

2-days of "tactics" for the street and court coming to Washington...

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 Tumwater Police (WA) Guild

Wednesday & Thursday, February 12 & 13, 2014 - 0800-1700

New Market Skills Center, 7299 New Market St SW, Tumwater, Washington 98501

This class has been expanded from the traditional one-day format - based on course evaluations from prior CL360 attendees - to provide extra time for "Reasons We Get in Trouble," extra time for report writing, extra time for video debriefs, and extra time for interaction/open discussions. Plans currently include an optional and informal "meet and debrief" on Wednesday night after class.

Course Description: This comprehensive class serves as an essential phase for both the K9 handler and K9 supervisor to assist in managing their K9 program and preparing for their potential "legal defense" to prevail in the event of a lawsuit 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 as some recent cases and incidents not found in "case law updates" are reviewed and discussed 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 their program. By doing so, they should all leave with a better understanding of each other's duties and responsibilities. *More information about the class can be viewed at <http://tacticalk9usa.com/canine-liability-360>*

The course topics will include:

- "Reasons We Get in Trouble"
- Policy & Operational Manual
- "Case Law and Control"
- Selection and Retention
- Training & Documentation
- Report writing
- "The Court of Public Opinion"
- Deployments / Debriefs
- Unintentional bites
- Evidence collection/retention
- Off-duty care & compensation
- 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. He is an expert witness, a certifying official for CNCA/NPCA/CA POST, Board Member & Patrol Dog Training Coordinator for the California Narcotic Canine Association (CNCA), Tactical Standards and Training Committee Director for Tactical Tracker Teams K9 Corps (TTTK9), and Board Member & Regional Representative for the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO). Sergeant Lewis is the owner of Training and Consulting Team ("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 \$195.00 per person. **Registration deadline is January 22.** To make a reservation, or for more information, contact Bill Lewis II at SgtBLewis2@aol.com.



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