

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Canine Performance Standards

EXPLOSIVE DETECTION DOG TEAMS

CERTIFICATION RULES AND REGULATIONS

This document contains the minimum performance standards and the rules to administer the test, as adopted by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. This test is not designed to cover every possible technique, method, or application style. The test is designed to determine the proficiency and reliability of a canine team in apprehension and scent work. A K-9 team that fails to pass any phase of the test will be able to re-test in said phase. The general rules for testing explosive detection dog teams will be as follows:

1. The handler and the dog will be considered as a team and it will be the team that is certified. If one member of the team changes, a new team exists, and the new team will need to be certified.
2. All teams will have **completed** the training requirements (to include specified hours) required by WAC 139-05-915.
3. Accreditations are designated solely for the purpose of evaluation and are not meant to replace training hours.
4. A canine team which fails any portion of the accreditation shall conduct a minimum of an additional 40 hours of training with a certified Trainer prior to being re-evaluated.
5. Handlers must be evaluated with their assigned duty canine and proper working collar.
6. Every handler is responsible for the safety of his/her canine and shall conduct themselves in a professional and safe manner to minimize danger to other persons, property or other canines.
7. At any point during the accreditation attempt, the Master Trainer may discontinue the attempt due to any perceived safety concerns.
8. A loss of a handler's temper, an extreme and unnecessary correction, or mistreatment of a canine will result in an immediate disqualification.
9. Any handler or canine medical conditions shall be relayed to the Master Trainer prior to starting the accreditation.
10. Outside agencies with department policies that may affect the outcome of the accreditation shall advise the Master Trainer of their policies prior to starting the accreditation.
11. The phases of testing may be conducted in any order. However, the Master Trainer may suggest a starting point based on training aid set up time, availability of training locations or weather factors.
12. **The Agency head must sign the formal CJTC Certification Form and submit the form to CJTC for the certification process to be finalized.**

Certification Requirements

1. A team is allowed only one miss and must have an 80% or above average in the team scoring portion.
2. The mandatory explosive substances are: Black Powder, Smokeless Powder, TNT, RDX, PETN, Nitroglycerin Dynamite, Ammonia Dynamite or Kinopak (as a substitute).
3. Fourteen explosive training finds consisting of two of each mandatory explosive substance shall be used.
4. Training aids used shall be a minimum of ½ pound.
5. A minimum of 1 of the 14 training finds will be placed as a high find. This is defined as a find which is no less than 6 feet high.
6. The types of substances placed in each phase will be at the discretion of the Trainer.
7. There shall be a minimum of one find in each phase (buildings, vehicles, commercial vehicles, luggage, and area search).
8. There is no maximum number of finds in any given phase. There shall be no more than one find in any given room or vehicle.
9. The training aids shall be set up a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the accreditation.
10. When the handler believes a trained odor has been located, he/she shall verbally indicate the team has positive alert and indication. The handler shall then indicate the location of the find. The Master Trainer may ask the handler to be more specific regarding the location.
11. The Master Trainer has the authority to discontinue the accreditation process if excessive time has been spent searching without results. Prior to leaving the search area the Master Trainer may ask the handler to state any "areas of interest" they observed during the search. The Master Trainer may allow the team to return and re-search those specific areas.
12. Master Trainers are not required to explain their evaluation process or scores to the handler during the accreditation. The Master Trainer will explain their evaluation to the handler upon completion of the accreditation. Handlers who are not satisfied with the Master Trainer's decisions may contact the Canine Unit.

Explosive Team Application Phases

1. Buildings

This phase will consist of:

A) Three rooms designated by the Master Trainer, which may vary in size. Each room must be at least 100 square feet and contain furniture, inventory, or other equipment. Each room will consist of no more than one find.

B) A large building or warehouse which will be at least 250 square feet. No more than 2 finds in this area.

2. Vehicles.

This phase will consist of a minimum of 20 passenger vehicles which may vary in size, location, and environment. The vehicle search will be exterior only.

3. Commercial Vehicles.

This phase will consist of not more than three commercial vehicles (bus, semi, 15 passenger van, plane, etc.) which may vary in size, location, and environment. The commercial vehicle search may be interior and exterior.

4. Luggage.

This phase will consist of a minimum of 10 pieces of luggage, parcel, or boxes. These pieces may vary in size, location, and environment.

5. Area Search.

This phase will consist of an exterior area search (minimum of 30 yards by 15 yards). The area search may consist of articles, vehicles, brush, or open field.

6. Obedience.

Each handler shall demonstrate a minimum level of obedience and control of their canine. This will consist of a 1 minute sit/stay, a 3 minute down/stay, and recall to the handler from a distance of no less than 10 feet.

Explosive Team Scoring

Handler: The handler will be scored in the following areas:

1. Presentation
2. Search pattern
3. Control of environment (lights)
4. Reading canine
5. Timing of correction (if necessary)
6. Reward
7. Cueing (stall, jack voice tones, over-presentation)
8. Voice Tones
9. Leash hand

Canine: The canine will be scored in the following areas:

1. Alert
2. Indication
3. Hunt
4. Confidence
5. Non-Productive Response
6. Urinating in search area

**Deductions will be 1, 2 or 3 points depending on the severity of the error*

Definitions

Non-productive response – An alert or indication by the canine, and the handler indicates to the Master Trainer an explosive odor exists for the purposes of rewarding the canine; where no trained odor exists.

