

## *Instructor: Michelle Metzner*



Michelle has been a SAR K9 handler for over 30 years and has fielded multiple search dogs from Malinois to Retrievers over that time. She is currently the Central Division Trainer on the K-9 Emergency Response Team based in Wisconsin and is also the K-9 Coordinator and a Canine Search Specialist for Wisconsin Task Force 1.

Her current canine partners include Tap, a Golden Retriever NASAR Type 1 Area certified. Ayla, a Flat-Coated Retriever NASAR Land HRD and NASAR USAR HRD certified, and her newest partner, Duke, a yellow lab who recently obtained his NASAR Type 3 Land HRD certification.

Additionally, she has served as a lead instructor and K-9 evaluator for the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) for nearly 2 decades. She has instructed FUNSAR classes and K9 seminars around the country. Over her 3 decades of service, she has evaluated K9 teams for many organizations including the Network Of Canine Detection Services (NOCDs), the North American Search Dog Network (NASDN) and the Northern States Search Dog Network (NSSDN) to name a few. She enjoys problem solving and helping teams become strong resources in the field of Search and Rescue.