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Canine Team Evaluators Course

Objectives

1. Train the student how to evaluate canine team performance under the POST guidelines.
2. Train the student how to interpret and apply reasonable and uniform evaluations of the standards set forth in the POST guidelines.

Expanded Course Outline

I INTRODUCTION

- A. Objectives
- B. Overview of the course
- C. Review POST K-9 Team Guidelines

II DEMONSTRATION

- A. Demonstrate a canine team completing scenarios that meet the guideline.
- B. May use video demonstrations.

III SCENARIOS

- A. Equipment
 1. Use actual field equipment used by agency being evaluated throughout the testing process.
 - a. Dog
 - b. Handler
 - c. Training
- B. Use of Agitators / Assistants



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1. Agency being tested will provide assistants and/or agitators to work under the direction of the evaluator.
2. Evaluator to provide clear directions.

C. Site Selection

1. Select area conducive to testing.
2. Tested agency selects site, subject to approval of evaluator.

D. Reasonable Test Conditions

1. All testing scenarios should be designed to reasonable working conditions.
2. Extreme testing situations should be avoided.

E. Safety Considerations

1. Apply POST Specific Safety Policy for canine training.

IV UNIFORM APPLICATION OF STANDARDS

A. Definition of Terms.

1. See glossary

B. POST Voluntary Guidelines

1. These are NOT the evaluator's guidelines.

V LOCAL CONSIDERATIONS

A. Prior to Testing

1. The evaluator should become familiar with the agency's policies, procedures and standards.
2. The evaluator should know, prior to testing, what field equipment is normally used by the agency.

B. During the Evaluation Process

1. The evaluator should make reasonable accommodations to the agency tested without deviating from POST guidelines.



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2. Test only those topics within the guidelines that are applicable to the agency being evaluated.

VI TESTING

- A. How to Use the Scenarios
 1. Refer to "Suggested Canine Team testing scenarios"
- B. Evaluator's Discretion
 1. Minor mistakes
 2. Second command
- C. Failure to Test
 1. Wait at least 24 hours before retesting.
 2. Test only the major topic failed.

V EVALUATION FORMS

- A. How to Use
- B. Use comments section only if there is failure
 1. Use brief comments
- C. Signed evaluation forms should be left with the agency being evaluated.
- D. Indicate on the evaluation form the type of agency equipment used during the testing process.

VI REASONABLE APPLICATION OF POST GUIDELINES

- A. DO NOT dictate agency policy.
- B. Work with the agency policy.



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GLOSSARY

DEFINITION OF TERMS

TRAINER

The current trainer of the canine team.

TOPICS

Limited to headings of Obedience, Search, Apprehension, Handler Protection and Narcotics Search.

HANDLER

The person that deploys the dog as part of the canine team.

ALERT

A recognized signal from the dog to the handler.

CALL OFF

The stopping of the activity.

FIELD EQUIPMENT

That equipment used by the dog or the handler while performing their normal duties.