

Course Syllabus Revised January 2006

Police K-9 Handler Course Outline

This course will prepare the student to conduct in-service training for police K-9 functions of trailing, evidence search, handler protection, criminal apprehension, building search. Selection testing of police dog prospects, tactical deployment, search and seizure law, and decoy techniques will also be covered. Extensive hands on training of dogs for these Patrol functions, and decoy skills development will also be completed during the course. Course Length is 6 weeks.

I. Obedience

- A. Training in Drive
- B. Reward & Correction
- C. Practical Obedience Training

- 1. Heeling on and off leash
- 2. Motion exercises
- 3. Recalls
- 4. Hand Signals

D. Practical Agility Training

- 1. Jumping & Climbing
- 2. Slick Floors
- 3. Open Stairs

II. Patrol Functions: Training

- A. Drives & Drive Development
- B. Prey Drive Development
- C. Defense Drive Development
- D. Drive Channeling
- E. Protection Skills

- 1. Apprehension
- 2. Handler Defense
- 3. Out & Guard
- 4. Transports
- 5. Area Searches
- 6. Building Searches
- 7. Multiple Suspects
- 8. Passive Apprehensions
- 9. Call Backs & Call Off's

F. Decoy Training

- 1. Sleeve Work
- 2. Bite Suit
- 3. Hidden Sleeve, Muzzle Work, and Civil Protection.

III. Scent Work

- A. Scent Theory
- B. Scent Discrimination Tracking/Trailing

- 1. Hunt Drive Shaping
- 2. Beginning Trails
- 3. Scent Articles
- 4. Corners
- 5. Split Trails

C. Narcotics & Explosives Detection

- 1. Training Aids: preparation & Storage
- 2. Alerts: Aggressive & Passive
- 3. Scent Discrimination: The Multiple Imprint
- 4. Separation
- 5. Vehicles
- 6. Buildings
- 7. Search Techniques
- 8. Problem Solving
- 9. Advanced Detection Issues
- 10. Interdiction

D. Article Search

IV. Administration

- A. Case Law: Apprehension
- B. Case Law: Detection
- C. Record Keeping
- D. Training Regimen