

# McLean County EMA

## K9 Operations Team Residence Requirements Policy

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### Policy

Due to the intensive time requirements for on-going training and the time sensitive need for quick response times during activations/deployments McLean County Emergency Management Agency (McLean EMA) requires members of the EMA-K9 Operations Team (K9 Handlers) to reside in one of the following counties:

McLean, Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Livingston, Logan, Macon, Piatt, Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford (light blue).

Any prospective member may petition for an exemption to this policy. Exemptions to this policy must be based on extraordinary skills and abilities that will be of benefit to the EMA-K9 Operations Team. The Lieutenant of Search and Rescue will determine whether to grant an exemption to the residency policy in consultation with the Sergeant of K-9 Operations.

### Purpose

To provide guidelines for all team members and prospective members to follow to insure optimal response times and to assist in the ease of team training days and team meetings.

### Procedures

K9 Handlers live within the listed counties (light blue). Any prospective member must, in writing, ask for exemption to said policy listing skills and/or abilities that they bring to the EMA K9 Operations Team.

All current members already meet this policy's requirements or have proven their skills and abilities without question. Current members as of September 19, 2013 of the EMA K9 Operations Teams are considered grandfathered into this policy.

