



Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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320 Hour

Police Service K9 Basic Narcotics Detection

2018 Offerings:

Class #1 – January 29, 2018 – March 23, 2018

Class #2 – June 11, 2018 – August 3, 2018

Class #3 – October 5, 2018 – December 7, 2018

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Macon County Sheriff's K9 Training Academy

1975 Heritage Road, Decatur, IL

Instructors: Chad Larner and Steve Jostes (see attached biographies)

About the Course: The objective of this course is to train and certify handler and canine to work as a team in the detection of narcotics under a variety of conditions and scenarios. At the completion of the program, the handler must successfully complete a written exam with a minimum score of 70%. The handler and canine must pass a series of simulated deployment scenarios to certify as a team at the culmination of the course.

Topics Covered: There will be instructional units covering history, handler qualifications, canine qualifications, physiology, canine communication, canine instinctual drives & motivations, basic through advanced obedience, agility, narcotics search, tracking, article search, building search, canine case law & policy, canine health & maintenance, philosophy of canine training, socialization, reporting, kennel care, and drug interdiction.

Any questions regarding the training should be directed to Chad Larner at 217-519-0173 or clarner@decaturil.gov.

Tuition: \$3,000.00 per K9/Handler Team, regardless of MTU membership status. Tuition will be invoiced to departments upon registration and is due by the start date of class. Checks should be made payable to "Macon County Sheriff's Office".

Lodging: For commuters, lodging is being offered at the Decatur Conference Center & Hotel, located at 4191 US Route 36 in Decatur, IL. Room rate will be \$67.20 for days 1-30 and \$60.00 for days 31-56. To make your reservations, please call 217-422-8800 and mention room rate for Macon County Sheriff's K9 Training Academy at time of registration.

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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.

Please note that classes are expected to fill up quickly. If the class you have selected is already full, you will be placed on the waiting list in case of cancellations, and also asked for your second choice if a position does not open up in your preferred class offering.

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. Cancellations will also be posted to our mailing list and our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Chad Larner

Chad Larner is employed by the Decatur (IL.) Police Department where he specializes in Criminal Interdiction and is a K-9 Handler. Larner is a Criminal Interdiction Instructor, having trained thousands of Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement Officers in Criminal Interdiction Techniques throughout the United States, to include Puerto Rico and Canada.

Chad is a Certified Instructor for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Larner is a graduate of the DEA Instructor Development School (Quantico, VA.). Larner is an “*OPERATION JETWAY*” Instructor through the El Paso Intelligence Center, specializing in Mass Transit Interdiction, Use of K-9, and Hotel/Motel Interdiction. Larner is a Lead Instructor for Desert Snow, LLC. Larner is also a Lead Instructor for National Criminal Enforcement Association.

Larner began his career in the Police K-9 field in 2002. Larner has been mentored by Steve Jostes, the Training Director for the Illinois Tactical Canine Handlers Association. In 2015, Larner began assisting Steve Jostes with training at the Macon County Sheriff's Office Academy. Larner was a member of Schutzhund USA, and competed at high levels with his personal dog. Larner put multiple titles on the canine. Larner was also a Certified Decoy for Schutzhund USA. In 2006, Larner participated as an Instructor at a K-9 Seminar in Williamson County, IL, where he (Larner) assisted Jostes with the instruction for more than 50 Police K-9 Teams.

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In 2003, Lerner began assisting the Illinois State Police K-9 Section with the selection and training of their Police K-9's. Lerner was vital in the sustainment of the ISP K-9 Section from 2003 through 2008. Lerner was the owner and operator of O'Larney Kennels, LLC in Illinois. Lerner personally selected, and trained, numerous Police K-9's for agencies throughout the State of Illinois, to include the Illinois State Police. From 2003 through 2008, Lerner assisted with the training of hundreds of Police K-9's, investing more than one thousand hours of his personal time. Lerner is currently a Police K-9 Handler for the Decatur Police Department, and is the agency's Lead K-9 Trainer. Lerner oversees the weekly maintenance of four (4) full service Police K-9's at the Decatur Police Department.

Steve Jostes

Steve has been in law enforcement with Decatur P.D. for over 30 years, before his retirement in 2015. He currently serves as the Training Director of the newly formed Macon County Sheriff's K9 Academy.

Mr. Jostes is the Training Director for the Illinois Tactical Canine Handlers Association and has held that position for the past 11 years. In all, Steve has trained 73 full service and single purpose K9s, as well as assisted in the training of well over 200 police K9s throughout the U.S.

Steve was assigned to Decatur's K9 unit in 1987. He attended hundreds of training seminars, conducted all over the United States, including numerous classes through CTI, located in Madison, WI. He was a member of NAPWDA, DVG, and Shutzhund USA for years. He titled numerous dogs to their Schedule III, and certified all five of his working K9s either through NAPWDA or ISP.

Steve developed three courses designed to specifically address the needs of the Police K9 service dog: Muzzle training for Police K9s; DORS System - Down, Outs, and Recalls Simplified; and Police Service K9 Basic Narcotic course, certified by ILETSB.

ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION

K-9 officers requiring annual re-certification may contact Steve Jostes directly to schedule this assessment at 217-454-7645, sjostes@sheriff-macon-il.us

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