

Instructors & Classes 2018 NPCA National Training Seminar
Kansas City, Missouri September 11 - 13, 2018



The National Police Canine Association is dedicated to providing the best training and support for our NPCA members along with those who work hand in hand with our members.

In keeping with the tradition that has made the National Police Canine Association one of the innovative leaders in our industry, we have again reached outside the box to include those who we work with on a frequent basis. The conference training is available to Canine Handlers, Prosecuting Attorneys, Asset Forfeiture Attorneys, Swat Officers, Training Decoys and Supervisors.

It is time for us to all be on the proverbial "Same Page" to become strong and unified. NPCA strives to achieve this goal by conducting training alongside each other and for each other. We all have the same goal, to do our job, and to do it to the best of our ability.

NPCA is proud to set standards within our industry which will allow us to continually grow and learn. Our goal is to build a partnership through training and communication.

The presenters at the 2018 NPCA National Training Conference are some of the best Handlers, Trainers, Instructors, Tactical Officers, Supervisors and Attorneys in the industry today.

CLASSES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR CLE HOURS

You Do not need to be a current member to attend

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Daryl Gaunt: Daryl began working with dogs by decoying for Inglewood Police Department in 1978. He also worked with the Los Angeles Schutzhund Club where he held the position of Vice President and Assistant Training Director. He then went into the Army for eight years and was a military dog handler for four years. He has worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Los Angeles County since 1991 and has been assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau canine unit since 2003. He has been a unit trainer since 2005 where he helped establish their Tactical K9 school. He is currently working his third SWAT patrol dog.

SWAT K9 deployment class:

Daryl helped develop this course for the LA County SWAT School and the LA County Tactical Canine Course

Behavior Shaping with an E-collar Class:

Based on the belief we have been improperly using the E-collar for decades. I believe we should use it at very low levels as a "communication tool" first and a "correction tool" last. The thing we all fall short of is "communicating" our desire to our dog "consistently".



Bob Wright: Bob has recently retired as a Superintendent with the Niagara Regional Police in Ontario, Canada. He is a long time K9 handler, trainer and administrator.

Seven Deadly Sins:

This class is designed to prepare Canine Handlers for real world encounters away from the training field. Although this class is important for the new handler, the class also serves as a great reminder for experienced handlers to ensure that they use their officer safety skills in the day-to-day deployment of their Police Service Dogs.

Supervisors Course:

This class has been developed over the years to be a model, which has been successfully utilized by numerous canine supervisors across the country.

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Steve Pearson: Steve is retired as a Lieutenant. after 30 years from the Brooklyn Park, MN Police Department. Steve was a patrol dog handler, and later became the trainer, and K-9 unit supervisor for his agency. and now the Owner of Performance Kennels Inc. in Buffalo, MN and South FloridaK-9 Inc. located in Labelle, FL.

Tracking:

This course will consist of classroom training on the basics of tracking, theory of scent, different types of scent, K-9 olfactory system, line handling methods, teaching your dog to show you when he is off the track, (the “negative”) teaching your dog to confirm that he is still on an active track, tactical considerations, and advanced hard surface tracking techniques.



Frank Glover: Frank is a Lieutenant with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office for 20 years. Frank has been a K9 Handler and trainer for 15 years and currently oversees a 25 dog unit. Frank has been a member of the N. P.C.A. since 2000 and currently is the Standards and Training Committees Chairman.

K9 Record Keeping for Patrol and Detection:

During Franks time in K9 he has testified in State and Federal Court and has assisted other agencies with pending lawsuits. The class he will be teaching is on record keeping and document presentation. This will be an open discussion class on various ways to maintain and present your K9 documents



Ted Daus:

Nationally recognized for prosecuting drug trafficking cases, Ted Daus tells it like it is. What a perfect opportunity for K-9 handlers to learn straight from the prosecutor what he needs to hear from you on the stand when presenting your drug cases to the jury.

Ted navigates his way through the latest courtroom decision about police detection dogs and takes us along for the wild and sometimes crazy ride. Ted’s abilities as a communicator will keep you on the edge of your seat as he opens everyone’s eyes to what’s been happening in the courtroom and what the future looks like for drug detection K-9 teams across America.

Legal Updates and Opinions :

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Aaron Brewer: Officer Aaron Brewer has been with the Peoria (AZ) Police Department since 2001 and was assigned to the K9 Unit in 2005. He is currently working his third dual purpose canine. Faris, a 2-year-old Malinois. Aaron became the unit trainer for his Department in 2010 and also provides training to other surrounding agencies. Additionally, Aaron and Faris are assigned to the Peoria Police Department’s SWAT Team and coordinate integration training with the team.

“Training Outside the Box.”:

Aaron and Mike’s class will encourage participants to step outside their “routine” training regiment. The presentation will consist of techniques Aaron and Mike have incorporated in their training that have helped make their dogs successful on the street. The students will see how Aaron and Mike have completely transitioned away from visual equipment (bite suits/sleeves) to prepare the dogs for real life encounters with suspects.



