

## *“Experience Matters and Professional K-9 Handlers Know it”*

HITS- **H**andler **I**nstruction and **T**raining **S**eminar- The largest and most diverse K9 training event in the United States is run by working K-9 handlers who have more than 75 years of combined experience working police dogs. Nothing will ever be more important in your police K-9 career as the training you receive. How well you perform as a police K-9 handler is a direct reflection of your training and education. Your career and your life hang in the balance where your split second decisions on the street might very well determine the quality and longevity of both. Your good decisions can and will oftentimes affect how police dogs are used across the nation for decades to come.

There's clear and convincing evidence that when it comes to police K-9 training, highly experienced trainers can make a significant impression on your career. Thousands of police K-9 handlers from around the world already know that HITS brings you the highest quality training from the most professional K-9 trainers. These are experienced men and women who've been there, just like you. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the professional trainers at HITS 2017, because *Experience Matters and Professional K-9 Handlers Know it*.

K-9 Handlers, Supervisors and administrators from around the world continue to join us at HITS, year after year, be a part of what matters and come to HITS 2017. Don't miss out on the diversity of what these professional trainers have to offer. Hundreds of men and women who wear the uniform and serve will join together for one common mission, to train for a better and safer K9 deployment the next time they hit the streets. Be smart, train hard, practice professionalism and tactics with each deployment because they both matter to us all.

HITS is owned by working K9 handlers who won't settle for second best when it comes to K9 training. Because we are working handlers, we know what's important in our own training needs and we invite you to come train with us and learn from many of the leading experts and professionals in the police K9 world. We take our training seriously and we know you do too. Join us and hundreds of other professionals just like us in San Francisco, CA for the best training on the planet.

You'll have opportunities to meet K9 handlers from around the world and build your own network of vital contacts that can help you grow as a handler or trainer. HITS also offers you the chance to shop and browse over 55 vendors with hundreds of new products. There's nothing like getting your hands on the products or seeing a demonstration firsthand. We have everything from vendors selling dogs, specialty equipment and training, to the best in nutrition and safety products. Take a look at our website to get a better idea of what's in store for the HITS 2017 experience in San Francisco, CA.

***Come to San Francisco and be a part of the HITS 2017 experience***

**WHEN:** HITS 2017 August 27 - 30, 2017, San Francisco, CA.

**WHERE:** Hyatt Regency San Francisco, CA.

**ADDRESS:** 1333 Old Bayshore Drive  
Burlingam, CA. 94010

**ROOM COST:** 149.00/night double occupancy  
Reserve your hotel room on the HITS web site,  
[www.HITSK9.NET](http://www.HITSK9.NET)

**ATTENDEE COST:** 319.00 per person before July 20, 2017 After July  
20, 2017, - 395.00/person. Register and pay by  
credit card on our HITS web page  
[www.HITSK9.NET](http://www.HITSK9.NET)

## ***Schedule of Events***

### ***Sunday August 27, 2017, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Pre-Registration***

Visit the registration counters in the foyer of the Grand Peninsula ballroom, Receive your ID badge, HITS Event Guide and all other free HITS items.

***Sunday August 27, 2017 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm- Registration & Vendor Appreciation Night, Grand Peninsula Ballroom.*** Registration will continue, receive your ID badge, HITS Event Guide and all other free HITS items.

6:30 pm – 7:30pm During Vendor Appreciation Night, Open bar for all attendees and vendors in the vendor area. Start HITS of right, meet the vendors and see what is new in the world of canine training and equipment.

***Monday August 28, 2017, Tuesday August 29, 2017 and Wednesday August 30, 2017***

***THREE FULL DAYS OF INSTRUCTION 8:00 am – 5:30 pm each day***

The most diversified and educational law enforcement canine classes ever offered.

8:00am – 5:30 pm each day 6 classes offered simultaneously in five rooms.

10:00 am – 10:15 am Break

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm Break

During our breaks stretch your legs and visit the vendors, also enjoy food and drinks in the vendor area.

### ***Tuesday August 29, 2017 HITS Networking reception***

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm - Enjoy HITS signature networking reception in the vendor area. 2 hours of open bar and over 40,000 dollars' worth of raffle prizes given away. If you have never experienced our Networking reception, you don't want to miss it. You must be present to win.

## ***HITS 2017 INSTRUCTORS:***

### ***Hennie Bolster***

#### ***From Puppy to Patrol Dog***

Patrol Dog training the Dutch way, from puppy until certified Patrol Dog, Dutch Police/KNPV. Patrol dog class will present the process of selecting and raising a puppy for the KNPV. After certification in the KNPV the testing by the Dutch Police for the use as future patrol police dogs.

