



Oleoresin Capsicum (OCAT)/Bite Stick Baton Certification **Hosted by Springfield-Greene County Animal Control** **October 8, 2026 – Springfield, Missouri**

8:00 AM to 12:00 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. Use of a bite stick for personal protection from animals and humans should be in accordance with agency training, policies, and procedures. 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.

1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

This program will certify students to utilize the Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol (OC) as a defensive tool to provide an Animal Control Officer with non-lethal force for dealing with aggressive animals and humans. Use of Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol for personal protection from animals and humans should be in accordance with agency training, policies, and procedures. The course provides instruction and training in the following areas:

- To present principles, skills and techniques of understanding and using OC.
- Control violent and aggressive behavior of humans and dogs.
- Reduce personal injury to officers, individuals and the public.
- Increase an officer's confidence in physically threatening situations.
- Reduce the exposure of civil liability of the officer and the employer for unnecessary or improper force.

Class Location

Public Safety Center-330 W Scott Springfield Mo. 65802. Need directions? Please call Heather Kellough at 417-874-2484 or 417-340-0060.

The ACCA Baton/Bitestick and OCAT Certification costs just \$225 each or both for \$400 for registrations received in advance. For registrations received less than 7 days prior to the class start date, please add \$50 in late fees per attendee. To register, please complete and submit the attached registration form or visit www.accacademy.net (click on the "course calendar" link). Questions? Contact ACCA at 937-825-6709 or via e-mail at mkumpf@accacademy.net. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation letter via e-mail.

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