



**Baton/Bitestick Certification and/or OCAT Spray Certification**  
**Hosted by Marana Animal Services**  
**August 27, 2026**

**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**

**Oleoresin Capsicum (OCAT) Certification** - 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**

Marana Operations Center, Public Works Training Room 5100 W Ina Rd Tucson. Az 85743. Need directions? Please call Clarissa Leyva-Canez at 520-269-3511.

The ACCA Baton/Bitestick Certification or the OCAT Certification costs \$400.00 for both or just \$225 for each if you register in advance; registrations received after 7 days prior to the class start date, please add \$50. 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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