



MAYWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

BLOODHOUND K-9 UNIT

REFERENCE SHEET

BLOODHOUND USE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Bloodhounds have the strongest law enforcement tracking ability
- Bloodhounds are scent specific, meaning they track one human's scent vs. other police K-9's that track general human odor
- Bloodhounds break human scent down to an individual person, making the risk of tracking the wrong person minimal

BLOODHOUND CALL TYPES

- Tracking criminal suspects
- Tracking missing persons
 - Juvenile
 - Suicidal
 - Alzheimer's or other cognitive disability
 - Child abductions
- Sighting confirmations (determining if a person was at a specific location)
- Tracking a specific route of foot travel for furthering investigations
- Locating evidence on the route a suspect fled
- Confirming vehicle pick-ups at a specific location
- Can track up to many hours and possibly days later
- Track long distances over any surface

SCENT ARTICLES

- There are two methods that are used in order to direct a bloodhound to trail a specific human scent:
 - A **Scent Article** can be anything the person wore (clothing, hats, etc.), handled (coffee cup, water bottle, firearm, screwdriver, etc.) or came into contact with (door knob, window sill, etc.), or bodily fluid.
 - **Place Last Seen (PLS)** place last seen is simply the area the person was last seen in

GUIDANCE IN PERSERVING THE SCENT ARTICLE/PLS

- Any item that could be utilized as a scent article should be left in place and not handled
- Any scent article that cannot remain in place should be handled by one person, using gloves and secured in an evidence bag, while taking note of its location
- If P.L.S. will be utilized, no one should enter the P.L.S. area
- Any officer/civilian that either handles the scent article, or enters P.L.S., should remain on scene

DISPATCH PROCEDURE

- **Contact Maywood Police Department Communications for requests (201-845-8800).**
- MPD K-9 works alongside the BCSD K-9 Unit to provide this enhanced tracking service.

