



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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ANIMAL ABUSE & CRUELTY POLICE RESPONSE

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LETAC Training Center

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Meets the following mandated training requirements:

Legal Updates

Animal fighting awareness and humane response ([50 ILCS 705/10.14](#))

Instruction by: Illinois Humane Society, Jane McBride

Course content: This course is for police officers responding to reports of animals involved – injured, in distress due to exposure, abandoned, too numerous to believe, at large, or showing evidence of fight activity. This course will provide a review of the basics as well as an update on changes in the law.

Highlights of important provisions of the Illinois Humane Care Act for Animals

- Discussion of, including an explanation of evidence gathering and impoundment procedures for, Illinois' new extreme temperature exposure provision
- A detailed look at the State's animal fighting provisions
- Evidence gathering in humane care cases
- Tufts body condition scale, and formula for evaluating care conditions
- Cross reporting and the link between animal abuse, domestic violence, adult self neglect and elder abuse

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- The new negligence, extreme and just plain unacceptable obesity in animals (beagles will eat themselves to death)
- FBI's reclassification of animal cruelty as a top-tier felony: reporting requirements allow for tracking
- Cruelty and torture at the hands of juveniles
- Bestiality
- What you should know about tethering: impact to subject animal, safety concerns and why restrictions are being enacted nationwide
 - Shared jurisdictions: law enforcement, Dept of Ag., animal control, humane investigators
 - Procedures for arrests and seizures, forfeiture provisions, security posting
 - Police reports and humane care crimes
 - Hoarders/collectors, role of state definition in enforcement
 - Veterinarian evaluations of subject animals: "take 'em straight to the vet", the key to your case
 - Behavioral evaluations, what can they tell us for the case
 - Animal handling techniques in the field: animal trainers/behaviorists can serve as expert documenting evidence and provide humane handling simultaneously; resources for learning safe and humane handling for law enforcement – SafeHumane's video series (DOJ grant)
 - Resources for horse cases, and the farmette menagerie
 - Exotics and wildlife
 - Cats, cats, cats everywhere, a few words on feral colonies and new paradigms

Non-Member Tuition: There is no tuition for this class

To Register: Email registration to register@letac.org. You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at www.letac.org or call 217-726-7014 to register by phone (be sure to include all pertinent information). MTU #10 local member department officers will be given registration preference until seven days prior to the date of class. After that date, registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, regardless of MTU status. We cannot accept registrations from individual officers. All registrations must go through your Chief, Sheriff, or department training office, even if you are attending class on your own time.

Cancellation: If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often.