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## VINCENT RAMIREZ URBAN TRACKING SEMINAR

**MAY 13 & 14, 2017**

I want handlers and their canine companions to experience the positive of tracking. Tracking builds trust in the dog, tracking builds the dog's confidence and it gives the handler another opportunity to place their hands on the dog with praise. I am comfortable teaching elder retired obedience dogs and young puppies alike. My first tracking dog and I were just looking for something to do after years of obedience. Turbo UD TDX was the perfect instructor passing his TDX just 10 months after his TD at 13.5 years of age. I treasure that time spent working scent with Turbo and have with each dog since. My second tracking dog was started young to become a Champion Tracker June 25, 2000. CT Twister and I stepped away from AKC for the next four years training with USAR NETF-1. With Twister at my side we completed the FEMA USAR Canine Search Specialist Course at Camp Murray, WA September 14, 2001. Training with top SAR handlers and their dogs in difficult if not hostile environments, gave me a welcomed perspective of training in drive and teaching with motivation.

Next were Belgian Tervurens CH CT CoCo Puff, CH OTCH CT Amy and recently CH CT Danya and CH CT Bragger UD. I am currently working two Tervuren in TD/TDX and one Belgian Sheepdog in VST. To date six TD's, seven TDX's, and five VST's / Champion Trackers. I love these dogs and respect their abilities. These titles are theirs not mine.

The TD/TDX method that I use with my dogs is the same that I use for VST. At the seminar I will move quickly from theory, method, and application, hands-on then to debrief questions..... then start the cycle again. We will be back and forth from classroom to field work both days. If one is interested and they pay close attention, they will be offered all that I know pertaining scent, method, application, evaluation, and motivation pertaining to the UTD/UTDX dog. An important part of my seminars is the read and motivation that I learned from my fellow FEMA Canine Search Specialist while training USAR. My method is applied no differently than teaching a competitive obedience dog. By the time that the dog is test ready ....all we are is transportation. Tracking is all about the dog.

The working slots are limited to 14 teams and working participants. A questionnaire will be emailed to all working teams; it is to be returned so that a participant baseline may be established. A participant's time is shared almost equally between classroom presentation and field work. An emphasis is placed on teaching the canine the required skill sets necessary to title while building the canine's confidence and motivation. Unlimited auditors and auditors are expected to participate in classroom discussion. You are encouraged to bring a notebook, pen/pencil, a chair, crate, tracking harness, tracking line, tracking articles, training treats, tracking flags. Prepare for weather. Show up with an open mind, negative energy not allowed. ~Vincent Ramirez / Bucyrus, KS



**2-Day Working Slot (limited to 14 people | 1 dog per person) = \$200 Members/\$250 Non-Members**  
**2-Day Auditing Slot (limited to 35 people | no dogs) = \$100** **See last page about private lessons.**

# REGISTRATION FORM: VINCENT RAMIREZ URBAN TRACKING SEMINAR

HOSTED BY SCENTRAL ONTARIO TRACKERS IN GUELPH, ONTARIO

MAY 13 & 14, 2017

Registration will open to Scentral Ontario Trackers Members first and then Non-members after February 18, 2017. Send your registration fee (\$200 members/\$250 non-members for working | \$100 for auditing) along with the registration form below to reserve your slot. Payment MUST be received with your registration form in order to hold your place. Non-members are encouraged to send in their form with payment before Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, and it will be considered in order of arrival once Member working spots are confirmed.

Confirmations will be emailed. The seminar will be held in the south end of the city for those booking overnight accommodation.

Payment options:

- e-transfer to [ScentralOntarioTrackers@gmail.com](mailto:ScentralOntarioTrackers@gmail.com)
- PayPal on our website at <http://scentralontariotrackers.homestead.com/> with a convenience fee of \$3 added to the total
- cheque made out to Scentral Ontario Trackers and mailed to: Joan Robinson, Box 144, Rockton, ON L0R 1X0

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CANCELLATIONS by April 1: Registration fee minus \$25 will be returned. NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1.

Exception: Working slots cancelling at any time will receive a full refund IF there is another team on the waiting list.

Substitutions may be made at any time before the first day of the program.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING DURING THE WEEKEND. PLEASE BE PREPARED FOR WEATHER WITH APPROPRIATE FANS, SHADE AND CAR CRATING FOR YOUR DOG(S). THE CLASSROOM PORTION LASTS THE MORNING OF DAY 1 AND FOR 1-2 HOURS AT THE BEGINNING OF DAY 2.**

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If paying electronically, please email the info below, otherwise please mail this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Working \_\_\_\_ Auditing \_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method and Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



## PRIVATE LESSONS WITH VINCENT

We will be offering private lessons with Vincent on the Monday following the seminar.

Lesson timeslots last 30 minutes and cost \$40 each.

While the seminar is focused on Urban tracking, private lessons could focus on either urban or field tracking, but for logistical reasons you must declare your choice at the time of sign-up. How you spend the 30 minutes is up to you – running pre-laid track(s) for critique and suggestions or questions and discussion with Vincent or a combination. If time and space allow, participants can sign up for more than one timeslot, but only after other participants have had a chance to sign up for one.

**Private lessons will only run if there is enough interest to warrant it.**

**Full refunds will be given if there is not enough interest.**

**Deadline to sign up and pay for lessons is February 18<sup>th</sup> (for members and non-members).**

**Notification of whether lessons are running will be sent to lesson participants as soon as possible after February 18th.**

**I am interested in signing up for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **30-minute timeslot(s) for urban tracking private lessons x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ **30-minute timeslot(s) for field tracking private lessons x \$40 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total paid: \_\_\_\_\_**