

Narcotics Detection Seminar Curriculum

This seminar covers 3 days and 24 hours of instruction, and we can accommodate up to 10 dog teams and supervisors, mixing both classroom and practical work. Evaluations of each team will be conducted. Problem solving alerts, searching behavior, handler cues, false alerting will be addressed. Advanced scenarios, and certification tests can be performed. Classroom work includes methods for handling and keeping training aids, record keeping, maintaining proficiency, search and seizure law, and recent forensic chemistry discoveries impacting detection work.

I. Introduction

- A. Demos of Trained Dogs
- B. Introduction of Dogs to Handlers
- C. Commands used: Search for narcotics:
 - Scan, Detail, Free Search Check - Up High
 - Sit, Down, Stay, Come, Heel

II. Keeping the Training Aids & Keeping Records

- A. Contamination Issues
- B. Sterilization procedures
- C. Preparation of Training Aids
- D. Training Records

III. Scent Theory

- A. Explosives Recognition
- B. Detection Science Basics
- C. Scent Pools and Scent Cones
- D. How the dog Processes Odor
- E. Reading the dog

IV. Training Theory

- A. The multiple imprint
- B. Hide and seek game
- C. Splitting the odors
- D. Removing visual cues
- E. Removing the training aids
- F. The Alert - Aggressive
- G. The Alert - Passive
- H. The Alert - Troubleshooting
- I. Scans, Directed Searches, Free Searches
- J. Basic Obedience for Detector Dogs

V. Training & Practical Deployment

- A. Vehicles
- B. Checkpoints
- C. Random Searches at Checkpoints
- D. Tractor Trailers & Large vehicles
- E. Rooms & Buildings
- F. Warehouses (Scans)
- G. Boxes, parcels and suitcases
- H. Scenario - Based Exercises
- I. Maintenance Training Issues
- J. Remedial Training

VI. First Aid and Dog Care

VII. Legal Issues & Case Law

Training will be conducted at Tarheel Canine Training Inc. and will include the following additional locations:

1. Training Center of Tarheel Canine: Training Room, Agility yard, Parking Lot, Dormitories
2. Residential Houses, garages, outbuildings
3. Sanford Police Department Vehicle Impound Lot
4. Sanford School Bus Garage
5. Sanford Lee County High School
6. Various Storage warehouses in Sanford NC
7. Emergency Services Training Center of Lee County (Formerly Lee County Airport) - Vehicles, Open Areas, Airplane hangars, Airplane Fuselages.
8. Raleigh-Durham Airport Maintenance Facility in conjunction with RDU Airport Police K9 Unit - Warehouses, Buses, Earth Moving equipment