

# Search Dogs Sydney

## After Action Review

### Speechley Search – Dalmeny 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> July 2020



Team Boof: K9 Boof, Team Leader/Handler Adele J, Search Tech Amanda G

Team Rufus: K9 Rufus, Team Leader/Handler Chris D, Search Tech Tone M

Search Command Team Rufus: Mal J

Search Command Team Boof: Trace M

#### 1) What did we do:

- Travelled safely to Dalmeny in convoy on Friday
- Assisted family with search for a missing person
- Undertook search operations on South Coast
- Utilised 2 x search teams each with separate command post

#### 2) What did we do well:

- Comms was good across both teams
- Good relay between both command posts
- Providing an SDS radio to the other search team on site allowing us to be aware of each other's locations
- Good command set up – having one per team allowed for better team management
- Post search mapping was quicker than previous and search commanders used their time wisely during K9 rest periods
- Dynamic operations – the ability to plan additional search areas using SARTopo and be able to conduct additional originally unplanned searches
- Use of marker tape improved – as was the utilisation of adding specific markings to the markers

#### 3) What could we do differently:

- Determined that we need to upload tracks post each completed search due to the GPS overwriting files when it saves tracks
- Set up of solar panels to become first point of action as this will assist in not running batteries down in vehicles

- Potential to change team names when out on searches – as we will not always be utilising Boof & Rufus. Suggestion to use phonetic alphabet based on K9 being used:

Team Bravo	K9 Boof
Team Charlie	K9 Chilli
Team Kilo	K9 Kao
Team Juliet	K9 Jazz
Team Romeo	K9 Rufus