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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.

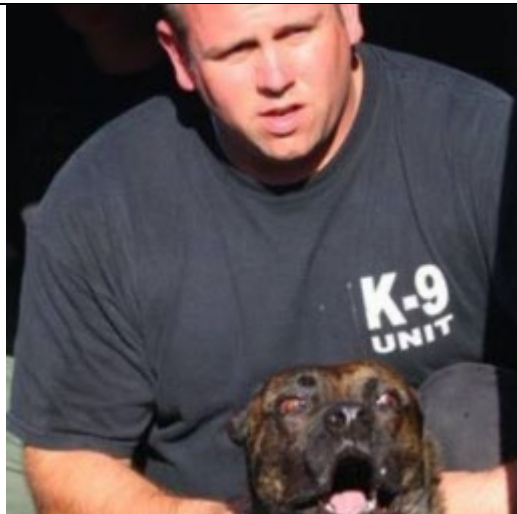
NPCA is proud to set standards within our industry which will allow us to continually grow and learn. Our goal is to build a partnership through training and communication.

The presenters at the 2024 NPCA National Training Conference are some of the best Handlers, Trainers, Instructors, Tactical Officers, Supervisors and Attorneys in the industry today.

You Do not need to be a current member to attend

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Ryan Sumner

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Supervisors Class

This course is for canine supervisors that have and have not been canine handlers. We will cover canine handler expectations, canine training records, canine deployments, and supervision liability. Every canine supervisor should attend this course to further your knowledge.



Vince Bingaman

Tracking Class

Handler Survival Class

Bio:

Vince recently retired from the Phoenix Police Dept. after 30 years of law enforcement service. Working his last 20 years in the department's K9 unit and over 13 years as the unit's lead trainer, has given Vince the opportunity to separate theory from reality and present training based on proven tactics and techniques. Vince's experience runs the entire spectrum from team selection, basic academies and the advanced tactical application of the Police Service Dog. He currently owns Civil Dog USA, a consulting and training company dedicated to real world training for today's K9 teams.

Tracking:

Vince discusses the training and tactics needed for a successful k9 tracking team. Whether it is tracking/trailing, urban or rural, the foundations needed to locate and safely apprehend violent suspects remain the same. This is not a sport tracking class; learn from real world scenarios and how tracking can enhance your capture rate and increase your team's safety.

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Handler Survival:

Surviving any use of force starts long before the point of contact or the start of your shift. Vince has experienced multiple lethal force contacts as a handler and over 130 k9 contacts with his assigned k9's while working as a handler and trainer for the city of Phoenix.

Vince will not only cover use of force during your deployments, but also the administrative side to protecting yourself after the fact. He will cover the tactics and preparation needed to win on the street and the court room during a critical incident based on actual experience, numerous trips to IA and being the only handler in his department to have been a defendant in federal court.

Vince has testified as an expert witness on the use of force involving k9 and has consulted for agencies and their IA units on handler use of force issues. With this in mind we will also discuss "training to failure" and how to prevent it.

Brentt Donaldson: Passive alert class

Bio:

Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) Special Agent Brentt Donaldson's interest in police service dogs began at an early age. While working on his Criminal Justice degree at Bethany College, Donaldson completed independent study's with local police canine units. His law enforcement career began in the Kansas City Metro Area at the Lenexa Police Department (LPD). In 2015, Donaldson began serving as a decoy for the Lenexa Police Departments canine unit. This helped him build experience for a dual purpose K9 handler position in 2017 where he and his partner, Wrecker, were assigned as a narcotics and patrol team. Donaldson successfully served in this role with three different dogs.

After he and his family moved back to his rural hometown, Special Agent Donaldson started to serve at the state level with the KBI in 2021 with their Special Operations Division focusing on drug investigations and fugitive apprehension. Donaldson saw a need for a K9 unit within the Bureau and was an integral part of the creation of the KBI's K9 unit which notably became Kansas' first ever fentanyl working dogs.



