



## 2021 Advanced Handler Course

Hosted by the

**Spokane Police K9 Unit**

**Sept 20-23, 2021**

**(Check-in begins on 9/19/21 at 1600 hrs.)**

**This will be a working seminar so bring your dog and all your equipment.**

**Registration cost:  
\$750.00**

**Equipment:** You will need all your K9 gear to include long lines, leashes, muzzles, safety glasses, inert guns if available, uniform attire etc...

You will also need the following-

- Ammo-
  - 200 rounds of handgun (50 frangible)
  - 50 rounds of .223 (if you carry a long gun)
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- Eye/ear protection (we have both if you don't)
- Gas mask
  - Clothes to wear for the exposure or to change into afterwards
- Uniform with patrol gear (including vest, flash light, tourniquets, etc...)
- SWAT gear
- Training gun that fits your holster ("red gun" type)
- Tracking harness, leads, long line, etc...
- Muzzle
- K9 rappelling harness (K9 Storm ballistic vest works well but we have several to share)
- Laptop computer and thumb drive for saving reports

**Meetings:** An all hands-on deck meeting is scheduled for 1700 hrs. on 9/19/21.

There will be short briefings prior to the start of each training day to cover questions and expectations for the exercises.

**Training:** Training will include but is not limited to:

- Each team will receive instruction and exposure to tactical firearms scenarios with their K-9, multiple forms of decision-based firearms training, and instruction and exposure to multiple forms of indoor live-fire under the guidance of K-9 and Firearms instructors.
- Handlers will receive instruction and participate in discussion regarding the best techniques to document K-9 deployments and training. Handlers will be writing reports based on training scenarios throughout the course.
- Teams will be exposed to numerous realistic searching and tracking scenarios. Scenarios will be challenging and will provide future guidance towards their handling and decision-making skills.
- Classroom training on how to integrate K-9 into the SWAT arsenal.
- Each team will receive training and participate in multiple dynamic entries in a SWAT environment, including flash-bang deployments.
- Each team will receive training and participate in scenarios deploying their K-9 in conjunction with multiple less-lethal options.
- Each team will participate in multiple scenarios in K-9 tracking for high-risk suspects with a SWAT team and in patrol-based settings.
- Each team will participate in scenarios deploying their K-9 to search structures in conjunction with a SWAT team.
- Each team will participate in scenarios deploying their K-9 to search in a gas filled multi-storied structure.
- Handlers will receive instruction and participate in scenarios integrating Defensive Tactics with their K-9.
- There will be tactical first-aid instruction, which will then be incorporated into scenarios.
- Each team will be exposed to rappelling from a multi-story structure.

**Quarry:** Quarries wishing to attend must confirm your spot as a quarry by contacting Paul Buchmann at (pbuchmann@spokanepolice.org). There is currently no financial assistance for quarries.

**Hotel:** TBA – Once a hotel is arranged it will be communicated to teams accepted to the course.

**Itinerary (subject to minor changes):**

**Sunday:** Registration will open at 1600 hrs. at Spokane Police K9 Kennels.  
An all hands-on deck meeting is scheduled for 1700 hrs.  
BBQ to follow on site

**Monday-Thursday:** Training is typically from 1000-2400hrs.

**Payment Information:** This course is limited to 12 K9 teams due to quality of training and safety precautions. It is critical that we receive a registration form from all potential attendees. Applications will be reviewed and teams notified of acceptance.

**Your spot is not confirmed until application is approved and payment is received!!**

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