



# New Hampshire Fish and Game Department

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Dear Nancy:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Law Enforcement Division, it is my distinct pleasure to present you and the members of New England K-9 Search and Rescue with our Division's *Life Saving Medal*.

Since the initial founding of New England K-9 Search and Rescue in 1981, we have watched your volunteer organization grow into a highly trained and experienced group of canine professionals. Throughout our longstanding relationship, the dedicated members of your organization have played an instrumental role in supporting our Agency's important search and rescue responsibilities.

The capabilities of your wilderness certified air-scenting canine teams have repeatedly helped us to successfully resolve an impressive number of search missions involving lost hikers, children, and elderly or mentally disabled individuals. In many of these situations, your canine teams have been directly responsible for "finds" that undoubtedly saved the missing individual's life.

Of particular note, your volunteer canine handlers cover all costs associated to their personal expenses, necessary outdoor equipment, and required travel costs involved in their ongoing training and search mission responses. In addition to your organization's capable dog and handler teams, the radio communication, computer mapping, and GPS abilities of your membership provide fully self-sufficient search teams that can be quickly and effectively deployed under the most difficult of environmental conditions.

In presenting this lifesaving award to New England K-9 Search and Rescue, please accept our sincere gratitude for your professional service to the Fish and Game Department and the citizens of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Colonel Jeffrey M. Gray  
Chief of Law Enforcement

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