

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of the National Police Canine Association
Overland Park, KS Monday, August 19th 2024

Attendance: Officers in attendance:

President Terry Anderson

Treasurer Mark Green

Secretary Jeff Rumsley

South West Regional Director Mike Miller/Barrie Pedersen

North Central Director Brennan Bargerstock

West Coast Regional Director N/A

North East Regional Director N/A

South Central Regional Director Danny Valdez

South East Regional Director Linda Morgan

North West Regional Director Bill Delay.

Administrative Assistant Katy Farnsworth, Standards Committee Chairman Ryan Fuca. The meeting was called to order at 1136 hours.

President's Report:

Introductions of the NPCA Board and Training Staff was done by President Terry Anderson. This included Mike Miller resigning from the Southwest Regional Director position. Barrie Pedersen was appointed to the Southwest Regional Director. Linda Morgan was appointed to the Southeast Regional Director.

Secretary's Report:

Election for President, Treasurer and Regional Directors for North Central, South Central and Southeast. All positions were retained. North Central was the only contested board position.

Treasurer's Report:

Seminar account balance is \$129,007.66. Main checking account balance is \$46,387.01.

This balance is consistent with last year's balance. 2023 balances: Seminar account \$138,007.66 and main checking account \$33,576.56

Administrative Assistant's Report:

See report

Regional Director's Reports:

See each individual regional report.

Award Committee's Report:

Please send Award nominations on a word document as these are the easiest to process and email. Also, the Yearly awards were presented to the winners. See report for details.

Training Division's Report:

2025 Conference will be held in Southern Arizona, dates will be posted on NPCA website in the future. A potential dog inclusive conference was discussed and if feasible will be held in 2026. More news on that in the future.

New Business:

Looking into how to get members involved in the NPCA.

A discussion on raising the membership dues and certification fees was brought up. Dues and fees have been the same since 2007. Costs for running NPCA and the seminar have increased. After a discussion a vote passed to raise the membership fees to \$50/year and the certifications to \$30/each.

A motion to create a Human Remains Detection certification was discussed. A motion was presented and seconded. When an industry standard certification is created the board will vote on it.

The need to create a cell phone and electronic components contraband certification was discussed. A motion was made and seconded. The certification would be voted on when it is formalized.

A motion was made to add a gun dog certification to the EOD certification. A motion was made and seconded. The certification would be voted on when it is formalized.

After a discussion the board voted and passed lowering the number of novices for potential certifying officials from 10 to 5.

Board voted and passed raising corporate prices to \$300 and \$100 respectively.

Linda Morgan discussed the possibility of having a dog included seminar in early 2026. As information is gathered and the viability of the training is determined the board will vote on it.

Board voted and passed having the 2025 NPCA conference in Southern Arizona.

A motion was made and passed to potentially creating a corporate membership portion of the yearly seminar. This would add at least a day to the seminar. Further discussion is needed.

Meeting adjourned 1533

Submitted by,

Jeff Rumsley

NPCA Secretary

Tucson Police Department

Addendum

Minutes of the Executive Board Second Meeting of the National Police Canine Association

Overland Park, KS Thursday, August 22nd 2024

Meeting called to order at 1354

Purpose of the meeting was to finish some of the business from the previous meeting.

A formalized cell phone and electronic components contraband certification was created and presented to the board. The certification was voted on and passed. Certification will go into effect January 1st 2025.

EOD/Gun Dog certification changes were presented to the board. No changes were made to the Gun Dog certification. EOD change allows the EOD team after passing the EOD certification to add additional odors to obtain a Gun Dog certification. The changes were voted on and passed. The changes will go into effect January 1st 2025.

The board voted and passed raising the Associate Membership to \$50/year and Support Membership to \$250/year.

The board voted on and passed a pay raise for the Administrative Assistant. The salary went from \$19.43 to \$20.50 per hour.

Meeting adjourned at 1416.

Submitted by,

Jeff Rumsley

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REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

REGION (CIRCLE ONE): NC/NE/NW/SC/SE/SW/WC

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAME: Bill DeLong DATE: 0819 2025

