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Mr. Randy Napoli
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Florida Division of State Fire Marshal
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Randy
Dear Mr. Napoli:

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my support to the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team (SSAR). I have reviewed their training qualifications and have observed their team in the field during mock incidents and training exercises during my tenure as Region 6 Coordinator. They have also assisted in the management of large and complex wildfires. Although they are volunteers, the members of the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team are very dedicated to insure that the highest quality of service is available when needed.

The SSAR have been trained with NWCG standards as a Type 3 Management Team as well as trained in Map and Compass, Field Observer Display Processor and Situational Unit Leader classes. I am of the understanding that these classes are equivalent or higher than Search and Rescue TECH 2 Land Navigation Standards.

I would like to endorse the request of the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue Team to accept equivalent training standards and typing that may assist the State during emergency response.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (941) 267-7525. Trusting this meets with your approval, I remain,

Yours in Service,

Natale J. Ippolito
Fire Chief

Cc: Ms. Pat Abrams, Team Leader SSAR