

- d. Successfully complete the Idaho POST-certified Canine Evaluators course; (4-11-06)
- e. Evaluate seven (7) dogs while under supervision of a current Idaho POST-certified canine evaluator; and (4-11-06)
- f. Submit an Idaho POST Canine Evaluator Application Packet to POST Council, which must include: (4-11-06)
 - i. Transcripts, certificates, diplomas, or other documents that substantiate the applicant's education and training in the canine field; and (4-11-06)
 - ii. A letter of recommendation from an administrator within the applicant's employing agency. (5-8-09)

05. Retaining Certification. To retain certification, a certified canine evaluator must evaluate a minimum of four (4) dogs every two (2) years. Any canine evaluator not satisfying this requirement must complete all requirements as set forth in Section 210 of these rules to be recertified. (5-8-09)

211. CANINE TEAM CERTIFICATION.

These rules are intended to set minimum standards of performance for the certification of Idaho police canine teams. Nothing in these rules is intended to limit the use of canine teams employed by other states or federal agencies for law enforcement purposes, or the use of volunteer canine teams in which the handler is not an Idaho peace, detention, correction, or adult probation and parole officer. (4-11-06)

212. DEFINITIONS.

01. Canine Team. A specific person and a specific canine controlled by that person in the capacity of handler, formally assigned by the appointing agency to work together in the performance of law enforcement duties. (3-15-02)

02. Pace. A distance measuring approximately two (2) feet. (4-11-06)

213. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

01. Mandatory Certification. A canine team shall be Idaho-POST certified in order to perform their duties. (4-7-11)

02. Eligibility. The canine handler shall be an Idaho POST-certified peace, detention, correction, adult probation and parole, juvenile detention, juvenile probation, or adult misdemeanor probation officer employed by a law enforcement agency which is a part of or administered by the state or any political subdivision thereof, or an Idaho POST-certified direct care staff member of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections to be eligible for certification under these rules. Contract employees shall not be eligible for canine team certification. (4-7-11)

03. Notification of Canine Being Put Into Service. Prior to a canine being put into service, the law enforcement agency head shall submit written notification to the Council of such pending action unless the canine team is POST-certified in another state or approved by the federal government, in which case notification shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days of the canine being put into service in Idaho. (4-7-11)

04. Training. (4-11-06)

a. A patrol canine handler shall have completed two hundred forty (240) hours of POST-approved canine handler training. The training shall include, but not be limited to: (4-7-11)

i. Suspect search; (4-11-06)

ii. Apprehension; (4-11-06)

- iii. Handler protection; (4-11-06)
- iv. Obedience; and (4-11-06)
- v. Agility. (4-11-06)

b. A tracking, evidence search, controlled substance detection, or explosive substance detection canine handler shall have completed one hundred sixty (160) hours of POST-approved canine handler training. The training shall include, but not be limited to: (4-7-11)

- i. Obedience; and (4-11-06)
- ii. Odor recognition specific to the area the canine team is seeking certification in. (4-11-06)

c. A tracking, evidence search, controlled substance detection, or explosive substance detection canine handler cross-trained as a patrol canine handler shall have completed two hundred forty (240) hours of POST-approved canine handler training. (4-7-11)

05. Evaluation. In evaluating the proficiency of the canine teams, the evaluators shall use the standards approved by the POST Council for that particular skill category. Performance shall be rated on a pass/fail basis. The evaluator shall have the discretion to discontinue the testing if excessive time has been spent without results. The evaluator shall not be the owner or handler of the canine being evaluated, and shall not have a proprietary interest in the training of the canine team being evaluated. A POST Training Specialist shall be notified of all canine certification testing. (4-7-11)

06. Failed Evaluation. If a canine team fails any portion of an evaluation, the entire evaluation is considered to be failed, and all skills shall be repeated and successfully demonstrated during retesting. The canine team shall wait at least twenty-four (24) hours before retesting, and they shall be retested by the same evaluator that evaluated the failed test or his designee. (4-7-11)