Alert – A change in body posture and increased respiration when the canine first encounters a trained odor.

Indication – A trained response given by the canine when it reaches the source of the trained odor (sit, down, bark, point, etc.).

Trainer's Instructions

Green Teams:

While conducting the initial Criminal Justice Accreditation for "green" canine teams, the Master Trainer is allowed to provide a minimum level of assistance. This assistance should be in the form of the Master Trainer asking the handler questions to illicit information *which is known* by the handler to stimulate a productive thought process. The Master Trainer is encouraged to minimize the handlers' stress level by talking with the handler and allowing frequent breaks.

Explosive Odor:

The mandatory explosive substances are: Black Powder, Smokeless Powder, TNT, RDX, PETN, Nitroglycerin Dynamite, Ammonia Dynamite or Kinepak (as a substitute). There will be two finds of each mandatory explosive substance.

Accreditation Requirements:

Master Trainer should review the requirements shown on pages 3 and 4 prior to setting up any phase of the accreditation. In addition, the Master Trainer *shall* read the general rules, accreditation requirements, team application phases, and team scoring sections to all handlers attempting the accreditation. During this time the Master Trainer shall clarify the accreditation process and answer questions handlers may have

Deductions:

Deductions will be 1, 2, or 3 points, based on the severity of the mistake (a 3 point deduction is the most severe). The Master Trainer will use his/her discretion to decide if an error has occurred and the severity. A team may be deducted for the same error, independently, within one search area each time the error occurs.

Example: While conducting an area search, the handler fails to make presentations in areas of opportunity. The handler self corrects the lack of presentations for a period of time. Later in the search area the handler fails to make presentations in obvious areas of opportunity. The Master Trainer may make a 1 point deduction for the initial lack of presentations and a 3 point deduction for the lack of presentations the second time.

A non-productive response or a walk shall be deducted 5 points. The second non-productive response or walk shall be considered an accreditation failure regardless of the canine teams' performance to that point.

The Master Trainer shall give a 3 point deduction when the canine has an aggressive response to an area which contains explosive odor.

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WORK SHEET

Location: _____ Date: _____
 Handler: _____ Yrs. K9 _____
 Agency: _____ Experience: _____
 Dog: _____ Yrs. Explosive Experience: _____
 Type of Alert: _____ Cross Yes No
 Reward: _____ Trained: _____
 Breed: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing the accreditation process and will comply with the process as written. I have completed the training and hours required by WAC 139-05-915.

Signature: _____ DATE: _____

<u>Phase</u>		<u>Explosive's</u>	<u>Team Effort</u>
1	Building	_____	_____
2	Vehicles	_____	_____
3	Commercial Vehicles	_____	_____
4	Luggage	_____	_____
5	Area Search	_____	_____
6	Obedience	_____	_____
		TOTAL	_____

PASS FAIL

Master Trainer

Trainer of Record

Print Name: _____ Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____ Signature: _____
 Agency: _____ Agency: _____

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WSCJTC - Explosive Detection Dog Team

Handler: _____ Dog: _____
Phase: VEHICLES Date: _____

Explosive Section

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Team Effort Section

	<u>Dog</u>		<u>Handler</u>
	1 pt.	3 pt.	1 pt. 3 pt.
1			Presentation _____
2			Search Pattern _____
3			Control of Environment _____
4			Reading Canine _____
5			Timing of Correction _____
6			Reward _____
8			Cueing _____
9			Voice Tones _____
10			Leash Hand _____
11	_____	Alert	
12	_____	Indication	
13	_____	Hunt	
14	_____	Confidence	
15	_____	Urinating in Search Area	
16	_____	Non-Productive Response	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail
17	_____	Walk	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail

Total: _____

Master Trainer Initials: _____ Trainer Initials: _____

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WSCJTC - Explosive Detection Dog Team

Handler: _____ Dog: _____
Phase: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES Date: _____

Explosive Section

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Team Effort Section

	<u>Dog</u>		<u>Handler</u>
	1 pt.	3 pt.	1 pt. 3 pt.
1			Presentation _____
2			Search Pattern _____
3			Control of Environment _____
4			Reading Canine _____
5			Timing of Correction _____
6			Reward _____
8			Cueing _____
9			Voice Tones _____
10			Leash Hand _____
11	_____	Alert	
12	_____	Indication	
13	_____	Hunt	
14	_____	Confidence	
15	_____	Urinating in Search Area	
16	_____	Non-Productive Response	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail
17	_____	Walk	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail

Total: _____

Master Trainer Initials: _____ Trainer Initials: _____

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WSCJTC - Explosive Detection Dog Team

