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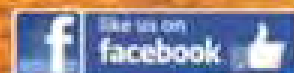
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Dear Members and Guests,

On behalf of the National Executive Committee, I would like to welcome you to the 2016 National Patrol Dog Trials.

The National trial is to showcase the "best of the best" within the Association. Obviously each and every one of you, have put countless hours into preparing for this endeavor. Which shows your dedication to advancing the canine industry.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Gloucester Police Department, Chris Gerace and members of Region 15 who have worked very hard to make this trial a success for all of you.

Please enjoy yourselves this week both on and off the field. Take time to see the sights and enjoy the local hospitality.

The executive board will be available all week. Please stop and say "hi" and let us know if there is anything we can be of assistance with.

Best of Luck!

Jason Brodt

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Dear Participants and Guests:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Gloucester Township for the 2016 USPCA National Patrol Dog Trials. I couldn't be more excited to welcome the best K-9s and their handlers to our home in Southern New Jersey. We've been working long and hard to be the best host in the history of this amazing event.

I would like to especially thank all of the sponsors, residents and volunteers for coming together to pull off such a large-scale and prestigious event. I am sure the participants and spectators are in for a wonderful showcase of dedication, drive, and discipline. Please enjoy yourselves as you take part in all of the activities available in our region. Both on and off the field, there is much to do and see around Gloucester Township!

Sincerely,

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To All Competitors, Judges, Community Members and Guests:

On behalf of all the officers of the Gloucester Township Police Department, welcome to the wonderful community of Gloucester Township here in Camden County, New Jersey. We are honored to host the United States Police Canine Association's 46th Annual National Patrol Dog Field Trials and we look forward to meeting all of you.

I have been serving with the Gloucester Township Police Department for more than twenty years, and throughout my career I have witnessed the value of having police K-9 teams being part of our agency. Police K-9 teams assist with narcotic investigations, apprehend dangerous and violent offenders, help locate missing children and adults who may be disabled or disoriented, and greatly assist in our community policing activities as we constantly strive to connect and engage with the members of our community.

Police K-9's and their police officer partners face danger everyday as they perform their duties. It is because of these dangers that good training is so important in keeping the police K-9, officer, and members of the community safe. The police K-9 teams participation in this national competition is an example of their dedication and commitment to ensuring that they are prepared to most effectively serve their communities.

I hope that everyone attending or participating in these National Patrol Dog Field Trials has an opportunity to explore Gloucester Township and the surrounding area during your stay. Please stay connected with the Gloucester Township Police Department while you are with us, and even beyond, by following us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/gloucestertownshippolice, and follow @GloTwpPolice for Twitter and Instagram.

I know that all of the participants have been diligent in preparing for the K9 Nationals for a long time, and I wish them the best as they continue to train and demonstrate during these trials their commitment to public safety. If at any time you have questions or need assistance, you may call the Gloucester Township Police Department non-emergency number at 856-228-4500 or contact us via email at police@gtpolice.com.

Thank you and stay safe!

Harry Earle
Chief of Police

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2016 NATIONAL PATROL DOG TRIALS ITINERARY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

K9 teams will begin to arrive in Gloucester Township!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group A - Agility and Obedience
in Hickstown Park

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group B - Articles and Box Search
in Lakeland Complex - 4H Field and behind Greenhouses on Lakeland Rd

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group B - Agility and Obedience
in Hickstown Park

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group A - Articles and Box Search
in Lakeland Complex - 4H Field and behind Greenhouses on Lakeland Rd

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group A - Criminal Apprehension,
Apprehension without Gunfire in Hickstown Park
Apprehension with Gunfire in Lakeland - Marge Martin Sports Complex

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

0800am until (Approximately 2pm) Group B - Criminal Apprehension,
Apprehension without Gunfire in Hickstown Park
Apprehension with Gunfire in Lakeland - Marge Martin Sports Complex

MUST SEE - FREE PUBLIC DEMO

Timber Creek High School

4:30pm - 6:00pm FREE Lite refreshments
prepared by Camden County Technical Schools

6:00pm K9 teams arrive by parade
at Timber Creek High School

**FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC DEMO WILL BE A FIREWORK DISPLAY.
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1ST PLACE CHAD WHITAKER & K-9 NOX LAKELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 696.50

