

## **CANINE RESPONDERS**

### **SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY:**

Kim Bialkowski has been involved in search and rescue since the winter of 1996, and has had bloodhounds since 1995. She has had two RCMP validated dogs, and is currently training a new dog, a 1-year old female bloodhound who is almost ready for the RCMP test and is mission ready in Washington state. Kim is active in three SAR groups - one local(PEMO), one in Washington state(NWBSAR) and one international group(CASSDA).

Cheryl Cromeenes is a K-9 handler with the Northwest Bloodhounds Search and Rescue. She has been with the organization for 6 ½ years. She has resided in Washington State for most of her life (98%!) and enjoys spending time outdoors.

### **SESSION ABSTRACT:**

This session will provide an overview of scent theory form and function of a K9 in search and rescue, earthquake disaster response, how canine responders are called out internationally, and locally. Kim will also address wilderness, urban, area search and rubble work as well as when to best use a dog and what kind of dog to use.