

*Two days of recommended “tactics” for court and the street....*

# Canine Liability 360

*Being consistent, making good decisions and keeping proper documentation will limit your liability and make you a better K9 handler and K9 supervisor.*



## **Bakersfield, California** **November 16 & 17, 2021**

*Hosted by Kern County Sheriff's Office*

**Course Description:** “Canine Liability 360” is still rated by its attendees as the most comprehensive liability course being offered to handlers and K9 supervisors since 2010. This two-day (16 hours) class serves as an essential phase (and required by some agencies) for both the K9 handler and K9 supervisor to assist in managing their K9 program and preparing for their potential “legal defense” in the event of a lawsuit by examining the “360 Degrees of Responsibility” involving a single purpose patrol or cross-trained police dog. (*This class is not recommended for detection-only handlers.*) Participants will benefit from the experiences and recommendations of the instructor and others as some recent cases and incidents not found in “case law updates” are reviewed and discussed and the lessons learned shared.

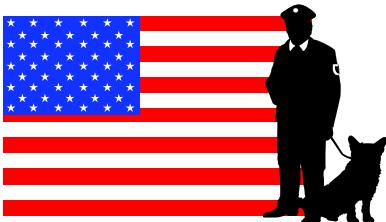
K9 handlers, K9 supervisors, and K9 administrators from the same agency are encouraged to attend together so everyone involved with their respective police dog program can simultaneously learn information and hear recommendations for successfully operating and evaluating their program to better understand each other's duties and responsibilities to reduce their risk and limit their liability. *More information about the class can be viewed at <http://tacticalk9usa.com>*

The course topics will include:

- “Reasons We Get in Trouble”
- Policy & Operational Manuals
- “Case Law and Control”
- Selection and Retention
- Testing and Training
- Report writing
- “The Court of Public Opinion”
- Deployments / Debriefs
- Deposition & Trial Testimony
- Use of Force
- Off-duty care & compensation
- Documentation

**Instructor:** Sergeant Bill Lewis II (Retired) has over 41 years of law enforcement and instructor experience, retiring from the Oxnard (CA) Police Department after serving over 27 years. He was a K9 handler, K9 supervisor, and served on SWAT for over 25 years as a tactical operator and Team Leader. He is an instructor, consultant, expert K9 witness, published author, certifying official for CNCA/CA POST, and former director for both the California Narcotic Canine Association (CNCA) and the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO). Sergeant Lewis is the owner of Training and Consulting Team (“TAC Team”) and facilitates the web site [TacticalK9USA.com](http://TacticalK9USA.com) where over 40 “Reasons We Get in Trouble” are currently posted.

**Registration:** Course restricted to 32 law enforcement personnel on a first-come basis. Tuition is \$275.00 per person. **Registration deadline is October 12.** Reservations are made by email. To make a reservation or request information, contact Bill Lewis II at [sgtblewis2@aol.com](mailto:sgtblewis2@aol.com).



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