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Today, the KBI has five working service dogs in various roles. Donaldson and his partner, narcotics/patrol dog, Kuno, are assigned to the High Risk Warrant (Tactical) Team. In addition to his role, Donaldson also serves as the KBI's canine trainer.

Passive alert:

Indication training with a brand new dog to a fully imprinted certifiable dog is the main focus of the course. Also being covered is initial selection of a "Green" dog for detection and ways to help indication discrepancies on a final response with new to seasoned dogs. Something to take away from this class is "Do not be afraid to go back to the basics".



Daryl Gaunt Behavior Shaping with E-collar

Daryl Gaunt began working with dogs by decoying for Inglewood PD 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 enlisted into the Army for eight years and was a military dog handler for four years. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff for Los Angeles County from 1991 to 2020 and was assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau canine unit from 2003 until his retirement. He was a unit trainer since 2005 where he helped establish their Tactical K9 school. During his tenure he worked three SWAT/patrol dogs including one cross trained as an explosives dog. In addition, Daryl worked for Adlerhorst International from 2005 to 2019 as an instructor. He is a California POST evaluator and has certified hundreds of dog teams from all over the country. He has instructed military and civilian teams both in the United States and internationally. He also was the West Coast Regional Director for the National Police Canine Association from 2017 until 2020 when he moved to Kentucky. He remains active in the NPCA.

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E-Collar Class:
How Dogs Learn
Why an E collar
Push / Pull training
Directional training
Problem Solving
Obedience
Control Work
Civil Liability

Many agencies use E-collars but very few have formalized training. This is not the “old standard” of E-collar training. We believe in using the collar as a communication device as well as a correctional tool. The better we communicate with our dogs the less we have to correct them. This course offers a comprehensive and foundational base for any dog program to build upon. We stress maximum control over the dog without diminishing drive. The course focuses on off leash control at all times. Whether you are a brand new handler or an experienced veteran who has been using a collar for years, this course is for you!



Sergeant Cord Overson is a police officer employed with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department since 1998. He transferred to full time K9 in 2004 and has been working and training police dogs ever since. In 2017 Cord promoted to Sergeant. Cord and the K9 Training squad are responsible for all K9 Training at LVMPD including selection and training of new dogs/handlers as well as maintenance training and troubleshooting for certified K9 teams.

K9 Contingency tactic:

The use of a patrol dog in conjunction with 40mm less lethal munitions and/or less lethal bean bag rounds to overwhelm a suspect with less lethal force allows officers to safely approach and apprehend a violent suspect that may be armed with a weapon. This tactic was originally created by SWAT to create time and distance to disrupt, possibly disarm, and apprehend violent suspects.

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Ken Pavlick

Problem Solving Detection Dogs

Ken started working with dogs in 1982 as a military working dog handler in the U.S. Air Force. While in the military he handled, trained, and supervised patrol, narcotic detection, and explosive detection K9's. Leaving the Air Force in 1986, Ken worked as a deputy sheriff/K9 handler for the Riverside County Sheriff's Office in Riverside, CA where he handled a dual purpose patrol/narcotic detection K9. Ken and his dog were also assigned to the Sheriff's SWAT team. During this time, Ken also trained dogs and handlers as an assistant trainer at Master K9 in Cherry Valley, CA.

In 1994, Ken was hired by the Canyon County Sheriff's Office in Caldwell, ID and tasked with starting a K9 program there. He was responsible for writing departmental policies and procedures for the K9 unit. Ken eventually grew the program to 15 K9 teams, where all the teams were trained by him, 10 single purpose narcotic detector dogs, 5 dual purpose patrol/narcotic detector dogs, and 2 cadaver dogs. He also trained more than 50 dogs for other law enforcement agencies in state of Idaho, as well as writing the state mandated K9 certification standards.

