

Instructors & Classes
2019 NPCA Heartland Police Canine
Training & Trials
Kansas City, MO October 1st to October 5th, 2019



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 by creating yearly regional training seminars, for people wanting to work their dogs, and for the people who cannot make it to the national seminar. It has always been our number one goal to make sure everybody has the chance to get outside training with our associations expert trainers.

NPCA is proud to set standards within our industry which will allow us to train alongside each other to become strong and unified. Our goal is to continually build a partnership through training and communication.

The presenters at the 2019 NPCA Heartland Police Canine Training and Trials are some of the best Handlers, Trainers, and Instructors in the industry today. The NPCA Heartland Police Canine Trials will be a mix of classroom and practical work for all patrol canines.

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Officer Michael Miller:

Officer Michael Miller is a canine handler / trainer with the Goodyear Arizona Police Department. Mike is working on his second dual-purpose canine, Toby, a three-year-old Malinois. Mike has worked dual-purpose canines his entire career that specialize in EOD detection, Narcotics detection, and Patrol functions. Mike and “Toby” are currently assigned to his department's 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.

“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.

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Officer 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.

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Detective Patrick Clinton:

Detective Patrick Clinton has been with the Phoenix Police Department since 1999. During his career with Phoenix Police Department, he has been assigned to the Gang Enforcement Unit and the Tactical Support Bureau/Canine Unit. While assigned to the Canine Unit he was a unit trainer and was responsible for patrol basic class, and reoccurring unit training. He worked two dual-purpose patrol/narcotic canines. Detective Clinton is currently assigned to the Bomb Squad where he is certified as a Hazardous Device Technician/Hazardous Materials Technician. He is also the Bomb Squad Canine Trainer, and works a single purpose explosive detection canine. As an EDC Handler and Hazardous Device Technician, his duties include pre-event sweeps and active support during large high profile events, dignitary protection, and response to emergency calls. Detective Clinton is an AZPOST certified canine instructor, and a NPCA certifying official for patrol as well as narcotics and explosive teams.

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Trooper Cameron Weidenbach:

Trooper Cameron Weidenbach has been with the Arizona Department of Public Safety for 15 years. During that time, Trooper Weidenbach has completed assignments in the Highway Patrol Division, SWAT, and the US Marshals Fugitive Task Force. Trooper Weidenbach is currently assigned to the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Unit and has been a certified bomb technician for 3 years and an explosive detection canine handler for 4 years.

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Sergeant Kyle Burton:

I was hired as a Patrol Deputy Sheriff in Mille Lacs County, MN in 2005. In 2006, I became a decoy and joined SWAT. In 2010, I was promoted to SWAT Assistant Team Leader.

I became a K9 handler in 2011 and I have worked two dual-purpose patrol/narcotics K9's for the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office. I am currently working my second dog "Bongo" who is a 4 1/2 year old Mal/Shepherd mix who is currently certified by NPCA in Tracking, Patrol and Narcotics. I have been a level 1 trainer for the USPCA in patrol, tracking, explosives and narcotics for 4 years and an NPCA Certifying Official. I have had over 120 tracking finds during my career between my two K9 partners. I am currently a Sergeant in charge of patrol/K9 unit and the trainer for our agency and several surrounding agencies.

Tracking:

This class will teach handlers and dogs a more efficient way to communicate with each other though proper line work. During this class, you will learn:

- Line work
- Make your K-9 more committed to the track so he is easier to read when he is off the track
- Teaching the negative to your dog through positive reinforcement
- A systematic process for re-acquiring the track when a subject changes directions