

# Ronald James Hampton

## Professional Experience

---

### Firefighter; City of Somerville Fire Department

2016-Present

- Seven years suppression and technical rescue experience on Rescue 1. Certified hazardous materials technician, structural collapse specialist, technical search technician, and MSA/SCBA field technician.

### Canine Search Specialist; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

2019-2024

- Trained and certified canines and canine handlers for both live victim find and human remains find in urban and wide-area search and rescue deployments to domestic disaster areas.

### Facilities and Information Technology Coordinator; Gradient (GRADCO LLC)

2009-2016

- Provided information technology, facilities, and administrative support onsite and remotely for employees and clients. Training and orientation leader for all current and new employees, including ongoing training in developing technologies and upgraded software.

### Loss Prevention Manager; Sears Holdings Corp. (SHC)

2003-2009

- Developed and maintained a full-line retail stores Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for disaster response. Supervised and assisted Loss Prevention Agents conducting apprehensions and interviews of suspects observed committing theft and/or fraud and prosecuted when required.

## Technical Certifications

---

• Hazardous Materials Technician (Pro Board)	• Structural Collapse Specialist (FEMA)	• Technical Search Specialist (FEMA)	• Canine Search Specialist (FEMA)	• Firefighter I/ Firefighter II (Pro Board)
• Emergency Medical Technician (MA State & NREMT)	• Trench Rescue Technician (Metro Boston US&R)	• Vehicle and Machinery Technician (Metro Boston US&R)	• Confined Space Rescue Technician I & II (Metro Boston US&R)	• Rope Rescue & High Angle Rescue Technician (Metro Boston US&R)
• Scott MSA & SCBA Field Technician (SCOTT)	• Boat Crew Operator (NASBLA)	• Boat Crew SAR Ops (NASBLA)	• Surface Water Rescue Technician (FEMA)	• NSDA Type III Live Find Canine Handler (NSDA)

## Volunteer Experience

---

### PALs Search and Rescue

2018-2024

- Squad leader for wide-area search events for missing persons; canine handler and trainer for live find and human remains canine crews.

### VetDogs Service Canine Trainer & Foster; Guide Dog Foundation

2018-2022

- Trained and fostered service dogs for disabled veterans suffering from mobility issues and PTSD.

### Team Rubicon Disaster Response & Disaster Recovery

2016-2018

- Squad leader and strike team member; post-disaster deployments to Massachusetts, Vermont, and Texas.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay

2013-2018

- Volunteer Big Brother and Mentor.

### Project Bread: Massachusetts Walk for Hunger

2013-2017

- Team and fundraiser leader; team participant.