

## Sonja Nordstrom

Sonja Nordstrom is a retired Special Agent of the FBI with 24 years of SAR/Detection K9 experience, 10 years involved in competitive dog sports (Schutzhund/IPO, French Ring, Mondio Ring, and Scentwork/Nosework) and nearly 6 years as a professional dog trainer since retiring from the FBI. She has received training and field experience in the collection of forensic evidence with specialized training in clandestine grave/human remains recovery. In 2003, Sonja received her Detector Dog Trainer's Certification from Vohne Liche Kennels and later developed a 40-hour P.O.S.T. Cadaver Dog course for Law Enforcement K9 Handlers. This history has resulted in a unique blend of SAR K9 training and field work, investigative field experience, legal and courtroom experience, and a treasure trove of component and precision-based K9 training techniques to address the most challenging aspects and applications of Human Remains Detection K9 training for both Handler and K9. Sonja currently volunteers as the President, Lead Trainer, and Handler for Great Basin K9 SAR, and deploys with her 5<sup>th</sup> HRD certified K9. She also owns and operates Sonja's Dog Training where she trains and has worked with dogs of all ages, breeds, and temperaments; offers Nosework/Scentwork workshops; and is both a UKC Nosework and AKC Scentwork Judge.