Officer Chad Whitaker is an eleven-year veteran with the Lakeland Police Department. He has served in the Uniformed Patrol Division, Street Crimes Unit, and served on the department's SWAT team. K9 Nox is a four-year-old Belgium Malinois. K9 Nox has served with the Lakeland Police Department for just over 3 years. Nox was initially trained and teamed with then Officer Aaron Peterman. In his first certification with Peterman in Spring 2014, Nox finished "Top Dog" in Region 1 of the United States Police Canine Association. K9 Nox and Officer Whitaker were teamed together in November of 2014 when Peterman was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. They certified and competed in their first United States Police Canine Association regional field trial together just four months later in Spring of 2015. They finished 2nd together in their first trial losing 0.33 of a point in 4 out of 6 events. In fall of 2015, Officer Whitaker and Nox competed at the United States Police Canine Association's national field trial in Springfield, IL where they finished 1st overall with a score of 696.50 out of 700 possible points. During that trial, they finished 3rd place Obedience, 3rd place Agility, 4th place in Overall Search Work, and 2nd place in Criminal Apprehension. They earned the "Patrick Cahill Award" for finishing with the highest combined score in Bite Work and Obedience. They were also part of the four-man departmental team winning 2nd place.

In Spring of 2016, Nox and Officer Whitaker competed in the 2016 regional USPCA field trials in Walton County, FL and finished first overall with a score of 698.66 out of a possible 700 points. During the spring trial they obtained 2nd place Obedience, 1st place Agility, 3rd place Total Search Work, and 1st place bite work with a perfect score. Officer Whitaker and Nox also obtained the "Ron Bowling Top Dog Award" and the "Fred Wheeler Award" for the top combined score in obedience and bite work. They were also members of the four-man departmental team winning 1st place.



2ND PLACE CHAD LANDRY & K-9 BADGE LAKE WALES POLICE DEPARTMENT 687.34

Officer Chad Landry started with the Sebring Police Department in 2007. In 2010 he moved to the Lake Wales Police Department and worked there from until 2015. Officer Landry worked in Crime Suppression prior to being selected as a canine handler in 2012. He received Canine Badge from Police Service Dogs and attended canine training at the Polk County Sheriff's Office. He remained active with Police Service Dogs and Lakeland Police Department's canine unit for specialized training. K9 Badge was responsible for approximately \$35,000 in asset forfeitures. At the time Officer Landry left the Lake Wales Police Department, Badge had five contact apprehensions and numerous non-contact apprehensions. Officer Landry moved to the Lakeland Police Department in October 2015 and is looking to get back into canine when a position becomes available. Badge currently working the streets of Lake Wales with Officer Dale Hampton, who also competes and certifies with USPCA each year.



3RD PLACE BRADY HARRISON & K-9 VITO SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT 687.33

Police Officer Harrison has been a police officer for 19 years, and in K9 for fifteen years. He is a Trainer for the unit. Vito is eight-years-old. His area's of expertise include Patrol, explosives, and Swat. Vito has finished 3rd twice and 4th once during his career at the national level, and was a Region 18 Champion. Police Officer Harrison is also the Vice President of the Bald man's society Chapter 1 MN "BALD is BEAUTIFUL" and serves as one of the current USPCA's national trustees.



4TH PLACE JOSH STENSETH & K-9 DEX SAINT CROIX COUNTY SO 684.00

Officer Josh Stenseth has been a police officer for eighteen years, nine and a half years in k9, and the past six years as a K9 trainer. He is currently working his 2nd dual purpose dog K9 Dex. K9 Dex is now a seven-year-old Belgium Malinois dog. Dex is also part of our Emergency Response Unit. K9 Dex loves to swim on his down time. When Officer Stenseth retires k9 Dex, he will then start his 3rd patrol dog.



5TH PLACE JASON CUMMINGS & K-9 FLASH NEW HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 681.01

K-9 Flash is a seven-year-old Belgium Malinois. K-9 Flash was imported from Holland by Police Service Dogs Inc. K-9 Flash is trained in narcotics, tracking, building/area suspect search, criminal apprehension, handler protection and evidence searches.

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6TH PLACE ROB VETSCH & K-9 H JESSE SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT 679.82

Officer Vetsch is a eight-year member of the canine unit. Canine Jesse is a six-year-old Belgian Malinois. They have been working as a canine team for five years. Canine Jesse is also a SWAT canine.