In 2003, Ken left full-time law enforcement and started Pacific Coast K9 in Custer, WA providing dogs and training to law enforcement agencies as well as private security companies. Pacific Coast K9 specializes in sporting breed dogs for detection work (Explosive, Narcotic, Firearms, Currency, Arson, Cadaver, Bed Bug). We can provide green dogs, trained dogs, handler classes, and trainer classes.

Ken is a Utah POST teaching judge in all K9 subjects; an instructor for SKIDDS/CATS with Canine Tac Ops, and a certifying official for the National Police Canine Association. Ken is also certified as a Master Trainer by the Canadian Law Enforcement Accreditation Registry (C.L.E.A.R.)

Since 2004, Pacific Coast K9 has successfully placed over 2000 dogs into service with over 200 law enforcement and private security entities.

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Problem Solving Detection Dogs:

This class will discuss the most common, and some not so common problems encountered when training detection dogs of all types and other strategies and solutions to resolve them.



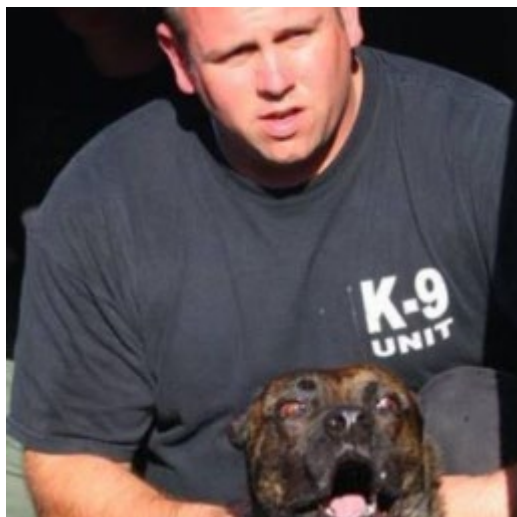
Steve Pearson and Ryan Sumner

Navigating the K-9 import business and testing the imported candidates

Steve Pearson began his K-9 career in 1988. After nearly 30 years of service, he retired from the Brooklyn Park, MN Police Department. Pearson handled two patrol dogs and later became the agency's K-9 Unit Supervisor and trainer. Pearson started Performance Kennels Inc. in 1998, importing and training police K-9's on a part time basis. After retirement in 2010 he started running Performance Kennels full time. Pearson personally selects every dog that he purchases in Europe and has extensive experience in the K-9 import business.

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Navigating the K-9 import business and testing the imported candidates:

Steve Pearson and Ryan Sumner have teamed up to give handlers and trainers an inside look at the import business and show you some of the testing methods that can give you a leg up on K-9 selection. The World-wide supply of quality green dogs has never been lower. 911 was bad enough but

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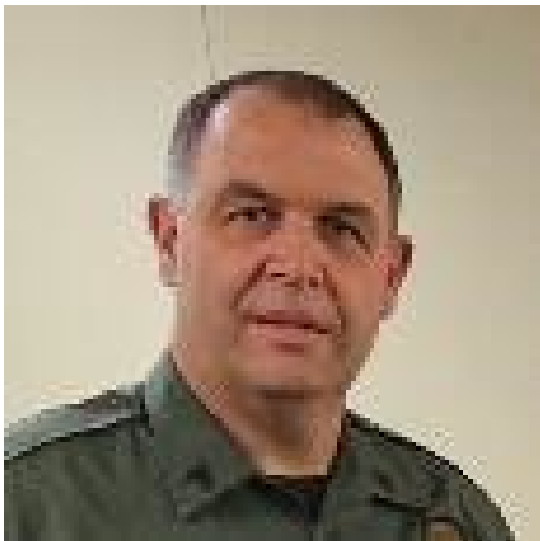
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Covid was devastating to the supply. Importers and exporters alike are marketing very young dogs (8-10 months) as older dogs, and older dogs (4-5 years) as younger dogs. X-rays and pet passports are forged. How can you tell? We will show you. Steve's experience in K-9 importation will help you navigate through the trickery and fraud. Ryan's experience in testing imports will help you select the best new K-9 for your agency

Jeff Fuller

Tennessee Highway Patrol

Highway Interdiction / Roadside Interview



Jeff Fuller began his law enforcement career in 1997. In 2004, he joined the Henderson County Sheriff's Office's Criminal Interdiction Unit, focusing on Interstate 40, where he served for three years.

