

## Canine Training

Canine: The trained security dog.

Handler: The Constable trained to work with the canine.

Canine Training: Training conducted by a certified instructor holding the qualification to provide the necessary training of canines for explosive detection, narcotic detection, and patrol techniques.

Curriculum: The curriculum will include classroom training and hands-on training for obedience, tracking or trailing, area search, search & rescue area search, article search, agility, canine solicitation, explosive detection, narcotic detection, patrol techniques and will have proficiency testing.

At a minimum the below instruction/training requirements will be fulfilled before a constable may be canine approved by the Board:

- **Complete 12 weeks of instruction**

The handler and canine must have completed 12 weeks of instruction under the guidance of a certified instructor to provide instruction in patrol techniques.

- **Pass Written Examination**

The handler should pass a written examination regarding patrol and crowd control with a score of 80% or greater.

- **Pass Functional Test**

The handler and canine must be able to pass a function test and demonstrate the ability to perform patrol duties.

- **Complete 8-10 week Narcotic Detection Training**

The handler and canine must have completed 8-10 weeks of instruction under the guidance of a certified instructor to provide instruction in narcotic detection.

- **Pass Written Examination**

The handler should pass a written examination regarding narcotic detection a score of 80% or greater.

- **Pass Functional Test**

The handler and canine must be able to pass a function test and demonstrate the ability to perform narcotic detection.

- **Complete the 12 week Explosive Detection Training**

The handler and canine should have completed 12 weeks of instruction under the guidance of a certified instructor to provide instruction in explosive detection.

- **Pass Written Examination**

The handler should pass a written examination regarding explosive detection a score of 80% or greater.

- **Pass Functional Test**

The handler and canine must be able to pass a function test and demonstrate the ability to perform explosive detection.

**Certification is valid for a period of one year. Users should re-certify once each year.**

## MONTHLY

### On-Going Training

The following training must be completed each month:

- **Patrol Techniques**  
The handler and canine must complete a minimum of 8 hours of training each month under the guidance of a certified instructor.
- **Narcotic Detection**  
The handler and canine must complete a minimum of 4 hours of training each month under the guidance of a certified instructor.
- **Explosive Detection**  
The handler and canine must complete a minimum of 4 hours of training each month under the guidance of a certified instructor.

## ANNUAL

### Canine Re-Certification

At a minimum the below instruction/training requirements will be fulfilled before a canine constable may be recertified:

- **Complete two 8-hour training days**

The handler and canine must complete a minimum of 16 hours of instruction under the guidance of a certified instructor to provide instruction in either/or patrol techniques, narcotics detection and/or explosive detection.

- **Pass Functional Test**

The handler and canine must be able to pass a function test and demonstrate the ability to perform patrol techniques, narcotic detection, and/or explosive detection.