7TH PLACE JASON BRODT & K-9 GIBBS SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT 673.67

Officer Jason Brodt has been a K9 handler since the year 2000 for the City of Saint Paul. He is currently assigned as the unit's Head K9 Trainer and oversees nineteen K9 teams. His current K9 partner Gibbs is a Belgian Malinois/Dutch Shepherd cross. Gibbs is cross-trained in explosives detection and also assigned as a SWAT K9. Officer Brodt is the current National President of the United State Police Canine Association. When not working, Gibbs likes to hang out with his Labrador friend Chili and go swimming.

8TH PLACE JUSTIN STEGALL & K-9 JANGO NEW HANOVER COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE 671.50

Corporal Stegall graduated from Appalachian State University in December of 2004 and started working with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office in January of 2005. After a short stint in the Detention Division, he was transferred to patrol division. It was then that his desire to join the K9 Unit grew. He was told over and over about the countless hours of training, dedication and responsibility that it took to be a K9 handler. As soon as a K9 handler position became available, he requested a transfer. Corporal Stegall joined the K9 Unit in November of 2008. Corporal Stegall is currently working his second canine partner, K9 Jango. K9 Jango is a nationally certified six-year-old German Shepherd who is a dual purpose patrol working canine. Jango has seized numerous amounts of illegal narcotics and has had several apprehensions on the street. On May 13, 2016 K9 Jango located two stolen guns within an hour of each other that were discarded from foot chases from two different incidents. K9 Jango has placed 1st in three out of four regional trials. K9 Jango also placed in the top 10 in the last two National K9 Trials. K9 Jango loves swimming in the pond and pool, but hates taking baths. He is the happiest when he has his ball.

9TH PLACE DOUG BIERMAN & K-9 DANO NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 670.67

Corporal Doug Bierman is with the Newton Police Department in the City of Newton, County of Jasper, Illinois. Newton is a small town in Southeastern Illinois and is home of approximately 3,000 people. Corporal Bierman started his law enforcement career in June of 2007 when he was hired full time by the Newton Police Department. He have worked for the Newton Police Department for nine years. He became interested in being a K-9 Handler and started the Police Department's first K9 Unit in 2012. After several months of fundraising, the K9 program was established. He began his K9 career in October of 2013 at the Top Dogs Police K9 Academy in Evansville, Indiana. This is where he met his partner in crime, Dano, a German Shepherd from Slovakia.

Their greatest accomplishment came in November of 2014. They were asked to assist the Jasper County Sheriff's Department with the search of a suicidal, runaway juvenile on a very cold and windy November night. The two responded and successfully tracked the missing juvenile. When they are not working, Dano enjoys being at home with Corporal Bierman's wife, Lynn, and three daughters, Mallory, Morgan and Makenzie. They are also active in the community with public demos at schools and for other organizations throughout the year. They are proud members of the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Region 16. They have competed in three regional trials and one national trial. We have had some great accomplishments at all these events.

10TH PLACE JAMES BROUSSARD & K-9 INDO EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE 670.00

Capt. James Broussard began his career with the Baker Police Department in 1986. In 1996 Captain Broussard was instrumental in starting up a K9 Division for the Baker Police Department. Captain Broussard became the first K9 handler for the Department and was partnered with K9 Astor, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois. The K9 division eventually grew into four K9 teams supervised by Captain Broussard and all of which became USPCA Certified. Captain Broussard retired from the Baker Police Department May 2011 with the position of Administrative Assistant to the Chief.

On May 19, 2011 Captain Broussard was hired by the East Baton Rouge Parish



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Sheriff's Office and assigned to the K9 division as Commander. At the time the K9 division had been in existence for three years with six K9 teams none of which were USPCA certified. Over the past five years the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office K9 division has grown to eleven K9 teams all of which are USPCA Certified. In July 2012 K9 Indo, a three-year-old Belgian Malinois, was acquired by the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office and K9 Indo was partnered with Captain Broussard. Over a four-year period K9 Indo and Captain Broussard have won Three Regional PD1 Top Dog Titles, One National PD1 Top Dog Title and a National PD1 Tenth Place Finish. The East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office K9 division currently holds three USPCA National Titles, Two Narcotics Detection and a PD1. It is an Honor and Privilege to be the Commander of an Elite K9 program as well as a member and Regional President of the USPCA.

