



## Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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**320 Hour**

# Police Service K9 Basic Narcotics Detection

### 2017 Offerings:

**Class #1** – January 30, 2017 – March 24, 2017

**Class #2** – April 10, 2017 – June 2, 2017

~~**Class #3** – June 5, 2017 – July 28, 2017~~

**Class #4** – July 31, 2017 – September 22, 2017

**Class #5** – October 2, 2017 – November 24, 2017

### **Macon County Sheriff's K9 Training Academy**

1975 Heritage Road, Decatur, IL

**Instructor:** Mr. 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 10 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 Sch 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.

**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

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health & maintenance, philosophy of canine training, socialization, reporting, kennel care, and drug interdiction.

Any questions regarding the training should be directed to Steve Jostes at 217-454-7645, [sjostes@sheriff-macon-il.us](mailto:sjostes@sheriff-macon-il.us).

**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.

**To Register:** Email registration to [register@letac.org](mailto:register@letac.org). You may also fill out and submit our online registration form through the website at [www.letac.org](http://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.