

PoL Joey Receives NASAR Certification

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Arizona — PoL Joey and his handler, Anne Lowatchie passed their human remains detection certification this past week.

Joey, a Belgian Malinois, was found in a local shelter by Paws of Life Foundation (PoL) K9 Trainer Mike Wiederhold. Wiederhold fostered Joey and through the PoL K9 Placement Program, homed Joey with Lowatchie. Lowatchie is an active member of Iowa Search and Rescue and Iowa Task Force 1.

Anne states "Joey melded wonderfully with my household and is the most well mannered dog I have ever had under my roof. He had enough basic cadaver training that made it easy for me to continue on with his training. Mike showed me how to work a high drive dog so he can develop to his fullest potential. Paws of Life is a wonderful organization and I applaud them for rescuing these dogs and then following through by placing them in homes that match their abilities with the family that will help them fulfill their potential."

Joey and Lowatchie trained for approximately 18 months before their certification which is typical for a search dog team. Their certification included finding and correctly identifying the location of scent source that was buried, hanging, on a vehicle and a slightly hidden by leaves or grass. This type of team is deployed by local law enforcement and emergency management agencies to assist in the location of lost and missing persons.

The **National Association of Search and Rescue** (NASAR) is a not-for-profit membership association dedicated to advancing professional, literary, and scientific knowledge in fields related to search and rescue. NASAR is comprised of thousands of paid and non-paid professionals interested in all aspects of search and rescue - the humanitarian cause of saving lives - throughout the United States and around the world. "...that others may live." For more information go to <http://www.nasar.org>.

The **Paws of Life Foundation** is a registered non profit that is dedicated to the education of search and rescue (SAR) dogs and their handlers. PoL works with responders at the local levels to assist with dog placement and training to become a reliable and valuable resource for law enforcement and public safety agencies in the case of lost or missing persons. When someone you care about goes missing, these are the people your local sheriff, police chief or fire department calls to assist in the search. For more information go to <http://www.pawsoflife.org>.



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