

WSPCA Conference Schedule - 2017

Monday, October 2, 2017

1300-1330 - WSPCA Membership Meeting

1330-1400 - Conference Welcome and Orientation

1400-1700 - Trainer's Panel - The attendees will submit one problem to the trainer's panel at registration. These problems will be addressed by the panel on ideas on how to correct the problem. The panel will have some highly qualified people on it who can provide ideas on how to solve problems with your K9.

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

0800 to 0950

- **"The Niagara Shield Drill" - Bob Wright** - Naples #1 Classroom
This class looks at an integrated team response (Patrol/SWAT/K9) to non-projectile weapons incidents. Although very flexible, the Niagara Shield Drill ensures the safe deployment of less than lethal weapons in the safe apprehension of suspects and is particularly useful in the apprehension of individuals in mental health crisis, while ensuring the safety of Police.
- **"The Smart End of the Leash" - Cameron Ford** - Naples #2 Classroom
Cameron Ford (Sr. Navy SEAL Multi Purpose Canine Instructor for Naval Special Warfare Group 1 and Researcher for Duke University Canine Cognition Center) will discuss the importance of canine intelligence and problem solving. Recent discoveries in canine cognition and intelligence helps trainers and handlers understand the "whys" and "what to do" when training and selecting single and dual-purpose dogs. Cameron's class will be an open discussion where he shows videos of testing dual and single purpose dogs and what has been learned to help us in picking the right dogs and how to better address training with your dog.
- **"Deploy or Don't Deploy" - Sgt. Gregg Tawney** - Naples #3 Classroom
This is an interactive scenario-based class that will provide a variety of scenarios in a format which encourages discussions about tactics, case law, and policy. The scenarios are based upon real world encounters and deal with potential decisions K-9 handlers may need to make during their career.
- **"If the Leash Could Talk" - Steve Lathrop** - Naples #4 Classroom
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1005 to 1200

- **“Critical Incidents and the K9 Handler” - Vince Bingaman** - Naples #1 Classroom
This class will cover critical incident scenarios involving K9 deployments experienced by your instructor. There will be other significant deployments discussed as well going into detail on training and deployment strategies that will help with the successful conclusion of a critical incident.
- **“E-Collar Training- Avoiding the Common Mistakes” - Jeff Meyer** - Naples #2 Classroom
Instruction will highlight some of the most common mistakes we make as K-9 handlers when using the E-Collar in training. The technological and reliability advancements in today's E-Collars have outpaced the law enforcement training and education field for the handler looking to use them. As a result, the power of the collar has not met its full potential for law enforcement K-9 handlers because of the way they're being introduced, misused, misunderstood and most importantly, producing undesirable results in your dog's performance. Join Jeff Meyer as he closes the fundamental gaps that have surfaced across the training fields for E-Collars.
- **“K9 Unit Record Keeping” - Bob Eden** - Naples #3 Classroom
Proper record keeping for K9 training and deployments is no longer a luxury, and the minimalist concept of keeping simplified records create issues that leave officers and agencies unprotected during litigation and create voids that provide openings for the creation of bad case law. This class will assist the officers in understanding the need for proper record keeping, what records they should be tracking and what they should not be tracking. There are misconceptions about what records should be kept regarding live deployments in regard to narcotics searches, leaving officers open to unnecessary scrutiny, and the concept of keeping minimal records provides no protection for handlers working patrol, tracking or detection dogs. The key to protecting you and your agency from liability and having solid court preparation is accurate record keeping techniques with the ability to pull the information you need. This class will give you the tools you need to create a proper standard of record keeping that will provide you the protection you need for court.
- **“Selection Testing for Police K9” - Steve Brewer and Roger Kinney** - Naples #4 Classroom
The science of selecting the proper K9 for police work.

Noon to 1300 – Lunch

1300-1450

- **“On the Mark” - Cameron Ford and Jeff Meyer** - Naples #1 Classroom
This class will discuss the common problems handlers deal with in detection dogs as well as how a small and simple change in their approach (based on science) will lessen or eliminate those issues, as well as creating reliability under the scrutiny of law.

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- **“Managing Extreme Bite Behavior” - Bob Eden** - Naples #2 Classroom
This lecture provides officers the background and related science behind issues related to extreme bite behavior, and why it is so difficult to resolve issues of releasing the bite for some dogs. While some breeds are more prone to the issues than others, this class can provide trainers with the knowledge to help them understand what is happening psychologically with the dog and provide them with potential alternatives to traditional corrective measures.
- **“Using a Long Line to Your Tactical Advantage” - Jimmie Davenport** - Naples #3 Classroom
This class will discuss how to incorporate a long line as a tactical tool in various scenarios.
- **“Patrol K9 Legal Update” - Ron Cloward** - Naples #4 Classroom
In this two-hour lecture, we will discuss the latest cases and how they impact what we do, and don't do. We will also look at how and why we lose K-9 programs. This will be an up-to-date Patrol K9 Legal Update.

1500-1700

- **“Seven Deadly Sins” - Bob Wright** - Naples #1 Classroom
This class is designed to prepare Canine Handlers for real world encounters away from the training field. In addition to looking at the dangers of common errors made by all of us, it will look at the importance of realistic and operationally sound training. Although this class is particularly important for the new handler, the class also serves as a great reminder for experienced handlers, trainers and supervisors to ensure that they use their officer safety skills in the day-to-day deployments of their Police Service Dogs.
- **“So You Got a Dog, Now What” - Tyler Clarke** - Naples #2 Classroom
Discussion regarding what every new handler should know and a refresher for veteran handlers as well. We will discuss everything from bonding with your new K-9 to advanced training and problem solving. This will be an open forum encouraging dialog between new and veteran handlers and trainers. Topics will cover subjects relevant to both patrol and detection teams.
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The hands-on training and scenarios on Wednesday and Thursday will be posted for sign up in the vendor area after 1700 on Tuesday. As always, we must limit the number of handlers at any one site to start the day, but after the start you are free to move from one location to another.

The locations will be posted as well with each signup sheet.