

OBEDIENCE: This test must be passed before proceeding on to Controlled Apprehension phase. The obedience phase of the patrol certification is to determine if the police service dog can perform off lead obedience. This phase is designed to test the dog's ability and proficiency as well as the handler's total control over their dog. Handlers are responsible for their own conduct as well as the conduct of their individual canine. Handlers are expected to maintain control of their canine at all times. Uncontrolled or uncorrected canine aggression towards handlers, other canines, certifying officials, or spectators will be considered grounds for dismissal from the certification process. The obedience phase will be conducted off leash. The canine team will demonstrate the ability to complete the following exercises: A heeling phase that will consist of normal pace, a fast pace, and a slow pace. A minimum of two left turns, two right turns, and two about turns. The distance of each leg will be determined by the certifying official. You will need to place the dog in a down, sit, or stay position while you continue to walk. The handler will continue walking for approximately 30 feet. The handler will then turn around and walk past the dog for approximately 30 feet. The handler will return to the dog and they will heel together to the end and finish with a sit. This phase will be done at the direction of the certifying official.

Prohibited Equipment: At no time during any of the certifications test will sticks, whips, electronic or ultrasonic devices be used unless they are normally worn while the canine is working. No transmitters will be allowed in the certifying area nor will the collar be activated. All tests given to the canine team will be on a pass/fail basis. The certifying official will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test.

CONTROLLED APPREHENSION: This test is to determine if the canine is capable of performing exercises encountered by the police handler and his/her dog under simulated situations encountered while working. The test is designed to test the canine's ability, proficiency and courage, and the handler's total control of his/her dog. There are four (4) phases of this test. The canine and handler will be tested in all phases in the order as determined by the certifying official. Each phase is tested on a pass/fail basis and must be passed before proceeding to the next phase. There are options for equipment utilized during the test. In the event of any safety issue raised by the decoy, handler or certifying official, the certifying official has the discretion to mandate the use of a protective aggression suit. Each phase shall be completed off lead. Guns will be cleared of live ammunition and handlers will have no live ammunition on their person. Gun fire will be with blanks and will be checked by a certifying official or an appointed safety officer prior to the phase. Whenever possible, the decoy will be unknown to the canine. The decoy may be other handlers being tested or volunteers with the approval of the certifying official, or in some cases the certifying official themselves. In the phases requiring the canine to physically apprehend the suspect, the canine must fully engage and hold/fight the suspect. Failure to engage or excessive, unnecessary mouthing and readjusting of the apprehension are grounds for failure. In the phases requiring the canine to stop his pursuit and apprehension of the decoy, the handler may use any command or series of commands to control the dog. The handler will inform the certifying official prior to testing as to the command sequence used. Failure of the dog to release and/or to respond to obedience commands in a timely manner is grounds for failure. The handler must demonstrate sound tactics during all phases of the test. When a search of the decoy is called for the handler must demonstrate a safe approach, simulate handcuffing

and thoroughly search the decoy for weapons. Only the phases and exercises listed/described are required for successful completion of this test. The order of the phases and the exercises performed are at the discretion of the certifying official.

PHASE 1: Control Work- (Present the sleeve shake-hands, False Run) The canine will begin this phase from the heel position. The decoy will approach the canine team in a friendly manner and stop to shake hands with the handler, after the brief shaking of hands the suspect will turn and walk away to his starting point. Then the decoy will walk briskly towards the canine team to within 6 feet, stop, turn and jog away.

PHASE 2: Termination of Chase (Recall): The canine will begin this phase from the heel position. The decoy will start at a distance of thirty (30) to fifty (50) feet from the canine team. At the direction of the certifying official, the decoy will run away from the team in any direction. The certifying official will inform the handler when to send their dog. The decoy will stop and surrender once the dog has been released. The type of recall used is at the handler's discretion, but the certifying official must be informed of it prior to the test. It may be one of the following:

- 1.) Canine is recalled to the heel position.
- 2.) Canine is commanded to the down, sit or stand position and the handler will join their canine.
- 3.) Canine is commanded to the down, sit or stand position and then recalled by the handler to the heel position.

The importance of this test is that the suspect is not mouthed, nipped or bitten by the canine regardless of the type of call off used and that the canine precede at least 60% of the distance to the suspect. Non aggressive incidental contact made by the canine while attempting to respond to the recall is not faulty. This phase will be complete when the canine is in the heel position with the handler.