07. Areas of Certification. The Council shall certify a canine team which successfully demonstrates the handler's ability to control the canine, under the scrutiny of a canine evaluator, in addition to proficiency in one (1) or more of the following areas: (4-7-11)

- a.** Patrol; (3-30-01)
- b.** Tracking; (3-30-01)
- c.** Evidence search; (3-30-01)
- d.** Controlled substance detection; or (3-30-01)
- e.** Explosive substance detection. (3-30-01)

08. Expiration of Certification. Each certification issued pursuant to these rules shall remain valid for fifteen (15) months. A canine team shall be evaluated prior to their certification expiration date to maintain their certification. A canine team certification shall lapse if the handler and canine cease to perform canine team functions together. (4-7-11)

09. Appeal. Any handler who believes there have been improper procedures applied in implementing the standards may file an appeal with the Idaho Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy in writing. This appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the testing date. (4-7-11)

214. -- 218. (RESERVED)

219. PATROL DOGS.

220. CERTIFICATION TEST.

- 01. Required Skills.** The skills required for certification of a patrol dog team are: (4-2-03)
- a.** Suspect search; (3-30-01)
 - b.** Apprehension; (3-30-01)
 - c.** Handler protection; and (3-30-01)
 - d.** Obedience-agility. (3-30-01)
- 02. Failed Evaluation.** If a canine team fails any one (1) of the four (4) required skills, the entire evaluation is considered to be failed, and all four (4) skills must be repeated and successfully demonstrated during retesting. (4-11-06)
- 03. Conclusion of Evaluation.** The patrol dog evaluation must be concluded within twenty-four (24) hours. This is to establish that the dog's mental and physical endurance is sufficient to withstand the rigors of active service. (4-11-06)

221. PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES.

222. SUSPECT SEARCH.

Under direction and reasonable control, the canine must demonstrate the ability to detect and audibly alert the handler to a hidden person in a structure or building and locate a person in an outdoor open area. The handler must inform the evaluator of the manner in which the canine alerts prior to the exercise beginning. In a structure or building of at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet with multiple rooms and hiding places, the dog must demonstrate the ability to locate a hidden person and audibly alert the handler. In an outdoor area at least one (1) acre in size with multiple hiding locations, the dog must demonstrate the ability to locate a hidden person and audibly alert the handler. (4-11-06)

223. APPREHENSION.

01. Without Contact. While off leash and under direction of the handler, the dog must demonstrate the ability to pursue a person acting as a suspect without any physical contact. The police service dog team must begin the exercise off leash from a predesignated starting point. While the handler controls the dog, the evaluator will signal the "suspect" to visually present himself at a reasonable distance of at least thirty (30) yards from the canine team. The handler must verbally challenge the "suspect" to stop. The "suspect" will ignore the order and continue to flee. The handler must then release the dog in pursuit of the "suspect" and tactically follow the dog, keeping the dog and "suspect" in full view. The "suspect" will stop fleeing and stand still. As predetermined by the handler, the dog must either return to the handler or stay and guard the "suspect." During this exercise, the dog must not make physical contact with the "suspect." (4-11-06)

02. With Contact. While under control of the handler and with the dog off-leash, the dog must demonstrate the ability to pursue and apprehend a "suspect" with physical contact. The police service dog team must begin the exercise off leash from a predesignated starting point. While the handler controls the dog, the evaluator will signal the "suspect" to visually present himself at a reasonable distance of at least thirty (30) yards from the canine team. The handler must verbally challenge the "suspect" to stop. The "suspect" will ignore the order and continue to flee. The handler must then release the dog in pursuit of the "suspect" and tactically follow the dog, keeping the dog and "suspect" in full view. The "suspect" will continue to flee. The handler must send the dog to physically apprehend the "suspect" and the dog must hold the "suspect" until called off (verbal only) by the handler. (4-11-06)

224. HANDLER PROTECTION.

The dog must demonstrate the ability to defend the handler without command during a physical attack on the handler by a "suspect." On verbal command from the handler, the dog must cease physical apprehension of the assailant. Upon the dog releasing the "suspect," the dog must assume a guard position while the handler takes control and conducts a "pat down" of the "suspect." (4-11-06)

