



Sheba School Canine Training Presents:



Harold W. Ruslander



Harold W. “Rus” Ruslander spent the first 23 years of his career as a Prince George’s County, Maryland Police Officer. That career included uniform patrol, special operations, and administrative and investigative assignments. He spent 6 years in the U.S. Army National Guard and 14 years as deputy chief of the Prince George’s County Volunteer Fire Department Underwater Rescue and Recovery Team.

After retiring, he moved to South Florida where he became a civilian crime scene investigator, first for the City of Lake Worth in 1993 and then for the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office from 1996 to 2002. He then became the Chief Investigator for the Palm Beach County, Florida Medical Examiner’s Office from 2002 until his retirement in 2015. Rus personally investigated over 1,500 death cases during that time.

Rus has written numerous forensic articles, which have been published in the IAI’s JFI, Evidence Technology Magazine, The FDI AI Newsletter, The SFFA Newsletter, and various sites on the World Wide Web. Rus has also made presentations and taught courses for the FDI AI Annual Training Conference, The East Coast Armed Robbery Association, The Gold Coast Forensic Association, the Florida Chaplains Association, the Florida Fire Marshals Association, The IFMA, Cape Coral P.D., Univ. of Fla., the IAI to name a few.

Rus has held accredited certifications in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Senior Crime Scene Analyst, Latent Fingerprint Examiner, Medico-Legal Death Investigation and Certified Evidence Photography.

Rus’ K9 SAR career began in early February 2014. Rus is certified by NASAR as a SARTEC II and in Wilderness First Aid. His K9 Bella is certified by NASAR for human remains detection and K9 Hercules by NNDDA and NASAR in human remains detection which includes area, vehicles, and buildings. Rus and both K9’s has travelled throughout the U.S. giving presentations on the use of K9’s to assist law enforcement in searching for lost and deceased persons. Additionally, K9 Bella has been on over 65 deployments and K9 Hercules has over 13.

Rus' training includes Injury and Death Investigation, Hazard Materials and the CSI, Blood-borne Pathogens, Forensic Anthropology, Medico-legal Death Investigations, NSDA Discipline Prerequisites, NSDA Land Human Remains Detections, Water Human Remains Detection, K-9 Helicopter Safety, Clandestine Graves HRD K-9 Training, FACTS Level II Training, ATV Safety Institute, 1st Aid and CPR for Pets, Distraction Training.

Rus has also attended K-9 HRD training seminars hosted by NCCERT, Mason Dixon K9 Team, Manatee Search and Rescue, Sarasota K9 Search Team, SDONA, Ala. TF 1, IFMA, FEMORS, FDIAl, The IAI, FACTS, WCU, IHIA.

Rus is a member of the IAI, The FDIAl, FEMORS, CUE, NASAR, NAPWDA, FOP Lodge 89, The National FOP, GFA, The American Legion, Seeking Justice, and the NRA.

Rus is a Past President of the IAI and The FDIAl.

Rus is a former member, Team Leader, and Team President of the Sarasota K9 Search & Rescue Team, A former member of The Southwest Florida K9 Search Unit and a founding member and current President of the TriSAR K9 Search & Recovery Team.