In 2007, Fuller was accepted into the Tennessee Highway Patrol. By 2008, he was assigned to the Interdiction Plus Unit. In 2011, he took on a role within the West Tennessee Drug Task Force under Interdiction Plus, concentrating on interstate criminal interdiction. His performance led to his promotion in 2018 to Sergeant overseeing the Interdiction Plus Unit, where he currently supervises 12 criminal interdiction troopers.

With 19 years of full-time interstate criminal interdiction experience, Fuller has accumulated over 1,100 hours of specialized training in criminal interdiction involving both passenger and commercial vehicles, and an additional 400 hours in patrol and narcotic K-9 detection. Throughout his career, he has handled a total of five K-9s.

Fuller is also a leading instructor for the Interdiction Plus Proactive Criminal Patrol Course under the Tennessee Highway Patrol, training local and state law enforcement officers across Tennessee. Additionally, he serves as an

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instructor for the International Narcotics Interdiction Association (INIA).

Throughout his interdiction career, he has received numerous awards for significant drug cases, including:

2010: THP Interdiction Trooper of the Year

2016: Black Asphalt Largest Fentanyl Seizure

2016: TN Highway Safety Office – Beyond the Traffic Stop Award

2017: Tennessee Narcotics Officer Association Largest Fentanyl/Heroin Seizure

2022: Tennessee Narcotics Officer Association Award for 50 lbs Cocaine Seizure.

Roadside Interview:

This course will cover the analysis of body language and behavioral changes during roadside interviews, supplemented by video footage from actual traffic stops. Participants will learn to identify key roadside indicators that suggest potential criminal activity. The course will also explore various in-car and roadside interview techniques, with the goal of helping officers develop personalized and effective interviewing styles.



Barrie Pedersen

Officer Barrie Pedersen is a dedicated K-9 Handler and Trainer based in Tucson, AZ, with a distinguished 19-year career in law enforcement. With a decade of experience as a K-9 Handler, eight years serving as a SWAT operator, and five years as a K-9 trainer, Officer Pedersen has honed his expertise in the integration of K-9 units with SWAT operations.

Officer Pedersen played a crucial role in developing the high-risk arrest model currently employed by the Tucson Police SWAT team, which incorporates the use of one or more K-9s in every operation. His specialized knowledge and experience provide valuable insights into K-9 training, leadership within the K-9 unit and broader team, and operational strategies to enhance the effectiveness and service level of K-9 units.

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Classes:

High Risk Arrest Tactics (K-9 Jump Team)

This class will provide an in-depth overview of high-risk arrest operations and the various tactics SWAT teams employ to mitigate dangerous arrests. Discussions will focus on the team leader's role, the K-9 handler's role, and the dedication to training required to get a K-9 team operationally ready to work within tactical teams.

****Key Topics:****

1. ****High-Risk Arrest Operations:**** Understand the principles and practices for effectively managing high-risk arrest situations, ensuring safety and operational success.
2. ****Team Leader's Role:**** Explore the critical responsibilities of the team leader in coordinating and executing high-risk operations, including effective communication and decision-making strategies.
3. ****K-9 Handler's Role:**** Learn about the specific duties and responsibilities of the K-9 handler within a tactical team, including training, deployment, and integration of K-9 units into SWAT operations.
4. ****Training and Readiness:**** Discover the rigorous training and preparation necessary to get a K-9 team operationally ready, focusing on obedience, agility, and tactical skills.
5. ****High-Risk Open Air Arrest (K-9 Jump Team):**** Gain insights into the basics of the High-Risk Open Air Arrest (K-9 Jump Team) and understand the operational considerations when employing these tactics.
6. ****Operational Considerations:**** Delve into the strategies and considerations that can enhance the effectiveness of K-9 units in high-risk operations, including scenario-based training and real-world application.