Michael Miller : Officer Miller is a canine handler / trainer with the Goodyear Arizona Police Department. Mike is working on his second dual purpose canine, Toby, a two-year-old Malinois. Mike has worked dual purpose canines his entire career that specialize in EOD detection, Narcotic detection, and Patrol functions. Mike and “Toby” are currently assigned to his departments SWAT team. Mike has assisted in the training and movement between the unit’s canine teams and their SWAT team. Mike is an active NPCA member and certifying official, he is currently working on his NPCA instructor certification

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James Wright: City of Pasadena Texas Police Department. James has been a police officer for over 25 years. James is the lead Tech for the City of Pasadena. His duties include covert/overt camera builds and installations, covert electronic tracking, covert audio transmitting techniques, etc. & a certified DIAP (Drug Interdiction Assistance Program) instructor.

Currently James is over a DEA investigative initiative in Houston that involves trapped motor vehicles, both privately owned as well as CMV's. The basis of this initiative is to investigate trap builders and exploit the vehicles that they produce to DTO's across the country. James has been teaching techniques to locate and defeat concealed compartments in motor vehicles for the past three years to officers/agents across the United States.

Vehicle interdiction / Hidden Compartment / Traps:

The class will cover topics involving "traps" and how to defeat them when located as well as basic wiring strategies used by trap builders. I cover a range of topics and let the involvement of the participants in the class lead me in the direction that is needed or wanted by the participants



Geoffrey Leggett: Assistant Police Chief, City of Surprise Police Department. Geoff has 30 years of law enforcement service in Arizona. He retired from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in 2008 Highlights of his career include serving as the Basic Training Academy Commander, Investigations Commander, Patrol Commander and Tactical Operations Unit Supervisor.

Geoff holds a Bachelors Degree in Police Science and Administration as well as a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. Geoff is a member and trainer for the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation assisting individuals who have been involved in critical incidents.

Human Elements of Stress:

Surviving a career in law enforcement means much more than just an officer's physical survival. The ability to understand and cope with the emotional reactions to the incidents officers deal with each day is vital to their survival.

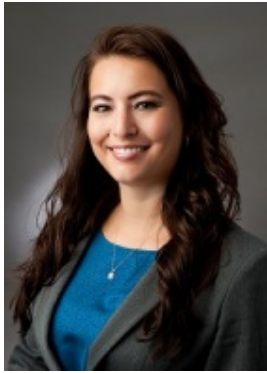

Have you ever wondered why so many police officers get divorced; get involved in bad decisions regarding their personal lives, abuse alcohol or other substances? If you come to this course you will learn the reasons why and how to prevent it from happening to you. This course will enable a law enforcement officer and their family members to identify the manner in which the culture of law enforcement has an impact on their lives and level of stress. Time will be spent identifying what makes the impact of stress vary from person to person / situation to situation. A key component of the course will be discussing the roller-coaster of emotions and events that make up an officer's life at work and home; and how to effectively cope with its impact on their lives.

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	<p>Taylor Rahn: Taylor is an attorney from Albuquerque, NM who specializes in representing law enforcement officers and agencies in civil litigation arising out of use of force. Ms. Rahn has successfully defended law enforcement officers and agencies in New Mexico state and federal court as well as the Tenth Circuit of Appeals. Ms. Rahn is a New Mexico Department of Public Safety certified professional lecturer on civil liability for officers and frequently lectures at academies and advanced training courses throughout New Mexico. Ms. Rahn is especially passionate about representing officers due to her close family ties to law enforcement.</p> <p>Civil Liability and Use of Police Canines: This course will cover the fundamentals of civil liability and the use of police canines as a force option. Students will learn common sources of liability as well as how to potential civil exposure for using canines. The course will include a survey of case law from around the country as well as discussion of specific lawsuits defended by the instructor. Students will also receive an overview of the civil litigation process and tips for persuasive explaining their use of force.</p>
	<p>Tim Baird: Tim is the Director of Canine Training At VWK9. He has had an exceptionally diverse and successful 25-year professional track record, providing innovation and reliability in canine team training. With his professional experience beginning as a Canine Officer in Tennessee, he received multiple commendations and was awarded Officer of the Year. In 2001 Tim trained his explosive detection canine to be multifaceted in her duties. She was trained to located body worn explosives and also worked off lead up to 300 meters using hand signals and whistle commands.</p> <p>He continues to participate in cutting edge classified and non-classified experimentation with dogs and technology in support of a range of government agencies</p> <p>K9 Detering Terrorism and the Suicide Bomber: For the last 12 years Tim has been advancing explosive dogs by the use of Vapor Wake® dogs. He is one of the inventors of the Patent Vapor Wake dog. The Vapor Wake dog is a canine that is able to pick up the particles of explosives coming off of a suicide bomber. This mobile detection platform is exceptional for transit and large events.</p>

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Chris Jakubin: Chris is in his 32st year in the police dog training field and is currently an evaluator for the Military Working Dog (MWD) program at Lackland AFB, TX. As an MWD evaluator Chris ensures each MWD meets Department of Defense (DoD) standards through a rigorous four day test. He was certified by the DoD as a handler, trainer, Kennel Master and Program Manager. Chris is also an instructor and certifying agent for the following disciplines: tracking/trailing, narcotics, explosives and patrol work. He has been involved with the military's green dog training program (purchasing and training), handling both drug and bomb detector dogs and has conducted numerous anti-terrorism searches in support of many distinguished visitors and special events. Chris has given numerous presentations independently and in support for HITS and the National Police K-9 association in detection and patrol disciplines to include a muzzle fight seminar he developed for police agencies to assist them in developing their street fighting dogs. Chris is also a consultant/trainer for Allergen Detection Service Dogs and Olive Branch K-9.

