resources. The only persons authorized to make any comments about mission or operation functions shall be the Team Captain or delegated Command Office. All media requests shall be referred to the Incident Commander
- Team members are expected and responsible for bringing any necessary clothing, personal protective equipment, supplemental personal protective equipment, and personal items required for the mission

D. Site Arrival

1. Notice of arrival shall be announced to local emergency communications and Incident Commander
2. Team Captain will usher all present handlers to the Incident Commander for an operational integration briefing while support/backup members will upon command take dogs out of transport vehicles for acclimation and relief purposes
3. Team Captain will decide on the best possible method in securing scent articles
4. Team Captain will decide on deployment order based on briefing information received

V. SITE OPERATIONS

- A communications plan with radio frequencies shall be established and benefit the team
- All dog handlers will ready their smart phone gps tracking applications if being used
- Development of a safety plan for evaluation of site operation hazards and risks shall be established and briefed to the team

A. Site Reconnaissance

1. Possible Scene site operation locations shall be correlated for effectiveness and safety
2. Specific operations and starting points shall be selected
3. Any hazardous conditions shall be noted and immediately addressed

B. Resource and Team Member Assignments

- Shall be made quickly with task assignments by Team Captain

- All Team Members shall be wearing appropriate gear
- Continuous 2-way communications shall be maintained by all team members to ensure safety and accountability
- Teams shall maintain constant accountability

The Mission shall be overseen by the requesting agency Incident Commander

Any agency integration concerns shall be addressed by the Incident Commander. These include: Medical Plan for Greensburg Bloodhound Team Members and any potential patients; Resource support plan, and public relations or media concerns.

C. Operations

1. Strategic Mission

- a) Rescue or recovery
- b) Risks/Hazard reviews
- c) Point last seen
- d) Witnesses
- e) Location of Subject

D. Tactical Guidelines

1. Armed and Dangerous

- a) Determine what type of Weapon involved

2. Personal Protection Gear (Ballistic Vests)

3. Law Enforcement Back Up Required

- a) Determine if Tactical Formation is Needed

4. Team Captain and Bloodhound Handler must assess the risks involved to determine course of action if either the Team Captain or Bloodhound Handler determines the mission is not worth the risk, and then the decision to discontinue the mission is final

5. If Handler out paces either the law enforcement backup or the team member back up, the handler must immediately stop in place if safe to do so until re-grouping can be achieved. At no time during a Tactical mission is the BHT to be unprotected by qualified backup personnel.

VI. DEMOBILIZATION

- Demobilization shall occur upon direction of the Incident Commander
- All Handlers, Bloodhounds, and Support Members shall be recalled
- Team Captain shall complete any necessary documents required by the team
- Team Captain shall report to Westmoreland 9-1-1 team in-service returning and then he shall report being back in the city when substantially all personnel and bloodhounds have returned back to the city.

VII. POST DEPLOYMENT

Team Captain to:

- Address any Team improvements needed to improve future deployments efficiency or safety
- Complete, Retain, & Submit Search Report to NPBA, City Fire Incident Log, and a copy to the requesting agency incident commander



OFFICIAL GREENSBURG BLOODHOUND TEAM ROSTER

AS OF JULY 10, 2018

RANK	NAME	DEPUTIZED	Bloodhound	NPBA MEMBER	Phone	Vest (V) Radio (Hi) (800)
Chief	Thomas M. Bell 79-C1	No	NA	No	724-640-4430	(Hi) (800)
Asst Chief Team Captain	Lou Battistella 79-C4	Yes	NA	Yes	724-396-1524	(V) (Hi) (800)
Lieutenant	Bud Mertz - 200	Yes	NA	Yes	724-640-4175	(V) (Hi) (800)
Lieutenant	David Klingler - 41	Yes	Darcy	Yes	724-309-1725	
Handler	Elysia Battistella - 898	Yes	Sophy	Yes	724-309-5404	(V) (Hi) (800)
Handler	David Burnfield - 805	Yes	Delphie	Yes	724-433-9748	(V) (Hi) (800)
Handler	Doug Fordyce - 975	Yes	Fancy	Yes	412-771-4603	(V) (Hi) (800)
Handler	David Jackson - 836	Yes	Lucy	Yes	724-640-5258	(V) (Hi) (800)
Handler	Greg Saunders, Sr. - 984	Yes	Eddie	Yes	724-640-5206	(V) (Hi) (800)
Handler	Greg Saunders, Jr. - 985	Yes	Sadie	Yes	724-961-6420	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Rob Cameron - 879	Yes	NA	No	724-493-8108	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Les Harvey - 58	Yes	NA	Yes	724-640-5558	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Mike Baker - 807	No	NA	No	724-433-4831	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Danielle Grosser - 187	No	NA	No	724-858-6882	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Mahlon Manley - 837	No	NA	No	724-640-2993	(V) (Hi) (800)
Backup	Matt Molans - 648	No	NA	No	724-516-1941	(Hi) (800)
Backup	Larry Weimer - 742	Yes	NA	No	724-396-6824	(Hi) (800)
Backup	Roman Lamberski, DVM - 808	No	NA	No	724-787-6227	(V) (Hi) (800)



GREENSBURG BLOODHOUND TEAM – 79

Effective 11/14/2016

WESTMORELAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DISPATCH CALL OUT ORDER PROTOCOL

PRIMARY CONTACT- LOU BATTISTELLA, ASSISTANT CHIEF/TEAM CAPTAIN

1. Via Radio 79-C-4 - Instruct to Call Dispatch Center
2. If No Response – Mobile (724) 396-1524
3. If No Response – Home (724) 832-8731
4. If No Response – Mobile (240) 321-6620
5. If No Response – MD Home- (301) 387-2094

SECONDARY CONTACTS (In Order Of Call)

If No Contact:	Contact Team Lieutenant – Bud Mertz 200	(724) 640-4175
	Contact Team Lieutenant – Dave Klingler 41	(724) 309-1725
	Contact Handlers - Elysia Battistella 898	(724) 309-5404
	David Jackson 836	(724) 640-5258
	Greg Saunders, Sr. 984	(724) 640-5206

IF NO ANSWER AT ANY OF THE ABOVE – Team will be considered NOT AVAILABLE



SCENT COMPARISON CHART

SCENT DETECTING CELLS IN PEOPLE & DOG BREEDS

December 2018

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number of Scent Receptors</u>
HUMANS	5 MILLION
DACHSHUND	125 MILLION
FOX TERRIER	147 MILLION
BEAGLE	225 MILLION
GERMAN SHEPHERD	225 MILLION
BLOODHOUND	300 MILLION