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To Whom It May Concern:

As lead search and rescue coordinator for the NH Fish and Game Department I am writing this letter of reference for the New England K-9 Search and Rescue Team.

As the state agency in charge of search and rescue for the state of New Hampshire we utilize the New England K-9 Search and Rescue organization on a routine basis to enable us to carry out our search and rescue responsibilities within the state. This includes assisting in the search missions for lost or injured subjects in a wide variety of situations to include despondent individuals, missing elderly, lost outdoor recreationalists, missing children, drowning victims, and general law enforcement investigations to mention a few.

We consider The New England K-9 Search and Rescue organization to be a truly dedicated professional group of volunteers who participate in numerous actual searches and spend many hours on various training. We consider this organized team to be a most valuable asset and compliment to the professional search and rescue resources available within the state of New Hampshire. Their dedication, training, and teamwork abilities are true examples that make them the lead professional and successful search and rescue K-9 team to be utilized within New Hampshire today. Their abilities have made them directly responsible for saving lives of those who were in need in New Hampshire.

I wish to add that not only are the members of the New England K-9 Search and Rescue organization dedicated to the mission side of search and rescue, but that they are also highly motivated and committed to the preventative educational component of search and rescue within our state. They are leaders in providing presentations and demonstrations regarding the K-9 resource and help to promote the state's hikeSafe educational initiative. This is an educational initiative developed by the NH Fish and Game Department and the White Mountain National Forest to promote safe outdoor and lost children preventative skill awareness.

If I can be of any further assistance regarding this organization please feel free to contact me at the address above.

Sincerely,

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