PHASE 3: Apprehension with gun fire: The canine will begin this phase from the heel position. The decoy, carrying a blank firing weapon loaded with blanks, will start at a distance of thirty (30) to fifty (50) feet from the canine team. The suspect will run away and once the canine is in pursuit the decoy will fire a shot. The canine will apprehend and hold the decoy. While the canine is holding the decoy, the decoy will then fire one (1) more round away from the canine. Once the handler reaches the decoy the handler will order the decoy to drop the weapon. The handler will then command the canine to release the decoy and recall as described in phase two (2). This phase is complete when the canine is returned to the heel position with the handler.

PHASE 4: Handler Protection: While the canine is inside the vehicle the handler will order the decoy approach to him. The handler will then simulate handcuffing the decoy. The decoy then simulates assaulting the handler. The handler will then release the dog from the vehicle to apprehend and hold the decoy. The handler will then be directed to remove the canine from the decoy. *All tests given the K9 team will be on a pass/fail basis. The certifying official will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. If the handler and canine pass they will be considered a team.

TRACKING/ TRAILING: This test is designed to determine if the canine is capable of tracking an unknown subject in an unfamiliar area. This test is intended to be closely simulative of working situations. This is a test of the canine's ability and proficiency as well as the handler's

control of the canine. Handlers will equip themselves and canine as that would in an actual deployment.

Suspects: The decoy will be unknown to the canine when possible. The decoy/track layer will receive instruction from the certifying official for the method and direction that the track is to be laid. The track will be laid as close to an actual deployment as possible. Before the track is laid, the certifying official will inform the handler whether a decoy or a toy left by the decoy will be at the end of the track.

Track: The handler and canine will be secluded from the area of the track. When the test begins the certifying official will inform the handler of the approximate area to begin. The handler will not be told in which direction the track leads. There will be one (1) fresh cross track laid fifteen (15) minutes after the original track is laid. The cross track will be laid by someone other than the track layer to test the canines scent discrimination. The length of the track must be between one-quarter mile and one-half mile. The track must cross at least two (2) types of surfaces (grass, dirt, concrete, woods, etc.). The track will be at least thirty (30) minutes old yet not older than 1 hour prior to beginning the test, and have at least three (3) turns no acute angle turns will be used in it. Due to climatic conditions the age of the track will be at the discretion of the certifying official. *All tests given the canine team will be on pass/fail basis. The certifying officials will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. If the handler and canine pass they will be considered a team.

BUILDING SEARCH: Controlled apprehension must be passed prior to this phase. This test is designed to simulate an actual deployment into a building, business, or residence where the canine is used as a locating tool. Three (3) basic types of buildings are selected and described for use on this test. The certifying official will accompany the team to observe the entire test, as could happen when a backup officer or superior officer would accompany the canine team during an actual search. Officer survival tactics will be used. The handler's weapon will be cleared by certifying official before beginning this test. No live ammunition will be carried on the handler's person.

Building Types: Residential dwellings, warehouse, barn, open areas within the building, school, hotel, office building, multi-room interior. The buildings or search area shall be a minimum of 2,000 sq. ft with multiple rooms. The decoy will be hidden at least ten (10) minutes prior to the test starting. The decoy will be hidden in a place of concealment, which is not visible to the canine and handler. The decoy will wear protective equipment when necessary for protection. Whenever possible, the decoy will be a person unknown to the canine, and not normally used in training with the canine. The decoy will not be hidden more than fifteen (15) feet high.

Certifying Official: The certifying official will designate the area of the building to be used for the test. The certifying official will designate the area in which the team is to begin their search. The certifying official will accompany the team into the building and must be able to observe the test. The certifying official should make every effort not to interfere with the test. When it is obvious to the certifying official that the canine is not searching for the decoy, the certifying official will inform the handler of the failure for this test. There will be no weapons or ammunition on the handler at the time of this test. The handler will inform the certifying official as to whether the canine will be on or off leash. All equipment normally used in an actual deployment will be utilized. The handler may accompany the canine throughout the

test. At no time will the handler open any doors that are closed within the search area. The canine's indication must be obvious to the certifying official. The handler must call the alert prior to rewarding his canine. All tests given the canine team will be on pass/fail basis. The certifying officials will determine if the team will be certified upon the completion of the test. The handler and canine will be considered as a team and it is the team who will be certified. If the handler and canine pass they will be considered a team.