

# **International Day of Search and Rescue Dogs – Events in Santa Catarina, Brazil – (30/04/2017)**

Corpo de Bombeiros Militar de Santa Catarina – Xanxerê/SC – Brasil

## **I. IRO Testing Event – Xanxerê, SC, Brazil**

Between the days of April's 27th e 29th there will be a IRO Testing Event on the municipality of Xanxerê, Santa Catarina, Brasil. With the support of the NRO Corpo de Bombeiros Militar de Santa Catarina (CBMSC), this event will start the celebrations of the International Day of Search and Rescue Dogs in the area. With dog handlers from many latin american corporations, the dogs and handlers will be tested to be able to work in real search and rescue operations (mandatory requirement by many corporations in Brazil).

## **II. Search and Rescue Dogs Service- Merit Medal**

After the IRO Testing Event, the CBMSC will held an event in with more than 30 dogs and handlers will be granted with a specific medal created for the service. The merit medal is granted to handlers who gave several years of their lives dedicated to promote the training and applying of search and rescue dogs. Also, the medal is granted to dogs who retired after years of work with their handlers, saving lives and accomplishing the mission.



(Full Merit Medal of Search and Rescue Dogs Service)

## **III. Statue/Memorial Inauguration**

As a final act of the celebrations, there will be open a small public square with a statue and memorial in honor to Dog Handlers – brave men and women who conduct search and rescue dogs, donating part of their lives and personal space, bringing a dog into their daily professional and familiar routine – and in honor to the Search and Rescue Dogs Service. A job done in many

corporations spread out in the world, always with the goal to find victims even faster, relieving their suffering and bringing them back to home.



(Dog and Handler from the 14º Battalion of CBMSC, with a local artisan from São Joaquim, SC, Brazil, being measured and doing preparations for the statue in honor to the Search and Rescue Dogs Service)