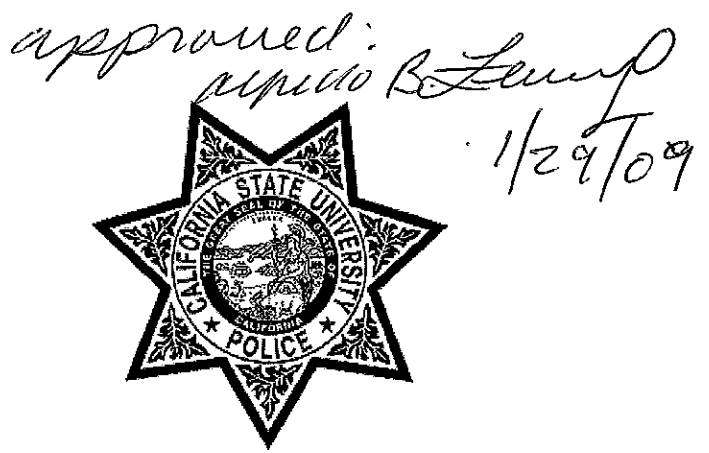


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LESSON PLAN

SUBJECT: Use of Department Canine

LENGTH: 1 hour

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I. Performance Objectives/Job-Related Objectives:

This course is designed to familiarize officers with the use of the department canine for the location and apprehension of suspects and evidence. The course will also provide information on the officer's role during a canine search. Upon completion of the training officers will have a better understanding of their role in a canine search and when to call for a canine search. This training should take about 1 hour and is designed to be broken up into two parts. The first part of the training will include review of Policy/Procedure Number 05-S.O-007, Use of Department Canine and viewing of the South Bay video. The second part will include a power point presentation by a K-9 officer and a practical exercise in the DPS parking lot with the K-9 officer and canine. At the completion of training, officers will have a better understanding of their role in a canine search and when canine can be used.

II. Type of Instruction:

- A. Review the “Use of Department Canine” Policy/Procedure: 05-S.O.-007 with their respective shift (10 minutes).
- B. Review South Bay K-9 video with their respective shift (20minutes).
- C. Review power point presentation presented by a K-9 Officer (20minutes).
- D. Conduct simulated canine search in the field with K-9 Officer (40minutes).

III. Course Outline:

A. Introduction

1. Purpose of Course

- a. Provide information and familiarize officers on the use of the department canine for locating and apprehending suspects.
- b. Provide information on an officer’s role during a canine search.

B. Policy and Procedures

1. Review, “Use of Department Canine” – 05-S.O-007with emphasis on the following:

A. Service dogs shall not be used for

- a. Crowd control assignments
- b. Disturbance calls
- c. Teasing
- d. Resolving domestic disputes
- e. To apprehend anyone suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol if no other crime is involved, nor the mentally disturbed if no other crime is involved.

2. The decision to deploy a canine shall be based upon the following

- a. The severity of the crime
- b. Whether the suspect poses an immediate threat to the safety of the officers or others; and
- c. Whether the suspect is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest at the time.

3. Where a tactical deployment is justified by departmental policy, the tactical measures used shall be at the discretion of the canine handler and must be objectively reasonable.
4. It is the responsibility of the K-9 handler to determine whether an incident is one in which deployment of a service dog would be consistent with this policy.
 - a. If there is any conflict between a supervisor and a canine handler as to whether an assigned task or mission is within the technical competence of the handler and/or service dog, the decision not to use a service dog for a particular task, based upon such technical reason, shall rest with the canine officer.

C. Review South Bay Canine video with officers

D. Canine handler will conduct PowerPoint presentation and answer any questions officers may have.

E. Conduct a Canine search in the DPS parking lot/ B-3 storage shed with K-9 officer

F. Conduct a safety check-No weapons, lethal/less lethal (i.e. knives, guns, pepper spray, A.S.P) allowed in the training area

1. Ballistic Helmet Fitting
2. Shift supervisor should complete an inspection to ensure all weapons are removed
3. Store weapons in the equipment room until exercise is completed.

G. Conduct Canine search in DPS parking lot with K-9 officer

1. The canine officer will conduct a search of a suspect wanted for ADW.

H. Debrief with the officers after completing the exercise. The goal should be to be more comfortable working with canines