Chris will be teaching two classes at this seminar.

MUZZLE ATTACK CLASS:

Can your dog battle? Do you trust your dog will battle in stressful environments? Does it have what it takes to fight a suspect without all the bulky equipment on? Join Chris Jakubin to learn why this training tool is so important for the proper development of your police dog. In this class you will learn the basics of muzzle work to advanced off leash fighting for time and distance. Good practice techniques helps build confidence in your dog and increases the chances of your success.

BOMB DOG TRAINING/FROM A to O (Odor):

In today's day and age all bomb dog teams need to be one step ahead of the game. We all must think outside the box and train for today's threat. Today's bomb dog is not only needed before the special events but also during these chaotic events. Ask yourself this...can your dog work during a 4th of July parade or a major sporting event. Consider all the distractions and heavy stimulus you and your dog will encounter at these events. In Chris Jakubin's class you will learn how and where to prepare your dog teams. You will learn training techniques to get your dog to hunt and what to hunt without any stimulus. These techniques are solidified in how we practice...how are your practices and how are you practicing?

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Don Roberts: Mr. Roberts is the Program Manager for the Detection Canine and Surface Transportation Explosive Threat Detection Programs for the Homeland Security Advanced Research Projects Agency, Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate, Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The DHS S&T Canine program goal is to provide the Homeland Security Enterprise (HSE) with a centralized focal point within DHS to address mission requirements, conduct operationally relevant research, and to improve the operational proficiency of the DHS/HSE detection canine teams.

The DHS S&T K9 program: The DHS Science & Technology (S&T) Detection Canine program serves as a Federal focal point for the detection canine community by providing tools, techniques and knowledge to better understand, train and utilize the detection canine.

The DHS S&T canine program manager, Don Roberts will provide an overview of how the State and Local law enforcement community can leverage the program to assist you with meeting your agency's K9 program needs.

Mr. Roberts will also bring expert staff from his program to discuss:

- Chemistry of odor detection – specifically for explosive detection
- Best practices for maintenance training and operation readiness testing and evaluation
- Recently established Regional Explosives Detection Dog Initiative (REDDI)

Through REDDI, S&T is providing a series of regionally-based events for detection canine teams in the law enforcement community. The events will include classroom instruction and exercises demonstrating common issues which will improve explosives and odor knowledge and appreciation for the participating canine handlers. Fundamental odor recognition evaluations and operational searches based on real-world scenarios will help identify strengths and weaknesses within the HSE and inform the direction of priority S&T program investments. REDDI's goal is to improve explosive detection canine team training effectiveness and efficiency in order to improve overall operational proficiency.

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Palestra Group : This instructor is a 24 year veteran of the New York State Police and is a Subject Matter Expert and an active narcotics investigator with over twenty years of narcotics, street gang, and criminal suppression experience. His classes are presented with the use of power point, lecture, and case studies coupled with the real-life accounts of criminal enforcement targeting international and domestic Heroin Trafficking Organizations. He will share his experience in locating compartments used by Drug Trafficking, Money Laundering Organizations, Street Gangs and Home Invasion Organizations.

This instructor will be teaching two classes at this years seminar.

RESIDENTIAL CONCEALED COMPARTMENTS:

This course is tailored to Uniformed Officers, K9 Handlers, Federal Law Enforcement Officers, Narcotic Enforcement Teams, Street Gang Units and Parole/Probation Officers conducting residential searches. The course covers how to conduct a comprehensive detailed residential search. Focusing on bulk currency and narcotics concealment, this course outlines concealment methods ranging from crude and simplistic to technically advanced remote controlled actuator activated hides. This course emphasizes and demonstrates the importance of closely examining common residential/commercial items, furniture, luxury items and structural voids for modifications and compartment indicators. Attendees will be instructed on how to effectively test, probe and examine these items for abnormalities and anomalies. These search methods yields the safe and successful seizure of illicit concealed contraband and currency.

THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICA'S HEROIN EPIDEMIC *From poppy field to street corner* This course has been developed as a comprehensive look into the international and domestic heroin trade which has hit epidemic portions in the United States. The course details heroin trafficking from the international sourcing of the drug to its street level distribution. This course covers the transportation, set-up, day to day operations, organizational management, heroin “mill” operations, distribution and financial rewards associated with this very lucrative illicit narcotic.

This class will also cover the fentanyl.....

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