225. OBEDIENCE-AGILITY.

The handler must demonstrate the ability to control the canine during an obedience performance test. Testing will be conducted using reasonable distractions that may be encountered during the performance of law enforcement duties. (4-11-06)

01. Heeling. The canine team must demonstrate the ability to perform basic routine left, right, and about turns, both slow and quick pace, on and off leash. Testing will consist of two (2) right turns, two (2) left turns, two (2) about turns, and two (2) stop/sits, both on and off leash. (4-11-06)

02. Down in Motion. With the team moving forward, the handler must “down” the dog on the evaluator’s command and continue to move forward until the handler reaches a designated point (at least thirty (30) paces away). At the evaluator’s command, the handler must recall the dog to the “heel” position by means of voice and/or hand commands. (4-11-06)

03. Stay from a Distance. With the dog in a down-stay or a sit-stay position, the handler must face the dog from a location at least thirty (30) paces away. After the dog has remained for five (5) minutes, the handler must return to the dog. (4-11-06)

04. Obstacle (at Least Thirty-Six Inches High). From the heel position, and at least two (2) paces in front, the handler must command the dog to jump the obstacle and to stay in a sit, stand, or down position on the other side of the obstacle. The handler must inform the evaluator prior to the jump what position the dog will assume. The handler must then proceed to the dog and command the dog to heel to complete the exercise. (4-11-06)

05. Gunfire Sureness Test (Off-Lead). The handler must heel his canine onto the test field. After approximately twenty (20) paces, the handler must stop, place his dog in a down or sit, draw a pistol and fire two (2) shots (blanks only). The canine may show interest, but no uncontrollable aggression toward the handler or persons in the area. (4-11-06)

226. -- 230. (RESERVED)

231. TRACKING DOGS.

The dog must demonstrate the ability to follow the trail of a person along a track that is four hundred (400) to six hundred (600) paces in length, having two (2) ninety (90) degree turns and aged a minimum of thirty (30) minutes. A cross-track will be placed at some point along the third leg as a diversion. The dog must not be diverted from the original track. (4-11-06)

232. EVIDENCE SEARCH DOGS.

The dog must demonstrate the ability to locate two (2) well-scented, small items that the evaluator has hidden within an eight hundred (800) square yard area. The dog and the handler must be out of sight when the items are placed. The handler must direct the dog to search systematically. The dog must demonstrate the ability to indicate the location of these items as it encounters them. (4-11-06)

233. -- 236. (RESERVED)

237. DETECTION DOGS.

238. CERTIFICATION TEST.

01. Required Skills. Detection dog teams must demonstrate the ability to detect substances in buildings (residential and commercial), vehicles (private and commercial), containers, and exterior open areas. During testing, substances will be hidden by the evaluator, outside the knowledge of the handler. The canine must start the search at a point determined by the handler. (4-11-06)

a. Buildings. The building search will consist of an area designated by the evaluator that may vary in size, location, or environment, but must consist of at least four (4) rooms. Substances will be hidden high and low. (4-11-06)

b. Vehicles. The vehicle search will consist of at least four (4) vehicles which may vary in size, location, or environment. The search must include the interior and exterior of the vehicles. Substances may be hidden inside or on the outside of the vehicle. (4-11-06)

c. Containers. This search will consist of at least six (6) containers of different sizes and/or shapes. These pieces may vary in location or environment. (4-11-06)

d. Exterior open areas. The exterior search will consist of an area in open air that may vary in size, location, or environment, and may include buried substance. (4-11-06)

02. Basic Control. Each handler must demonstrate the ability to control their canine. This must include “sit,” “stay,” “heel,” and “come” commands. (4-11-06)

239. SUBSTANCES.

01. Types and Amounts. The types and amounts of substance in each search will be at the discretion of the evaluator. Substances must be set in place at least thirty (30) minutes prior to each test. (4-11-06)