Recipe for Success - Developing a solid K-9 Team

Building a solid K-9 Team

In this class, we will explore the intricate process of transforming a police officer or sheriff's deputy into an effective and cohesive K-9 team. Our comprehensive approach will cover the essential elements that contribute to the success of both the handler and the dog, ensuring they operate at peak performance.

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****Key Topics:****

1. ****Selecting the Right Handler:****

- Identifying the qualities and attributes necessary for a successful K-9 handler.
- Evaluating physical and mental fitness, commitment, and compatibility with the K-9 role.

2. ****The Role of the Agency:****

- Understanding the agency's responsibility in providing resources, support, and a conducive environment for K-9 teams.
- Policy development and implementation to ensure effective and safe operations.

3. ****Unit Dynamics:****

- Exploring the structure and function of the K-9 unit within the agency.
- Building a supportive team culture that promotes collaboration and mutual respect.

4. ****Training Essentials:****

- Developing a comprehensive training program for handlers and dogs.
- Techniques and methodologies for effective K-9 training, including obedience, detection, and apprehension skills.
- Ongoing training and skill maintenance to ensure peak performance.

5. ****Supervisors and Leadership:****

- The critical role of supervisors in guiding and mentoring K-9 teams.
- Strategies for effective leadership, performance evaluation, and conflict resolution within the unit.

6. ****Handler and Dog Integration:****

- Techniques for fostering a strong bond and communication between the handler and the dog.
- Operational considerations for integrating K-9 teams into various law enforcement scenarios.

By the end of this class, participants will have a deep understanding of the multifaceted approach required to build and maintain a high-performing K-9 team. We will collectively identify and discuss the key components that contribute to the success of K-9 handlers and their canine partners, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve and protect their communities effectively.

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Taylor Rahn

Taylor Rahn is an attorney based in Albuquerque, NM. Ms. Rahn specializes in representing law enforcement in civil, administrative, and criminal matters involving the use of force. Ms. Rahn frequently provides training to law enforcement on the law regarding use of force both in her native NM and across the country. Ms. Rahn also represents the Albuquerque Police Department in the lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice. Ms. Rahn also consults national on institutional reform cases against police departments. Ms. Rahn has a strong personal connection to law enforcement with three generations of her family proudly serving with APD.

Civil Liability and the use of police canines

This course will provide an overview of the law regarding use of police canines as a force option. The course will discuss trends in civil and criminal litigation involving force from police canines. The course will also address steps to avoid liability.

Body Cameras

This course will discuss the impact of body cameras on police canine liability. The course will discuss steps for trainers to appropriately document force as well as common scenarios in which body camera footage conflicts with trainer perception.



Jared Robinson

Apache County Arizona County Attorneys office

Began my career in 2014 as a prosecuting attorney for the Apache County Attorney's Office in Arizona. Within my first year as a prosecutor, I successfully tried a case involving the transport of 7lbs of methamphetamine. That early trial experience began what I hope will be a career long effort to disrupt the flow of drugs in the country. In 2017, I joined the Navajo County Attorney's Office and quickly took over the prosecution of their major drug crimes. I work closely with our local drug task force (MCAT), prosecuting local dope cases as well as large load interdiction efforts on the I-40 and other roadways within the county. In addition to that, I teach constitutional law and introduction to criminal law at the Northern Arizona Law Enforcement Training Academy. Last year I had the pleasure of teaching the criminal law update at NPCA Summer Conference.

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Caselaw Update:

In this class we will discuss any new case law that affects the way an officer progresses through a drug investigation. If there is not any new case law then we will discuss topics that impact an officer's ability to successfully investigate drug crimes. Topics such as: reasonable suspicion, probable cause, pulling detainees out of vehicles on traffic stops, *Rodriguez*, etc. will be available for discussion.



