



K-9 Narcotics Detection Course

March 19th—April 20th, 2012
Spokane Police Academy

The cost for this course is \$1500.

For additional information, or to register
for this course, please contact:
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SPOKANE POLICE DEPARTMENT

K-9 Unit



K-9 NARCOTICS DETECTION COURSE

This course is a 200+ hour Basic Narcotic Detection Course designed to fulfill Washington State minimum requirements (WAC 139-05-915) for narcotics dog handler certification. The course is also approved by Idaho POST and is open to all commissioned law enforcement Officers from any jurisdiction. Students will be responsible for providing their own dogs. Dog testing and evaluation prior to the school is recommended to ensure successful completion of the course. Instruction is conducted by veteran WSPCA Master Trainers and Assistant Trainers.

Training will include, but is not limited to:

- Canine selection techniques
- Basic dog care and first aid
- Obedience and control
- Public relations
- Narcotics related case law, liability, & best practices SOP/policy
- Obtaining, care, documentation, and packaging of training aids.
- Search Warrant requests
- Report writing & court testimony
- Vehicle, building, area, and evidence searches
- K-9 maintenance training & performance documentation

Date: March 19th to April 20th, 2012

Location: Spokane Police Department Training Center
2302 N Waterworks Spokane, WA 99212

Cost: \$1500

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Register: <http://www.spokanepolice.org/TrainingCenter/ClassInfo.aspx>

This 5-week course designed to meet each K-9 team's individual needs. Each team will progress at their own pace. However, it is expected that all teams continue to make progress throughout the course.

The course can be physically demanding. The handler must be in good physical condition. Minor injuries are not uncommon. A portion of the training is conducted outdoors. Handlers will provide their own meals and because of the nature of the course, there will be only short meal breaks.

Handlers will be required to keep a daily training log throughout the course. This will be inspected daily. Students will be assigned homework throughout the course. At the end of the course, a copy will be provided to the Spokane Police Dept K-9 Unit.

At the end of the course, it is expected that each team will be able to meet the K-9 WAC standards. Written tests will be given each week, with a final written exam at the end of course. Upon completion of the course, each handler will:

- Be able to recognize when and how to properly apply their dog
- Have a working knowledge of K-9 drives
- Have a working knowledge of scent theory
- Have a working knowledge of dog care
- Have a working knowledge of K-9 first aid
- Be knowledgeable in their department K-9 policy
- Be knowledgeable in K-9 and narcotics law and case law
- Have a working knowledge on how to conduct maintenance training on their own

Upon the first day of class, each handler will have:

- Their assigned K-9
- A vehicle in which they can safely transport and contain the dog
- A 3 foot leash for obedience
- A grooming brush & nail clippers
- Note taking materials
- Proper clothing for the weather
- Duty gear
- A copy of their Department's K-9 Policy

A team may be dismissed from the course for the following documented reasons:

- Gross negligence which would compromise the safety of others
- Failure to reasonably progress
- Failure to participate
- Continual failure to follow instructor's directions
- Failure of three written tests or re-tests
- Abusive behavior towards the dog
- Failure to keep records

Students may house their K-9 partners at our kennel facility at no cost.

The weekly schedule is generally Monday through Thursday (four ten hour shifts). There will be some flexing of this schedule. Training start times will vary, but will usually begin in the later morning/afternoon.

The following is an example of the basic course outline. It will vary considerably depending on the progress of the teams and the scheduling of course instructors. Due to the unpredictable levels and progression of K-9 teams, students must be prepared to be very flexible throughout the course.

WEEK 1: Introduction and Orientation, Department Policy and Procedure, Introduction to K-9, K-9 Testing and Screening, Correction and Reward Class, Introduction to Scent Theory, Obedience, Introduction to scent boxes, Log-keeping and Notebooks, Introduction to Scent Work, Introduce Marijuana, Dutch/Hare box training.

WEEK 2: Obedience, Dutch/Hare box training, K-9 Care, Dog testing, Test.

WEEK 3: Obedience, Dutch/Hare box training, Heroin/meth, Building Searches, Hare Wall training, K-9 First Aid class, K-9 and Legal Issues, Test.

WEEK 4: Obedience, Dutch/Hare box training, Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, Area Searches, Vehicle Searches, Luggage Searches, Search Warrants, Test.

WEEK 5: Obedience, Final Response, Area Searches, Vehicle Searches, Luggage Searches, Building Searches, Test, Accreditation.