

Dr. DeGreeff at Florida International University in collaboration with **Dr. Prada-Tiedemann at Texas Tech University** are currently evaluating the implementation of standards/guidelines related to the training and certification of canine teams utilized for explosive detection, within local, state, and national law enforcement agencies and within the private sector alike. We need agencies who may be interested in participating in a survey about canine detection of explosives and implementation of standards used in the training and certification of canine explosive teams.



### **INFORMATIONAL LETTER**

*Assessing the Accuracy and Reliability of Canine Detection: A Proof-of-Concept Black Box Study using OSAC Explosives Detection Standards*

Hello, my name is Dr. Lauryn DeGreeff. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the implementation of training and certification standards/guidelines used in the canine detection of explosives within local, state, and national law enforcement agencies and within the private sector. Participation in this study will take 15-30 min of your time. If you agree to be in the study, your participation involves answering a series of questions regarding your agency's standard operating procedures and guidelines for canine detection of explosives.

There are no foreseeable risks or benefits to you for participating in this. It is expected that this study will be an invaluable aid to track the dissemination and use of certain training and certification standards in the relevant community. The survey will also be used to identify participants in a future canine test relating to the reliability of canine detection.

There is no cost or payment to you.

Your data will remain anonymous. The data may be used in published articles but will contain no references to you personally. You cannot be identified in any way from any information that may be published. You will be given the opportunity to provide an email address, but this is entirely optional and will only be used to contact regarding future studies.

If you have questions for one of the researchers conducting this study, you may contact Dr. Lauryn DeGreeff at [ldegreeff@fiu.edu](mailto:ldegreeff@fiu.edu) or 305-348-4047.

If you would like to talk with someone about your rights of being a subject in this research study or about ethical issues with this research study, you may contact the FIU Office of Research Integrity by phone at 305-348-2494 or by email at [ori@fiu.edu](mailto:ori@fiu.edu).

Your participation in this research is voluntary, and you will not be penalized or lose benefits if you refuse to participate or decide to stop. You may keep a copy of this form for your records.