11TH PLACE CHRIS GERACE & K-9 ARROW GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT 668.48

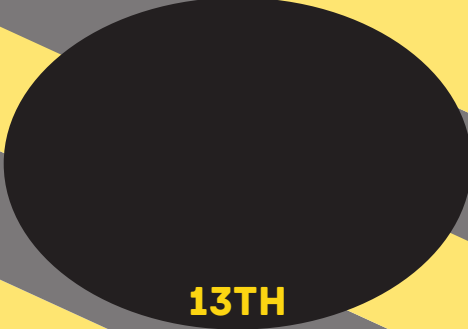
Ptl. Chris Gerace #187 started his career with the Gloucester Township Police in 2003. He is a Field Training Officer and was selected M.A.D.D. officer of the year in 2005. Ptl. Gerace was assigned to the K-9 unit in January 2011. Ptl Gerace has been a volunteer Firefighter in Gloucester Township since 1987 and served as Chief of the Chews Landing FD from 2009-2015.

K-9 Arrow is a Belgian Malinois. He was born March 8, 2009 in Minnesota. Arrow is nationally certified as a Patrol and Narcotics dog. Arrow began his service with Gloucester Township in January 2011 when he was assigned to his handler Ptl. Christopher Gerace #187. Arrow's patrol duties include: tracking of suspects and missing persons, locating evidence, clearing of buildings for suspects possibly hiding, and attending various community events. Arrow has finished in the top 20 three times in the past at the USPCA's National Police Patrol dog certification. In 2013, Ptl. Gerace and Arrow were added to assist Gloucester Twp. SRT (Special Response Team) in dealing with high risk assignments. Arrow spends his off duty hours at home with Ptl. Gerace and his family where he can play and relax.



12TH PLACE LYLE ANDRE & K-9 RANGER BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 668.18

Officer Andre has been a police officer for eighteen and a half years, and a K9 handler/ USPCA member for ten years. He is a nationally certified USPCA trainer patrol and a regionally certified USPCA Judge. K9 Ranger is a 7 year old Belgian Malinois and has been my partner for 4 years.



13TH PLACE ZACH ELFREICH & K-9 AXEL (NOT PICTURED) EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 667.49

14TH PLACE DAVE LONGBEHN & K-9 DUKE SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT 667.33

David J Longbehn has been a police officer for thirty-two years and a K9 handler since 2002. He was named National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Society-Officer of the year 2011, USPCA 2013 National Patrol Case of the year, and Minnesota Police Officer of the year 2011.

K9 Duke is a four-year-old male German shepherd dog. Duke is trained as a patrol dog, and is cross trained in narcotics.



15TH PLACE JEFF BARRETT & K-9 ECHO LAKELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT 666.33

Jeff is a thirty-year veteran of the Lakeland Police Department in Florida, serving twenty-eight years with the K9 unit. Jeff is a current handler of a Patrol/Drug dog named Echo and is the senior K9 trainer for his department. Jeff is a certified K9 Instructor/evaluator with the FDLE, a level II trainer with the USPCA and a certified USPCA judge. Jeff holds a Bachelor's in Criminology and is a qualified subject matter expert for law enforcement K9s. Jeff also teaches nationwide for law enforcement, conducting advanced and specialized tactical training courses for K-9/SWAT teams.



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16TH PLACE CHAD LOEFFLER & K-9 TANK LAKEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 664.32

Officer Loeffler has been a police officer for nineteen years with the last twelve years being with the Lakeville PD. Loeffler is currently handling his second K9 and has been a handler for ten years. Loeffler is also a member of the MN Law Enforcement Memorial Association Honor Guard and currently assigned to the firing detail. This honor guard unit is made up of officers from around the State of MN and provides full honors at funerals of MN officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

K9 Tank began with the Lakeville Police Department in October 2012. Tank is a Belgian Malinois. He was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Tank is trained for tracking, criminal apprehension, evidence recovery, building search and handler protection. Tank and his handler, Officer Loeffler trained with Can/Am Tactical K9 and the Winnipeg Police Service K9 Unit. Tank is also cross trained as a Narcotics Detector K9. Tank is Officer Loeffler's second K9 he has handled.

