

# Professional Development- Certification Training Program (Basic Animal Control Officer Certification; Chemical Immobilization Certification; and/or Bite Stick/Baton Certification)

Hosted by the Fargo Police Department

August 25-29, 2025

Fargo, North Dakota



**August 25-27 - \$595.00 per student or \$995.00 for the full week and three certifications**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

The ACCA Basic Animal Control Officer Certification program is designed for Animal Control Officers at the federal, state, and local levels, Police Officers, and Sheriff's Deputies responsible for animal control and all of its many facets. In addition, those people interested in a career in the animal control/care field are welcome to attend. No previous animal control experience is required. Successful completion of the Basic Animal Control Officer Certification shall include a minimum passing score of 80% on written examinations and mandatory attendance during all training.

**August 28 - \$225 per student**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Chemical Immobilization Certification:** Chemical Immobilization offers an alternative to the use of lethal force in response to animals that represent a danger to the public. This course will certify officers to chemically immobilize commonly-encountered animals, such as dogs, wildlife, exotics and agriculture animals. Humane techniques and methods, drugs and delivery devices, and deployment protocol (what qualifies an animal for chemical immobilization) will be discussed. This course includes both classroom and practical training.

**August 29 - \$225 per student**

**8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Baton/Bitestick Certification** – The Baton/Bitestick Certification program is a hands-on program regarding the use of the tactical baton (bite stick) as a defensive tool to provide an Animal Control Officer with non-lethal force for dealing with aggressive animals and humans. The course will familiarize the Animal Control Officer with the practical use of the friction-lock and lever-lock baton. The training and instruction will cover the following topics: Safety; Legal Concepts; Use of Force Options; Documentation; Portation (mode of carry); and Practical Use and Retention of the ASP™ baton. The course includes both classroom and practical training.

**Class Location** – The Fargo Regional Law Enforcement Training Center 2802 N University Dr, Fargo, ND 58102 Need directions? Please call Sgt Dan Hulbert at 701-630-3344.

The Training Course for Animal Control Professionals costs just \$595 for Basic ACO Certification: \$225.00 for individual Chemical Immobilization or Bite Stick/Baton certifications; or \$995.00 for the full week and all three certifications. To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form or visit [www.accacademy.net](http://www.accacademy.net) (click on the "course calendar" link). Questions? Contact ACCA at 937-825-6709 or via e-mail at [mkumpf@accacademy.net](mailto:mkumpf@accacademy.net). Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

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