



## LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP

### POLICE K-9 SEMINAR OCTOBER 19 –23, 2009

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- Scenario-based training
  - Certifications through Eastern Police K-9 Association
    - Patrol
    - Explosives
    - Narcotics
  - Limited to 35 K-9 teams
  - Lodging available  
(Dogs permitted in handlers' rooms)
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#### **COST:**

\$375 per K-9 team (includes membership in Eastern Police K-9 Association)

\$175 for any officer without a K-9

\$25 per certification (patrol, narcotics, explosive)

#### **LODGING:**

Arrangements made with Hilton Homewood Suites in Lower Providence for seminar participants and their canines.

\$149 per night – includes breakfast & dinner daily

681 Shannondell Blvd.

Audubon, PA 19403

610-539-7300

*(Mention K-9 seminar)*

**LOCATION:** Lower Providence Fire Co. Station No. 1, corner of Ridge Pike & East Mount Kirk Ave, Eagleville

10/19 @ 0800

#### **CONTACTS:**

Off. Ken Duelley – 610-202-7159 (cell)

Off. Matt Kuhnert – 267-249-3081 (cell)

Lunch provided daily - Dinner & door prizes Thursday evening

**Limited Space – Register Early  
Forms available online:  
[www.lowerprovidence.org](http://www.lowerprovidence.org)**



**Scenario-based training involving building search, tracking, K-9 apprehension and detection work for narcotics and explosives. Great seminar for Departments starting up a K-9 unit who like to send a potential handler.**

## **EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS**

### **JOEL MACKOWN**

Joel is a 19-year member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with the past ten years in the Police Dog Service. He has worked two General Duty Police Service Dogs in his K-9 career and they were also specialized in explosive detection and SWAT. Joel and PSD Badge patrol the Leduc Region south of the city of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and cover the International Airport for explosive detection and tactical calls. Joel also is the senior dog handler on the Edmonton ERT (SWAT) team. He has spoken at K-9 seminars in Canada and the United States on operational debriefs on three separate shooting incidents he was involved in.

In 1999, Joel and PSD BRIT were shot in the line of duty by a gunman lying in ambush. In 2004, Joel was present when a fellow dog handler and mentor, Jim Galloway, was shot and killed by a deranged gunman during a SWAT call. In 2005, Joel was the first officer to enter the Quonset in Mayerthorpe where four fellow Mounties were ambushed and massacred by a deranged gunman. Joel has instructed in tracking at K-9 seminars in both Arizona and New York State, demonstrating and instructing in urban tracking. He also co-instructs on a K-9 HRD (high risk deployment) course.

### **CLIFFORD SAMSON**

Cliff is a retired member of the Winnipeg Police Service serving 26 years, 16 with their K-9 unit and 12 as the SGT in charge and senior trainer. He currently works for the Manitoba Emergency Services College where he is developing K-9 programs and training, and certifying dogs for several

organizations in Canada. Cliff has worked an explosive detector dog for the past 11 years and is currently working a chocolate lab trained as part of one of the five National Heavy Urban Search and Rescue teams in Canada.

### **STEVE SPROUSE**

Steve has been in law enforcement for 26 years and a K-9 officer for 21 years. He is currently the trainer for the Broward County Sheriff's Office, located in South East Florida. Steve has been a Florida Department of Law Enforcement certified canine instructor since 1993. He has competed and placed as high as first in numerous regional and national Police K-9 events. Steve's third dog was one of five dogs in the nation to receive "Honorable Mention" in the AKC 2002 Law

Enforcement Dog of the Year Award. Steve and his K-9 partners over the last 19 years have been involved in hundreds of K-9 apprehensions, many resulting in canine use of force. In 1989, Steve was shot and seriously wounded in a K-9 deployment and has since been involved in the importance of training for reality. He has lectured and taught numerous K-9 classes and seminars and has had several canine training articles published in popular Police K-9 publications.

## **ROMEO INGRESO**

Romeo has been a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff for 19 years. He has worked such assignments as custody, uniformed patrol, patrol training officer, gang suppression task force member, Detective, and canine handler. Romeo has handled a patrol dog for the past 9 years. He has been involved in numerous operations involving the use of a Police Service Dog and a SWAT Team. Romeo's expertise is in the field of tactical canine deployments and the

training of Police Service Dogs and their handlers. In addition to his law enforcement experience, Romeo was involved in the dog sport Schutzhund for many years. He is still recognized as one of the top training and trial helpers in the nation. His blend of law enforcement and dog sport experience provides him with a unique understanding of the training needs of the modern Police Service Dog and the handling skills required to successfully deploy in tactical operations.

## **DOUG WENDLING**

Doug has been involved with dogs for almost his entire life, training dogs for the civilian sector since the mid 1980s and Police dogs since 1995. Owner and trainer of Progressive K-9 Academy, Doug is a training instructor for the Police K-9 Training Institute of Florida and the Southern Tier Police K-9 Association Inc.

He also has instructed at numerous K-9 seminars around the US. He is a top ranked helper/decoy in North America, having decoyed for National Schutzhund trials and numerous regional and local events. He has written a number of articles that have been published in a national dog sport magazine.

## **ARMIN WINKLER**

Armin is a native of Germany and has spent the majority of his life working with dogs. He has been training dogs for both civilian and police work since the mid 1970s. He had previously owned and operated his own K-9 security business and trained security dogs for the private sector and instructed on their use and deployment. Armin has provided consultation and training services to law enforcement and military agencies throughout North America and overseas. He has assisted the Royal Australian Air Force with restructuring their K-9 program and provided seminars for the police and

military services in Finland. His training articles have appeared in numerous dog and law enforcement periodicals. He is an internationally known and recognized seminar instructor and lecturer in the field of law enforcement K-9 training and deployment, teaching at national seminars. Armin has a diploma in dog training for law enforcement. Armin is a certified instructor through the Justice Institute of British Columbia. He also is a certified law enforcement academy instructor through the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.



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