17TH PLACE JAY CURIEL & K-9 HAVOC SAINT PAUL POLICE DEPARTMENT 662.67

Officer Jay Curiel started his career in law enforcement in December 2005. He has been with the St. Paul Police Department since February 2007. He was a field training officer during his time in patrol. In 2012 Officer Curiel was assigned to the K-9 unit.

K-9 Havoc is a German Shepherd. He was born October 2010 in the Czech Republic. Havoc is nationally certified as a patrol and narcotics detection dog. Havoc is certified in tracking, apprehension, evidence recovery and narcotics detection. Havoc has successfully located twenty-three suspects who fled from police. He has located one pound of Methamphetamine on a narcotics search. Last year Officer Curiel and Havoc finished in the top 20 at the 2015 National PD1 field trials. They were also part of the region national championship team.

18TH PLACE TOMMY THOMPSON & K-9 ARES O'FALLON POLICE DEPARTMENT 658.01

PO Thompson started his career with the O'Fallon MO Police Department in 2006 assigned to the patrol division. In 2010 the department decided to restart the canine division after a few year hiatus. PO Thompson was chosen as the first K9 handler in the new canine unit and two more teams followed shortly thereafter. In October of 2010 PO Thompson and K9 Ares were assigned to patrol after graduating the Top Dog Canine Academy in Evansville, Indiana.

K9 Ares is a six-year-old German Shepherd from the Czech Republic and is a dual purpose patrol/narcotics canine. He has proved to be a phenomenal canine partner and has won several events in our region as well as placing 18th overall in the 2015 Nation Field Trials in Springfield IL. K9 Ares has also earned his salt on the street and has been involved in several narcotics/evidence finds and criminal apprehensions. K9 Ares assisted the regional SWAT team during the civil unrest in Ferguson MO during both times of emergency. K9 Ares performed flawlessly during the often chaotic and dangerous operations.

19TH PLACE T.J. MORSE & K-9 TAG BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT 656.51

T.J. Morse was employed in March 2003 and has been in the K-9 Division since September 2009 when he got Tag. K-9 Tag is a German Shepherd who was born in November 2007 and imported from Germany by Laz. Combined they have 103 Felony Criminal Apprehensions (27 with bites and 76 without). They have been nationally certified in USPCA for five years. Their best finish was at Nationals last year. They have earned 1st place Agility (2 years), 1st place Bite work, 2nd place Scent Work, 2nd place Obedience, 2nd place Agility, 3rd place Agility in Region 10. In addition they were recognized as Case of the Quarter last year.

Tag starred in a Sun Dance channel miniseries "Hap and Leonard", which recently aired, where he played one of the character's dog and had a scene where he "attacked" the bad guy. Tag is retiring this month from the Department and will be signed over to Corporal Morse as a personal pet.

20TH PLACE KYLE ALBRITTON & K-9 MICO (NOT PICTURED) HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 655.17



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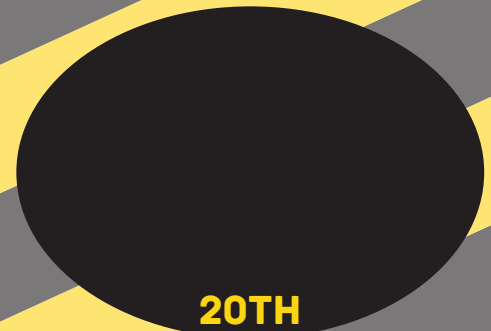
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OBEDIENCE

POSSIBLE POINTS: 120

The obedience test for the K9 and the handler consists of three phases: heeling, distance control, and walking control. The order of the phases and the order of the different commands are determined by a drawing held prior to the trials. In the heeling phase, the K9 is graded on its heeling at different paces and on right and left turns and about turns. In the distance control phase, the K9 is in a sit position approximately 50 feet from the handler's commands, either by hand or voice, to sit down and on its recalling to the handler on command. In the walking control phase, the canine must respond to the commands by the handler to either sit, stand or down while walking in a heeling pattern. The K9 must respond to the commands and remain in that position even though its handler continues walking. For a K9 team to receive a "Police Dog I" rating from the United States Police Canine Association, it must receive a minimum score of 70 percent (84 points) in obedience test.

AGILITY

POSSIBLE POINTS: 60

In the agility phase, the K9 is judged in its ability to surmount various obstacles. There are five different sets in the agility test. The order of the parts of the test are determined by a random drawing prior to the trials. One part of the test requires the K9 to crawl under an obstacle 16 inches high to 4 feet wide. (10 points)

The next part of the test requires the K9 to climb a 30-degree angle ladder that is 18 inches wide and a platform 6 feet off the ground. The K9 will be given a stand command halfway across the platform and then will be required to dismount down a ramp on command. (10 points)

A third part of the test requires the K9 to surmount a 6 foot high wooden A-Frame. The opposite side of the obstacle has a platform for the K9 to land on a ramp used to dismount from the obstacle. (10 points)

A fourth part of the test requires the K9 to jump over four boards, graduated in height from 6 to 12 inches. Each board is 6 inches wide and 5 feet in length. The boards (obstacles) are spaced equidistant to form a jump 6 feet in length that the K9 must clear. (10 points)

Lastly, the test requires the K9 to jump four 3 foot high hurdles spaced 16 feet apart. The types of hurdles are drawn randomly prior to the start of the trials. (20 points)

ARTICLE SEARCH

POSSIBLE POINTS: 60

In the article search, the K9 must locate two small articles that are distributed by a judge in a 30 square foot area of tall grass. The K9 team has three minutes to complete the search for the two articles. To ensure that the dog seeks the human scent on the article and not the article itself, the articles are randomly selected from a list of seven prior to the start of the trials.

The items to be chosen from are:

- Expanded shotgun shell
- Key on a key ring
- Book of matches
- Metal gun
- Plastic Credit card
- Screwdriver 4-6 inches in length
- Piece of leather

The K9 is judged on its ability to search, locate, and either indicate the presence of the article or retrieve the article to its handler.



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SUSPECT SEARCH

POSSIBLE POINTS: 110

In the suspect search, the K9 must search for the hidden suspect, which is hiding in one of the six wooden boxes. As with all other phases, the suspect search is conducted with the dog off lead and the handler must direct his partner from a 10 foot wide alley in the middle of the field. The boxes are 4 feet in size, each with a concealed door. The boxes are placed on a flat and level ground in two rows of three boxes. Each box is 40 feet apart and each row 40 feet from the center line with the concealed door facing away from the center. All doors are closed and secured during the test. The suspect enters each box to contaminate all the boxes with his scent and then returns and hides in one of the boxes. The K9s are judged on their ability to search, locate and indicate which box contains the suspect. There is a four minute time limit for each K9 team to conduct its search.

CRIMINAL APPREHENSION

POSSIBLE POINTS: 165

The criminal apprehension phase consists of three parts: false start, recall, and apprehensions. As with the obedience phase, to certify PDI, a K9 team must score at least 70 percent on the combined apprehensions phases.

FALSE START: 15 POINTS

In the false start portion of the test, the K9 is given one "stay" command by the handler while positioned 30 yards from the decoy. The decoy turns and runs. The K9 is judged on his ability to hold the stay position without further commands.

RECALL: 50 POINTS

In the recall portion of the test, the K9 and handler are positioned 30 yards from the decoy, who will then turn and flee. The K9 is sent in pursuit of the decoy and then must stop the pursuit and return to the handler on command, even though the decoy continues his flight from the K9 team.

APPREHENSION: 100 POINTS

For the apprehension portion of the test, the K9 is judged on his ability to pursue and apprehend a fleeing suspect. They are also judged on their ability to release the suspect on command and then return to the handler. The K9 then stands guard while the handler searches the suspect.

CRIMINAL APPREHENSION UNDER GUNFIRE

APPREHENSION UNDER GUNFIRE: 100

In the apprehension under gunfire portion, the K9 is judged on his ability to pursue and apprehend a fleeing suspect who is firing a handgun at the K9 and his handler. Release and search of the suspect will be conducted in the manner similar to the normal apprehension phase.

HANDLER PROTECTION: 75

In the handler protection portion, the test is conducted during the search of the suspect after the apprehension under gunfire. While the handler is conducting the search of the suspect, as the K9 stands guard, the suspect will physically assault the handler. The K9 is judged on his ability to immediately come to the handler's defense.















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