

# KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## Sheriff's Detentions Canine Program Policies and Procedures

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### **DIRECTIVE 1. DETENTIONS CANINE UNIT TRAINING**

Frequent training is necessary to maintain an optimal level of performance by the canine teams. This training is just as important for the handler as it is for the canine. The Detentions Canine Unit will operate using the POST recommended minimum of 16 hours of documented training each month.

Canine teams shall:

- Successfully complete initial certification training;
- Be evaluated by a POST-trained evaluator prior to initial deployment;
- Demonstrate detection proficiency;
- Receive a minimum of 16 hours of training each month;
- Be evaluated at least once annually by a POST-trained evaluator approved by the Kern County Sheriff's Office;
- Not deploy unless both the handler and canine are current on all training requirements and the canine is controllable.

### **DIRECTIVE 2. DETENTIONS CANINE UNIT STATISTICS**

The Detentions Canine Unit utilizes a department approved web-based data entry system to document and track training and deployment activities. Canine handlers will submit records of all their training, deployments and incidents in the system. These statistics will be maintained both by the canine handler and the Detentions Canine Coordinator.

All records of canine training and detection deployment will be collected and analyzed to develop, consistent with best practices, training and operational recommendations for individual canines, handlers, and the unit as a whole.