1. Number of active members in the region: 151. Plus/minus since last report _____.
2. Number of certifications completed since last region report 29 Patrol, 43 Narc, 4 Contraband, 1 Wildlife, 1 Tracking.
3. Issues arising from certifications (e.g., protests, rule deficiencies) None
4. NPCA training completed within the region Jackson Seminar
5. New Certifying Official, Instructors, or Trainers approved in the region
 - Joh Cunningham (CO) / Instructor / Trainer
 - Jeff Leafgreen (CO) / Instructor / Trainer
 - _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
 - _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
 - _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
6. NPCA case of the quarter awards and/or nominations, or significant deployments Brian Kelley
Petrol Case of The Year. John Nelson Detection Case of the Year.
7. Canine-related lawsuits and/or legal issues SB 20-217 states if a Police officer is
successfully sued they lose certification. Plaintiffs strategy is let department
drop officers name from lawsuit and settle out of court.
8. Officer relief fund requests, officer deaths, and/or LOD canine deaths None
9. Crime trends related to K-9 (narcotic hides/compartments, etc.) A lot of large drug finds.
Venezulan Gang Tren de Aragua, Green light to kill Police.
10. New Business None

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Awards Committee Report

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Processed approximately 29 awards. Includes Case of the Year Awards.

2023 Patrol Case of the Year

Officer Brian Kelley. K9 Zev. NW Region

2023 Patrol Honorable Mention

Sr. Cpl. Bryan Stewart. K9 Shadow. SC Region

2023 Detection Case of the Year

Officer John Nelson. K9 Bones. NW. Region

2023 Detection Honorable Mention of the Year

Officer Kyle Winters. K9 Duke. NW Region



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Regional Representative Report

Region (Circle One): NE

Regional Representative Name: Mark Tobin Date: 8/19/24

1. Number of active members in the region: 216 Plus/minus since last report 25

2. Number of certifications completed since last region report 151

3. Issues arising from certifications (e.g., protests, rule deficiencies) None

4. NPCA training completed within the region Delaware State Police held their annual two week certification that held over 50 K-9 teams over two weeks.

5. New Certifying Official, Instructors, or Trainers approved in the region

- _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- _____ Donnie Witte Capitol Police _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- _____ Michael Cahill Delaware State Police _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- _____ Matthew Rosner Delaware State Police (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)

6. NPCA case of the quarter awards and/or nominations, or significant deployments None

7. Canine-related lawsuits and/or legal issues

Over the past year the Department of Correction in the State of Delaware has had 3 K-9 related deaths. My Officer and Department of justice have arrested 1 handler and he plead guilty late 2023. We are currently in the process of two more criminal investigations with Delaware Corrections

8. Officer relief fund requests, officer deaths, and/or LOD canine deaths: None

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9. Crime trends related to K-9 (narcotic hides/compartments, etc.) None

10. New Business
None

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REGION (CIRCLE ONE): NC/NE/NW/SC/SE/SW/WC****

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE NAME: QUINN HANLEY DATE: 081324

1. Number of active members in the region: 14
2. Number of certifications completed since last region report. 1
3. Issues arising from certifications (e.g., protests, rule deficiencies) N/A
4. NPCA training completed within the region. N/A
5. New Certifying Official, Instructors, or Trainers approved in the region. 2 new CO's have submitted packets to the standards committee.
6. NPCA case of the quarter awards and/or nominations, or significant deployments N/A
7. Canine-related lawsuits and/or legal issues. N/A
8. Officer relief fund requests, officer deaths, and/or LOD canine deaths. N/A
9. Crime trends related to K-9 (narcotic hides/compartments, etc.) None reported
10. New Business. N/A



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Regional Representative Report

Region (Circle One): (NC) NE/NW/SC/SE/SW/WC

Regional Representative Name: Brennan Bargerstock Date: 8/18/2024

1. Number of active members in the region: 286. Plus/minus since last report: 40.

Number of certifications completed since last region report: **47 Patrol Certs, 153 Narc, 19 EOD , 5 Tracking, 1 Gun.**

2. Issues arising from certifications (e.g., protests, rule deficiencies): None

3. NPCA training completed within the region: Hosted National Seminar

4. New Certifying Official, Instructors, or Trainers approved in the region

- Erik Byro – New Ulm PD, MN (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- Chad Fetzer PD-472 – Bismark PD, ND (CO / **Instructor** / Trainer)
- Troy Wangsness – Wadena COSO, MN (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- Ryan Skinner (CO / Instructor / Trainer)
- _____ (CO / Instructor / Trainer)

5. NPCA case of the quarter awards and/or nominations, or significant deployments: **KCMO deployment with apprehension of suspect that shot at officers, case of the quarter, running for case of the year.**

6. Canine-related lawsuits and/or legal issues: **One local lawsuit, settled, payout from city insurance.**

7. Officer relief fund requests, officer deaths, and/or LOD canine deaths: None

8. Crime trends related to K-9 (narcotic hides/compartments, etc.): **Fentanyl, Fleeing**

9. New Business: **Membership, Certification prices change?**