

Coming to Washington...

**TAC Team Course Announcement**

# “Canine Liability 360”

*Being consistent, making good decisions and keeping proper documentation will limit your liability and make you a better K9 handler and K9 supervisor.*



Hosted by the Vancouver Police Department

**Friday, September 21, 2012 - 0800-1730 (check-in begins 0730)**

Vancouver Police Department West Precinct, 2800 NE Stapleton Rd., Vancouver, WA 98661

**Course Description:** This class is the most comprehensive one-day liability seminar now being offered. It is recommended and serves as an essential phase for both the K9 handler and K9 supervisor to assist in preparing for their potential “legal defense” in the event of a lawsuit and prevailing by examining TAC Team's “360 Degrees of Responsibility” involving a single purpose patrol or cross-trained police service dog. Participants will benefit from the firsthand experiences of the instructor as well as others involved with K9 as some cases and incidents not found in “case law updates” are reviewed and the lessons learned shared.

K9 handlers, supervisors, administrators, and SWAT team leaders (who deploy with K9 teams) from the same agency are encouraged to attend together so everyone involved with their respective police dog program can simultaneously learn information and hear recommendations for successfully running a K9 program so everyone involved leaves with a better understanding of each other's duties and responsibilities. *Information shared in this class may also assist to maintain or justify the retention of your K9 program if necessary during budget "cutback" considerations in tough economic times.*

This class will address:

- “Control and case law”
- Policy & Operational Manual
- Use of Force
- Selection and Retention
- Training & Documentation
- Report writing
- Deployments / Debriefs
- Unintentional bites
- K9 Field Training Program
- Evidence collection/retention
- Off-duty care & compensation
- Discipline

**Instructor:** Sergeant Bill Lewis II (Retired) has over 34 years of law enforcement and instructor experience, retiring from the Oxnard (CA) Police Department after serving over 27 years. He was a K9 handler for four years, K9 supervisor for over eight years, and served on SWAT for over 25 years as a tactical operator with 18 years assigned as Team Leader. Sergeant Lewis teaches tactics, liability and supervision nationally to K9 teams, tactical operators and law enforcement supervisors. 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. He is a certifying official for CNCA/NPCA, California POST K9 Team certifier, and Tactical Standards and Training Committee Director for Tactical Tracker Teams K9 Corps (TTTK9). Sergeant Lewis is the owner of TAC Team and serves as the primary facilitator for TacticalK9USA.com and TacticalDebriefs.com.

**Registration:** Course restricted to law enforcement personnel on a first-come basis. Tuition is \$95.00 per person. **Registration deadline is August 31.** To make a reservation, or for more information, contact Bill Lewis II at SgtBLewis2@aol.com. You can pay tuition online at [www.tacteamstore.com](http://www.tacteamstore.com) or make checks payable to “Training and Consulting Team” and mail along with your name, agency, and e-mail address to;



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