

Narcotic Detection Canines Compliance Program **“MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS”**

Effective 05-01-2012, under 50 ILCS 705/10.12 of the Police Training Act “police dogs used by State and local law enforcement agencies for drug enforcement purposes...” be trained to meet the “minimum certification requirements” set by the Training Board. These standards were developed based upon the SWGDOG SC8 Guidelines (dated 08/2007). The Training Board’s “minimum certification requirements” can be found posted to the Board’s website (www.ptb.illinois.gov).

Below is information that will help you determine what your agency’s reporting requirements.

Please read the following information thoroughly.

INITIAL TRAINING AND COMPLIANCE

Within 30 days of completion of the training, local law enforcement agencies are required to report to the Training Board the initial training of any narcotic detection canine via the initial **Narcotic Detection Canine Certification Report Form** which can be found on the Board’s website (www.ptb.state.il.us) under FORMS. A training certificate or document must be attached to the report form. Initial compliance is valid for 12 months after the date of the initial training course.

If an agency chooses to send a new canine to any one of these training entities listed below, the Board will approve the initial training.

If you are thinking about using a training entity not listed here, **PRIOR** to training, the Board must review the training and determine if it complies with the Board standards. It is the agency’s responsibility to ensure that the new entity’s curriculum is submitted for Board review **PRIOR** to attending the training. Submission is not a guarantee of a finding of compliance with Board standards.

If you use a training entity not in compliance with Board standards (not on our approved list), you must send the canine to an MTU for compliance certification within 30 days of returning to the canine to the agency.

Regardless of how the new canine is obtained or trained, upon certification, the agency will report the new canine to the Board using the form posted on the Board’s website (www.ptb.state.il.us) no later than 30 days after completing the initial/annual training.

INITIAL TRAINING OF NEW NARCOTIC DETECTION CANINES –

As of March 17, 2017, the following training entities have been found to meet the Training Board's "minimum certification requirements" for the initial (new) training of narcotic detection canines:

187 K-9 (aka Brian Dowdy)
Allen County Sheriff's Department
American Working Dog Association (AWDA)
American Working Dog Council (AWDC)
Bauernhof K-9 Inc.
Canine Obedience College
Canine Training Institute (CTI)
Canine Training Unlimited
Chicago Police Department
Cook County Sheriff's Police and Forest Preserve Police
Custom Canine Unlimited
Dogstyle, Inc.
Drug Beat K-9 Certifications
Excel K-9 Services
Extreme K-9
Global Working Dogs (aka Controlled F.O.R.C.E. Working Dogs)
Illinois Tactical Canine Handlers Association/Macon County Sheriff
Illinois State Police
K9 Essentials
Lafollette K-9 Training Center
Landheim Training Center
Little Rock K-9 Academy
Metro Enforcement
MTU 3, 7, 10, 13, and 15
Northern Michigan K9
North Iowa K-9
Paw-a-day Inn K9 Suites
Scott's K9 Facility
Southern Police Canine
Special OPS K-9 Academy
St. Louis City K-9 Academy
Tarheel Canine Training Inc.
Top Dogs Police K-9 Academy
Tops Kennels
Vohne Liche Kennels

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE

On an annual basis (within 12 months of the K-9's last compliance), local law enforcement agencies are required to submit the narcotic detection canine to an annual compliance course offered through an MTU or an approved academy (ISP or Cook County).

Upon completion of the compliance course and the issuance of a training document/certificate, the agency must report to the Training Board the compliance status of any narcotic detection canine via annual **Narcotic Detection Canine Certification Report Form** which can be found on the Board's website (www.ptb.il.state.us) under FORMS. A training certificate or document must be attached to the report form.

Annual compliance is valid for 12 months after the date of the compliance training course.

ANNUAL COMPLIANCE TRAINING CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH AN MTU OR EITHER ISP OR COOK COUNTY - NOT A PRIVATE VENDOR.

Please note that the approved academies (ISP, Cook County) and MTUs offering annual narcotic detection canine training and/or certification change from time to time. Please contact the approved academy or MTU to determine their training schedule.

PLEASE NOTE – the statute only deals with the canine – not the handler – so please make sure all documentation notes the agency and the canine's name.

If you do not find an answer to your question or concern posted here, please email Cora Beem, Manager of Mandated Training, at cora.beem@illinois.gov.