



**FREE
K9 Handler
Intensive**

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**Police,
Prosecutors,
Judges & K9
Handlers**

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P.O.S.T
Credits**

FREE K9 Handler Intensive Training

- Legal Aspects of Use of Detection Canines
- Search and Seizure
- Courtroom Presentation
- Georgia’s Police Animal Protection Laws
- Mock Motion to Suppress Hearing

Where: Georgia Public Safety Training Center
 1000 Indian Spring Drive, Forsyth, GA 31029
When: January 18, 2019 at 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Taught by experienced professionals in the field, and targeted for both new and experienced handlers, this FREE full-day seminar will focus on specialized legal issues regarding the use of police detection canines, Georgia’s police animal protection laws, and the effective presentation of canine reaction evidence in court. For more information and to register please visit: www.animallawsource.org or click link below. Agenda next page.

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Agenda

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon **Introduction of Investigations and Legal Considerations**
Instructor: Sergeant Wayne Fisher, K9 Unit Commander, Warner Robins Police Department

This four-hour block of instruction will cover the abilities and benefits of narcotics detection canines, theory of scent, types of alerts, mission planning prior to the deployment of detection canines, certifications and reliability of detection canines, and the legal considerations involved in utilizing narcotics detection canines, with an emphasis on U.S. Supreme Court and Georgia appellate court rulings.

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM **Lunch – on your own**

1:00 PM – 1:20 PM **Tanya's Law: An Examination of O.C.G.A. 16-11-107**
Instructor: Claudine Wilkins, Attorney at Law & Founder of AnimalLawSource.org

O.C.G.A. 16-11-107, Georgia's criminal statute prohibiting harming a law enforcement animal, was amended and upgraded in 2015. Taught by an attorney who was substantially involved in that process, this overview will ensure that the handler understands necessary aspects of this statute.

1:20 PM – 3:00 PM **The K9 Handler as a Witness: Presenting Evidence of Detection Canine Reactions in Court**
Instructor: Kimberly S. Schwartz, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

Once a detection canine has been utilized in making a criminal case, the handler's next duty is to be an effective witness in court. This beyond-the-basics unit covers courtroom presentation topics including direct and cross-examination, proper handling of exhibits, making a good appellate record, and the presentation of the canine handler as an expert witness.

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM **Putting it All Together: A Mock Motion to Suppress**
Instructors: The Honorable Christopher C. Edwards
Chief Judge of the Superior Court, Griffin Judicial Circuit
Sergeant Wayne Fisher
Stacey S. Jackson, Attorney at Law, Columbus, Georgia
SADA Kimberly S. Schwartz,
Senior Assistant District Attorney, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

Based on a narcotics detection canine reaction during a traffic stop, officers search a car . . . and find no controlled substances. Instead, they find a murder weapon. The defense has filed a motion to suppress. Will the State of Georgia get to use this critical evidence at trial? The answer turns on the credibility of the canine and the effectiveness of the handler as a witness! This practical demonstration by a real-life handler/ expert, prosecutor, defense attorney, and judge is designed to recreate as nearly as possible an actual courtroom experience, complete with introduction of a "body cam" video and intensive cross-examination by a skilled defense lawyer. A special debriefing session at the end will enable attendees to get advice and feedback from the judicial, prosecution, and defense points of view.

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