02. Pseudo Substances. Pseudo substances must not be used. (4-11-06)

240. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Controlled substances will consist of four (4) main areas. A drug detection dog must locate two (2) finds of each of the following: (4-11-06)

01. Marijuana and Hashish (two (2) grams or greater). (3-20-97)

02. Cocaine (hydrochloride) (two (2) grams or greater). (3-20-97)

03. Heroin and Opiate Derivatives (two (2) grams or greater). (3-20-97)

04. Methamphetamine (two (2) grams or greater). (3-30-01)

241. EXPLOSIVE SUBSTANCES.

Explosive substances will consist of twelve (12) areas. An explosive detection dog must locate one (1) find of each of the following: (4-11-06)

01. C-4 Explosive. (4-11-06)

02. Pyrodex. (4-11-06)

03. Ammonium Nitrate. (4-11-06)

04. Detonating Cord. (4-11-06)

05. Time Fuse. (4-11-06)

06. Nitro Methane. (4-11-06)

07. TNT. (4-11-06)

08. Nitro Glycerin Dynamite. (4-11-06)

09. Non Nitro Glycerin Dynamite. (4-11-06)

10. Sodium Chlorate. (4-11-06)

11. **Potassium Chlorate.** (4-11-06)
12. **Gun Powder.** (4-11-06)
242. **TESTING PROCEDURE.**
01. **Type of Alert.** Prior to the start of the testing, the handler must give the evaluator information on the type of alert (passive or aggressive). (4-11-06)
02. **Start and Finish.** The evaluator will signal the start and finish of each test and will allow reasonable time for the team to cover the area and indicate the location of the substance. (4-11-06)
03. **Alert.** The handler must verbally indicate to the evaluator that he has a positive alert from his dog and believes that the substance has been found and is in the immediate vicinity. Any false or incorrect alert called by the handler is an automatic failure. (4-11-06)
243. -- 249. **(RESERVED)**
250. **INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION.**
251. **GENERAL PROVISIONS.**
01. **Purpose.** Instructor Certificates are established for the purpose of recognizing competence as an instructor of law enforcement subjects and/or general subjects pertinent to law enforcement personnel. (4-2-03)
02. **Certification.** The Council shall certify instructors who meet the requirements set forth in Sections 250 through 256 and are deemed qualified to teach one (1) or more of the prescribed training courses. (4-2-03)
03. **Applications.** All applications for award of Instructor Certificates shall be completed by the applicant on the prescribed "Certified Instructor Packet" as provided by the POST Council. (4-2-03)
04. **Submission.** The Certified Instructor Packet shall be submitted by the applicant to his agency head who shall review it prior to signing it and forwarding it to the POST Regional Training Specialist. Certificates shall be issued to the agency head for award to the applicant. (4-2-03)
05. **POST Training Credit.** No POST training credit shall be given for attendance at a school taught by one (1) or more instructors who are not POST-certified instructors. However, POST training credit may be given for attendance at a school taught by an instructor seeking instructor certification in the respective subject pursuant to Sections 250 through 256. (4-2-03)
06. **POST-Certified School.** A school taught by one (1) or more POST-certified instructors in their respective subjects shall be considered a POST-certified school. (4-2-03)
07. **Quality.** Instructor certification cannot insure good instruction. Therefore, it shall be the continuing responsibility of school directors or coordinators to see that instructors are assigned only subjects which they are qualified to teach and are supervised on a regular basis to insure that instructional excellence is maintained. (4-7-11)
08. **Revocation.** Instructor certification may be revoked by the Council whenever an instructor is deemed to be unqualified to continue teaching. Review of instructor certification may be initiated upon the request of an agency head, school director or coordinator, or other reliable source. Such review may also be initiated by the Council in the absence of external requests or complaints. (4-2-03)
09. **Exceptions.** Judges, attorneys, educators, doctors, federal officials, state officials, and other non-police personnel are exempt from the instructor certification requirements, and should be utilized when their talents are deemed appropriate. (4-7-11)
252. **REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTRUCTORS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SUBJECTS.**