

## **K9 Records Management**

**Target Audience** – K9 Supervisors, K9 Trainers, Senior K9 Handlers & K9 Officers

This class is to encourage K9 officers, trainers and supervisors to understand the value and protection provided by proper documentation and to understand what proper documentation is in respect to police service dog programs.

K9 training and deployment records are fast becoming the thin line between success and failure in criminal cases as well as litigation against agencies and K9 officers. This class focuses on issues related to improper or inadequate logging of training and deployments that negatively impact the K9 industry. The class will examine what records to record, and how they should be recorded and the value of transparency with objective rather than subjective opinionated information when doing documentation.

The program will also cover the dangers of documenting information using only default system entries and the fallacy of less is better. Legal decisions that have significantly changed the way K9 records are used and interpreted by the courts will be discussed.

What supervisors need to know when scrutinizing K9 training and deployment records will be discussed, along with the risks of not adhering to strict records management protocols.

## **Managing Extreme Bite Control Issues**

**Target Audience** – K9 Trainers, K9 Handlers

The most common problem facing trainers is that of dogs that refuse to release the bite when directed to do so. Some dogs are so intense on the bite that extreme measures are often used in attempts to force the dog to comply. Many trainers and handlers use increasingly more compulsive techniques in their attempts to get the dog to release a bit, which often exacerbates the issue and doesn't provide any long-term solution. Most of these issues are created by previous training and conditioning. In many dogs the problem is extreme.

Many of these problems can be rectified with proper "de-conditioning". There are solutions, but in order for those solutions to work, we need to understand what causes the issues, and what is going on in the head of the dog. This class will discuss the root causes of extreme bite issues and provide a better understanding for handlers on understanding the problem and offer solutions to better bite management.