Dr. John Rowe Veterinarian

John E. Rowe has been a veterinarian for thirty-four years. Originally from the small town of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, he pursued his undergraduate degree at the University of Wyoming and earned a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University in 1990.

Never tiring of learning new things, he considers himself an old-time vet who thinks outside the box. After years of mixed-animal practice and exotics, he became certified in veterinary acupuncture at Colorado State University in 2006.

Dr. Rowe has owned Aid Animal Hospital with his wife Tania for 24 years. He believes in a preventative, integrated, whole-body philosophy, combining contemporary surgery and medicine with an alternative holistic approach.

When not at work, he and his wife live on twenty acres in Spring Hill, KS. He has two beautiful daughters, both in the Kansas City area. You can find him working outside, doing farm chores, milking a cow, or enjoying a date on the deck with Tania.

Vet Class - Preventative nutrition and care to reduce oxidative stress in working dogs in high stress situations

Practical first aid and building your own kit

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Ernie Wolosewicz

Ernie Wolosewicz is a retired 28-year veteran of the Long Beach Police department. Prior to his retirement in 2021, Ernie was the sergeant in charge of the Police Service Dog Unit and had been assigned to the SWAT team as an entry team leader. Ernie Wolosewicz was part of the K9 detail deploying with two dogs. His patrol / SWAT K9 partner was cross-trained in narcotics and combat tracking. His second dog was a single-purpose explosive detection canine. Ernie has been training dogs for 28 years and was the Long Beach Police Department certified trainer for patrol and detection. Ernie handled 5 patrol dogs and two explosive detection canines in his 19 years as a handler.

Prior to his promotion, Ernie Wolosewicz was a member of the SWAT team, starting in 2001. He was assigned as a SWAT K9 and explosive breacher. He developed the SWAT / K9 tactics used by the Long Beach Police Department, integrating the use of a K9 camera and laser pointer.

As the department's Lead K9 trainer, he was responsible for the basic training of all handlers and dogs for both patrol and detection. He developed and maintained a weekly training program and the documentation of all training activities. Ernie took the existing K9 policy and updated both the policy and the SOP to meet constant changes in the K9 industry. This minimized department liability. He has developed and written several classes for submittal to POST: Basic K9 Detection Handler's Course, Advance Patrol K9 Handlers Course, and OSHA Explosive Detection Dog licensing course.

Ernie Wolosewicz has consulted on projects for POST and the CPOA. He was a member of the P.O.S.T. panel that was formed to update the POST K9 Guidelines in 2014 and 2024. Ernie was also a member of the CPOA panel to update the K9 Supervisor class.

The use of Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) in Long Beach was instituted by Ernie Wolosewicz. He trained the EDC and developed constantly evolving deployment techniques. He was responsible for coordinating Explosive Detection Canine deployments in the city and has extensive experience coordinating major events such as the Long Beach Grand Prix, the California Governor's Women's conference, the Long Beach Marathon, and large conferences held in the convention center. He has also coordinated EDC deployments for VIP like the President of the United States, the Dali Lama, and the Governor of California. Ernie Wolosewicz has worked with the

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Los Angeles Sheriff's Bomb Squad to develop effective command post protocols which have reduced critical response time and increased community safety. Ernie Wolosewicz is a highly regarded member of the K9 community. He continues to train with police canine handlers across the nation. His training techniques are contemporary and have proven successful many times over throughout his career as a K9 handler. His knowledge, experience, and dedication made the Long Beach Police Department K9 Unit a respected, successful and effective team.

EOD

This class is designed to provide a basic understanding of explosives. The class will cover the chemistry of explosive odor as it relates to canine detection, blast effects of explosives, and I.E.D.'s. The information in this class will provide handlers with the ability to make safe deployment decisions, understand the construction and dangers of I.E.D.'s and improve Explosive Canine Detection training.