Handler: _____ Dog: _____
Phase: LUGGAGE Date: _____

Explosive Section

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Team Effort Section

	<u>Dog</u>		<u>Handler</u>
	1 pt.	3 pt.	1 pt. 3 pt.
1			Presentation _____
2			Search Pattern _____
3			Control of Environment _____
4			Reading Canine _____
5			Timing of Correction _____
6			Reward _____
8			Cueing _____
9			Voice Tones _____
10			Leash Hand _____
11	_____	Alert	
12	_____	Indication	
13	_____	Hunt	
14	_____	Confidence	
15	_____	Urinating in Search Area	
16	_____	Non-Productive Response	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail
17	_____	Walk	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail

Total: _____

Master Trainer Initials: _____ Trainer Initials: _____

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WSCJTC - Explosive Detection Dog Team

Handler: _____ Dog: _____
Phase: AREA SEARCH Date: _____

Explosive Section

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Found</u>
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				

Team Effort Section

	<u>Dog</u>		<u>Handler</u>
	1 pt.	3 pt.	1 pt. 3 pt.
1			Presentation _____
2			Search Pattern _____
3			Control of Environment _____
4			Reading Canine _____
5			Timing of Correction _____
6			Reward _____
8			Cueing _____
9			Voice Tones _____
10			Leash Hand _____
11	_____	Alert	
12	_____	Indication	
13	_____	Hunt	
14	_____	Confidence	
15	_____	Urinating in Search Area	
16	_____	Non-Productive Response	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail
17	_____	Walk	1 st time = 5 pts 2 nd time = Fail

Total: _____

Master Trainer Initials: _____ Trainer Initials: _____

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WSCJTC - Explosive Detection Dog Team

Handler: _____ Dog: _____
Phase: **OBEDIENCE** _____ Date: _____

Team Effort Section

Sit – Stay (1 minute): ½ pt per violation
Additional Commands _____
Failure to stay/breaking position _____

Down – Stay (3 minutes): ½ pt per violation
Failure to stay/breaking position _____

Come: ½ pt per violation
Additional Commands _____
Failure to stay/breaking position _____
Failure to return/non-direct return _____

All Exercises ½ pt per violation
Urinating in Test Area _____

Failure to do follow-up commands 3 pt per violation

Total: _____

Master Trainer Initials: _____ Trainer Initials: _____

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Record Sheet

Location: _____ Date: _____
 Handler: _____ Yrs. K9 Experience: _____
 Agency: _____

Dog: _____ Yrs. Explosive Experience: _____
 Type of Alert: _____ Cross Trained: Yes No
 Reward: _____ Breed: _____

I have read and understand the rules governing the accreditation process and will comply with the process as written. I have completed the training and hours required by WAC 139-05-915.

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____
 Trainer of Record: _____ Agency: _____
 Where Trained: _____ Dates: _____

Evaluation

Explosive Section

Mandatory Odors PASS FAIL
 Elective Odors PASS FAIL

Team Effort Section

Team Effort PASS FAIL

Master Trainer

Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Agency: _____

Trainer of Record

Print Name: _____
 Signature: _____
 Agency: _____

Circle One: Handler's Copy Evaluator's Copy WSCJTC Copy

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CANINE TEAM CERTIFICATION REQUEST

EMAIL tjones@cjtc.state.wa.us or FAX TO: 206/835-7923

CANINE TEAM	TEAM DISBANDED
AGENCY, including mailing address :	AGENCY:
PEACE OFFICER'S FULL NAME:	PEACE OFFICER'S FULL NAME :
CANINE'S NAME:	CANINE'S NAME:
DATE TEAM ESTABLISHED (MM/DD/YY):	DATE TEAM DISBANDED (MM/DD/YY):
TYPE OF CANINE TEAM: <i>Attach Record Sheet</i> <input type="checkbox"/> PATROL TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLOSIVE DETECTION TEAM <input type="checkbox"/> NARCOTIC DETECTION TEAM	REASON FOR TEAM DISBANDING: <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer RETIRED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer RESIGNED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer DECEASED <input type="checkbox"/> Canine <input type="checkbox"/> Officer MEDICAL <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ NOTE: If one member of the team changes, a new team exists, and the new team will need to be certified.

The above named Canine Team meets or exceeds the Canine Performance Standards portion of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission in accordance with WAC 139-05-915.

The evaluator has indicated, by their initials, that all phases of the standard requirements for certification have been met by the Canine Team.

Initials	PATROL AND INVESTIGATION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Obedience, B. Protection and control, C. Area search, D. Building search, and E. Tracking.

Initials	NARCOTICS DETECTION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Building search, B. Vehicle search, C. Exterior search, and D. Obedience.

Initials	EXPLOSIVE DETECTION REQUIREMENTS
	A. Obedience, B. Building search, C. Private and commercial vehicle search, and D. exterior search.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

<u>NAME OF EVALUATOR, AGENCY, and AGENCY CONTACT</u>	<u>SIGNATURE OF EVALUATOR:</u>	DATE TESTED/CERTIFIED:
<u>NUMBER:</u> _____ _____		_____
<u>AGENCY APPROVAL (Chief or Sheriff):</u>		DATE: