**OLD DOMINION K-9 and**

**SUMNER COUNTY (TN) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –**

***COVID-19* RELEASE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE (2021)**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

To reduce the chance for the spread of COVID-19 and to seek out and destroy the potential hidden dangers caused by the virus, the Old Dominion K-9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management has put in place the following preventative measures for the 2021 Fall Seminar:

* Attendees will be screened daily for symptoms and exposure
* Attendees will wear masks when unable to socially distance
* Attendees will wash their hands thoroughly and often according to CDC recommendations
* The number of attendees will be reduced to approximately 30
* There will not be “buffet style” breakfasts, lunches, and dinners as in years past. Social distancing will be practiced by all participants throughout the seminar

Old Dominion K-9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management has put in place the aforementioned preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the **Old Dominion K-9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19.** **Further, attending the 2021 Fall Seminar could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the 2021 Fall Seminar hosted by the Old Dominion K9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the 2021 Fall Seminar may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, Old Dominion K9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management employees, agents and volunteers.

I, , the undersigned, having requested the right to participate in the Old Dominion K9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management ‘21 Fall Seminar to be held at Holiday Lake 4 - H Camp in Appomattox, VA. From 3rd – 8th OCTOBER 2021, such application having been made of my own initiative, and,

I, specifically understand and acknowledge that I am aware that there are inherent dangers and risks in the training and evaluation of search handlers and their canines, and

I, fully understand that if I am to participate in the course, I accept the inherent dangers and risks to me, my canine/s and my equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration for permitting me to participate in such training and/or activities, I hereby waive and release the officers, agents, members, instructors and their staffs of the following described organizations, to wit: Old Dominion K9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management, or any organization, group or helpers, from all claims, rights or causes of actions accruing in my favor as a result of personal injuries or loss or damage of property {(including my canine(s)} caused during such training or activity in conjunction with the Old Dominion K-9 and Sumner County (TN) Emergency Management ‘21 Fall Seminar, from 3rd – 8th OCTOBER 2021 and such waiver and release on behalf of myself and all who may hereafter claim through or for me.

Dated this day of , 2021

Signature of Applicant

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