

Preparing patrol supervisors for K9 team supervision in the field...

Canine Liability for Patrol Supervisors



Hosted by the Carlsbad Police Department

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Carlsbad Police Department, 2560 Orion Way, Carlsbad, CA 92010

Course Description: This class is recommended for patrol supervisors, Patrol Watch Commanders and Incident Commanders with *zero to minimal* knowledge of K9 operations and related policies who are now directly supervising or may supervise a patrol K9 team in the field to assist in limiting their liability and preparing for their potential “legal defense” in the event of a lawsuit. The class will examine TAC Team’s “360 Degrees of Responsibility” involving a police service dog.

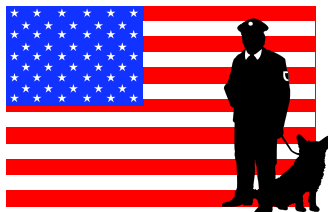
In most agencies, patrol supervisors, not the collaterally-assigned K9 supervisor, are assigned as the immediate supervisors for patrol K9 handlers and responsible for the first-line supervision and primary evaluation of the handlers. Immediate supervisors and other patrol supervisors become “K9 supervisors” in terms of liability when a K9 team is deployed under their supervision during a field operation or works in the field under their general supervision. Patrol supervisors are usually knowledgeable with the liability aspects related to other less lethal tools, but less familiar with deployments, use of force and liability as related directly to the police dog and the K9 handler. Course topics include;

- “It’s not my job!”
- Policy & Operational Manual
- Case Law and Control
- “Reasons We Get in Trouble”
- Training & Documentation
- Report writing
- “The Court of Public Opinion”
- Unintentional bites
- Deployments/Debriefs
- Evidence collection/retention
- Use of Force
- Discipline

Instructor: Sergeant Bill Lewis II (Retired) has over 35 years of law enforcement and instructor experience, retiring from the Oxnard (CA) Police Department after serving over 27 years. He was a K9 handler, K9 supervisor, and served on SWAT for over 25 years as a tactical operator and Team Leader. Sergeant Lewis teaches tactics, liability and supervision to K9 teams, tactical operators and law enforcement supervisors across the United States. He is an expert witness in K9 cases with clients that include the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department and Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department. Sergeant Lewis is the owner of TAC Team and serves as the primary facilitator for TacticalK9USA.com and TacticalDebriefs.com.

NOTE: This class is NOT recommended nor intended for current K9 handlers or K9 supervisors. A more comprehensive liability class for them is “Canine Liability 360” also offered through TAC Team.

Registration: Course restricted to **60** law enforcement personnel on a first-come basis. Tuition is \$75.00 per person. *Single agency discount offer:* Register 4 Supervisors/Pay-for-3. **Registration deadline is March 19.** To make a reservation, or for more information, contact Bill Lewis II at SgtBLewis2@aol.com. After reservation is confirmed, you can pay online or send check payable to;



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