

## John M. Peters K9 Legal Seminars

### Areas of Instruction:

Search and Seizure  
Tracking Evidence  
Use of Force  
Pre-Deployment Warnings  
Liability and Risk Management  
Defending the Civil Lawsuit  
K9 Record Keeping  
Budget Cuts and the Failure to Train  
Mutual Aid Agreements  
FLSA  
Supervisory Liability



## Police Service Dog Legal Update 3/31/2019 @ 0800

Hosted By  
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office  
Police Service Dog Unit

**LOCATION:** 2201 Hogback Road  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105  
Jury Assembly Room

**COST:** \$85 / 302 Funding Pending  
(Lunch Included)

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*"Excellent. Best K9 legal class I have attended."*

*- R. Osborne, Vancouver, Washington K9 Unit.*

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John M. Peters has been a trial attorney in the State of Michigan and the federal courts for more than thirty years in the area of police litigation. John's participation in the sport of Schutzhund (a canine competition in tracking, obedience and handler protection) intersected with his legal background and soon led to requests from police canine units and organizations for John to serve as an author and instructor on the law affecting canine operations. John continues to conduct canine legal seminars and serve as a legal consultant to the law enforcement canine community.

## Publications:

Off-Street Defense,  
(Police K9 Magazine, January / February 2010)

Where Tracking Evidence Leads  
(K9 Cop Magazine, June / July 2010)

Can A K9 Bite Constitute Deadly Force?  
(Police K9 Magazine, September / October 2010)

Supervisory Liability Under Federal Law  
(Police K9 Magazine, December 2011)

Does a K9's Alert Justify Probable Cause?  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, January / February 2013)

A Dog Day in Court  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, May / June 2013)

K9 After Legalization of Marijuana  
(Police K-9 Magazine, March / April 2014)

Elements of the Pre-Deployment Warning  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, April / May 2014)

K9 Handlers Under the FLSA  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, June / July 2014)

EOD Canines Under the 4th Amendment  
(Police K-9 Magazine, September / October 2015)

Traffic Stops and Canines  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, April / July 2015)

Beware of the Bite Ratio  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, August / September 2015)

Knock, Knock. Who's There? The D.O.J.  
(Police K-9 Magazine, January / April 2016)

Hear No Evil  
(K-9 Cop Magazine, June / July 2017)



## Guest Instructor For:

Oakland Police Academy K9 Program

National Association of Professional  
Canine Handlers

National Police Canine Association

American Police Canine Association

United States Police Canine Association

K9 Cop Magazine National Conference

Police K9 Magazine National Conference

Washington State Police Canine Association

## Legal Editor For:

K9 Cop Magazine

Police K9 Magazine

Working Dog Magazine

## Courts Admitted To:

State of Michigan Circuit Courts

Michigan Court of Appeals

Michigan Supreme Court

U.S. District Courts for Michigan,

Tennessee and Wisconsin

U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT JOHN'S K9 LEGAL SEMINAR

**"Awesome Class! Very knowledgeable instructor."**

- W. Bunnell,  
Ada County (Idaho) Sheriff's Office K9

**"One word describes the class, 'Outstanding.'"**

- M. Matsik,  
Geauga County (Ohio) Sheriff's Office K9

**"'Spot On.' Best legal informative class I've ever had"**

- T. True,  
Nashville (Indiana) Police Department K9

**"This class is essential! Absolutely the best course taken during the conference. Thank you!"**

- N. Chaffey,  
Wicomico County (Maryland) Sheriff's Office K9

**"Very valuable information from a new and needed perspective."**

- P. Lone, Lakewood, Colorado K9 Unit

**"Everyone from the top to the bottom should take this class."**

- Marcos Diaz, Florida Highway Patrol K9

**"Outstanding! John, Your approach is right on! Thanks."**

- M. Wilson,  
Morgan County (Indiana)  
Sheriff's Department K9 Unit

**"Excellent. Great delivery. Outstanding knowledge. This was the best legal update on K9 I have attended."**

- J. Orsini, U.S. Forest Service, K9 Unit

**"Extremely useful information for K9 supervisors, instructors and handlers alike. A very 'non-sugar-coated,' 'the way it is' class that gives you the information needed to keep out of the courtroom."**

- K. Lockwood, Fairbanks, Alaska K9 Unit

**"One of, if not the best, training days I've had in six years with civilian law enforcement. Great job!"**

- Trooper Matt Williams, Maine State Police K9 Unit