

Information related to Narcotic Detection Canines

TRAINING BOARD “MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS”

P.A. 97-0469 (50 ILCS 705/10.12) amended the Police Training Act to require that “police dogs used by State and local law enforcement agencies for drug enforcement purposes...” be trained to meet the “minimum certification requirements” set by the Training Board. These standards were developed based upon the SWGDOG Guidelines. The Training Board’s “minimum certification requirements” can be found posted to the Board’s website (www.ptb.state.il.us).

All local law enforcement agencies were required to notify the Training Board via the report form of their narcotic detection canines and their training history no later than May 1st 2012.

PLEASE NOTE – the statute only deals with the canine – not the handler – so please make sure all documentation notes the canine’s name.

Below is information that will help you determine what your agency’s reporting requirements which became effective July 1st, 2012.

At the end of this document are the forms needed to report to the Training Board.

Please read the following information thoroughly.

If you do not find an answer to your question or concern posted here, please email Coralyn Beem, Manager of Mandated Training, at cora.beem@illinois.gov.

It is very possible that after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on **“Florida v. Harris”** that our requirements will change. Please check back to our website periodically for updates.

Please note that training entities, MTUs, and Academies offering narcotic detection canine training and/or certification change from time to time. Please contact the individual entity, MTU, or Academy to determine their training schedule.

You can also monitor the Training Board website for updates (www.ptb.state.il.us).

NITIAL TRAINING OF NEW NARCOTIC DETECTION CANINES –

As of October 30, 2012, the following training entities have been found to meet the Training Board's "minimum certification requirements" for the initial (new) training of narcotic detection canines:

187 K-9 (aka Brian Dowdy, Belleville PD)
Allen County Sheriff's Department
American Working Dog Council (AWDC)
Bauernhof K-9 Inc.
Canine Training Institute (CTI)
Canine Training Unlimited
Chicago Police Department
Cook County Sheriff's Police
Custom Canine Unlimited
Drug Beat K-9 Certifications
Extreme K-9
Global Working Dogs DBA Controlled F.O.R.C.E. Working Dogs
Illinois Tactical Canine Handlers Association
K9 Essentials
Lafollette K-9 Training Center
Landheim Training Center
Little Rock K-9 Academy
Northern Michigan K9
North Iowa K-9
Paw-a-day Inn K9 Suites
Rudy Drexler School For Dogs
Scott's K9 Facility
Southern Police Canine
St. Louis City K-9 Academy
Tarheel Canine Training Inc.
Top Dogs Police K-9 Academy
Tops Kennels
Vohne Liche Kennels

If an agency chooses to send a new canine to any one of these training entities, the Board will approve the initial training.

If you are thinking about using a training entity not listed here, **PRIOR** to training, the Board must review the training and determine if it complies with the Board standards. It is the agency's responsibility to ensure that the new entity's curriculum is submitted for Board review **PRIOR** to attending the training. Submission is not a guarantee of a finding of compliance with Board standards.

If you use a training entity not in compliance with Board standards, you must send the canine to either an MTU or approved academy for certification within 30 days of returning to the canine to the agency.

There are also Board-approved MTUs and Academies who have state-certified courses for the initial training of narcotic detection canines.

As of June 2012, the MTUs authorized to host the **initial** narcotic detection canine training are:

MTU 3
MTU 10

As of June 2012, the Academies authorized to host the **initial** narcotic detection canine training are:

ISP
Cook County Sheriff's Police
Chicago PD
Springfield PD

If the new canine successfully completes the state certified course, the MTU or Academy will issue a training certificate which is good until July 1st of the following year.

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Regardless of how the new canine is obtained or trained, upon certification, the agency will report the new canine to the Board using the form posted on the Board's website (www.ptb.state.il.us) no later than 30 days after completing the initial training. The form is also attached herein.

Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
4500 South 6th Street Road, Room 173 Springfield, Illinois 62703-6617
Telephone: (217) 782-4540 Fax: (217) 524-5350

Narcotic Detection Canine Certification Report Form
 Compliance with P.A. 97-0469 (50 ILCS 705/10.12)

INITIAL CERTIFICATION
Must be submitted no later than 30 days after the initial training of a new canine

Please type or print legibly

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Chief Law Enforcement Officer: _____

Canine name: _____ Breed: _____
 (Use a separate report form for each canine within the agency)

List the initial training course(s) attended: Provide name of organization, business, or association conducting the course, location, dates, and number of hours completed. You must attach copies of certifications. If additional room is needed, please use a blank page and provide all needed information.

Certifying organization/business/association: _____

Location: _____ Date(s): _____

Hours of training: _____

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the agency to document and maintain all Narcotics Detection Canine training and certification to include certificates and other training materials which demonstrates compliance with the “minimum certification requirements” for audit purposes.

I certify that the training reported above complies with Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board’s Narcotic Detection Canine Minimum Certification Requirements and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

 Signature of Chief Law Enforcement Officer

 Date

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ANNUAL CERTIFICATION -

The Board does not restrict an agency from utilizing any other training entity or association to obtain on-going canine training, however, the Board requires each narcotic detection canine to be annually certified (beginning July 1st, 2012) on these “minimum certification requirements”.

Using the date on the agency’s “Compliance” letter, the agency has 12 months to obtain the annual certification. This annual certification **MUST** be done through either an MTU or academy. Please contact your local MTU to determine if they are hosting the trainings or if they can direct you to an MTU or approved academy which is holding such training.

The agency must then submit the annual training report (again, found on the Board’s website – www.ptb.state.il.us) to the Board with a copy of the certificate attached no later than June 30th to be in compliance. A copy of the report form is attached herein.

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ANNUAL CERTIFICATION

Must be submitted no later than 12 months from initial certification or previous annual certification

The ONLY annual certification accepted is from either an MTU or Academy

Please type or print legibly

Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Chief Law Enforcement Officer: _____

Canine name: _____ Breed: _____
(Use a separate report form for each canine within the agency)

Annual certification: List the certification course attended and attach a copy of certificate

Certifying Mobile Training Unit (MTU) or Academy: _____

Location: _____ Date(s): _____

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Date

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FORMS -

The “Minimum Certification Requirements” and report forms used by the Training Board to document initial (new) canine training and the annual certification can be found on our website (www.ptb.state.il.us).

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