#### ***From Puppy till Searching/Narcotic/Explosive Dog.***

Searching/Detection Dog training the Dutch way, from puppy until certified Searching (tracking)/narcotic/explosive) Dog. Searching/Detection class will present the process of selecting and raising a puppy for narcotics, explosives, or tracking. Class will cover training of puppies through fully-certified K9's.

### ***Meet Hennie Bolster***

I have been training dogs in the KNPV for over 35 years. I have trialed and certified 15 dogs in the KNPV. In those 35 years, I was an official KNPV decoy, and am now an official KNPV judge. In 2005, I was the KNPV Dutch Champion twice, for both PH II and Object with Beau. I was the Dutch Champion PH II in 2006 also with Beau and Dutch Champion PH I in 2008 with Baron. I have judged 4 times at the Dutch KNPV Championships. And I have judged many trials and competitions in Holland.

I have been in law enforcement for over 37 years, and a police K-9 handler/trainer for 29 years. I am currently a trainer for the patrol dogs in East of Holland for the Dutch Police. Our unit has about 90 dogs, and the Netherlands has a total of about 580 patrol dogs. I am also a judge for patrol dogs in the Netherlands.

Currently, I am a head Patrol K-9 instructor for over 25 handlers and their dogs. Along with teaching basic patrol dog classes for my agency and others, I have taught at numerous police canine training seminars and conferences throughout North and South America. In addition to training, I am currently working with my 6th patrol dog. I have been involved in hundreds of K-9 apprehensions and use of force incidents during my career. I use my experiences to help other patrol dog teams maximize their success, and help them to work their best on the streets with their police dogs.

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### ***Meet Ruud Leus***

I have been training with the KNPV since 1987. Since then, I have trained and trialed approximately 10 dogs in the KNPV. I was an official KNPV decoy and am currently a KNPV judge. In 2004, I was decoy at the National Championships. I judged 3 times on the National

Championships and have judged many trials and competitions in Holland. In 2009, I took 2nd place with my malinois, Remco, at the KNPV National Champion ship.

I have been a police officer for 33 years. For 28 years I have worked as a K9 handler for the Dutch Police Force. I have worked over 18 years with many patrol dogs and had hundreds of arrests and apprehensions with my K9's. In Holland, all K9's are single purpose. There are approximately 580 patrol dogs, and 70 specialized searching dogs. The searching dogs (narcotics, tracking, explosives, money, cadaver, USAR, fire accelerant, blood, etc.) work for the National Forensic Science Police Department, and are used specifically for serious crime scenes.

For the last 11 years I have worked as a handler/instructor for the searching dog division of the Dutch Police. Every two years, K9's in Holland (patrol and searching dog) must trial and re-certify to work the streets.

## ***Marty Dulworth***

### ***How to Keep the Warrior Mindset***

Listen as Marty Dulworth gives you his firsthand account of surviving an active shooter incident that cost him the life of his K-9 and left him an amputee. In an emotional and intense debrief, Marty takes you through the moments where life and death hung in the balance and in an instant life as he knew it, changed forever. Listen as Marty discusses what it's like to mentally win against the challenges of such a horrific gunfight and beyond. From the physical will to live to the mental train wreck that must be put back on track, Marty helps explain what it takes to be a true warrior in both body and spirit.

## ***Meet Marty Dulworth***

Marty Dulworth is a K9 Handler for the Anderson Police Department in Anderson, Indiana. Marty has served with APD for 14 years. Marty has 7 years SWAT experience and has been a K9 Handler for the past 7 years. Marty is currently working his third dog, Rico, a dual purpose German Shepard. Marty has also been a Defensive Tactics Instructor since 2007. Marty is prior military where he served for the United States Marine Corps from 1995-1999 as a heavy machine gunner 0331, doing two west packs overseas. Marty was a part of an active shooter incident in 2012 in which Marty was shot multiple times in both legs by an AK47, ultimately losing his lower left leg, and his K9 partner, Kilo, a dual purpose Belgian Malinois, was shot and killed by the suspect. Marty returned to work full duty as a K9 handler with a prosthetic and he and Rico continue to work the streets of Anderson today. Active Shooter Debrief: How to Keep the Warrior Mindset.

## ***Steve Dean***

## ***Selecting and Training the young police dog***

Acquiring a mature dog whether fully trained, partly trained or green is becoming more and more difficult because demand for this type of dog is World Wide & high which has an impact on rising costs. For those of us that are limited in our budget we need to look at what other options are available to us to provide quality dogs to meet our needs. In short this means looking at those animals that are currently available for a lower price tag and are less commercially valuable.

This means choosing between 2 categories

- a) Mature dogs of lower quality or ability
- b) Younger dogs that have not been developed

As purchasing a dog of low quality (either health or ability) is not a viable option this really only leaves us with one choice. Finding, selecting & training the younger dog.

This class explores the option of starting with the younger dog including how to identify the right dog via a tried and tested selection process used by UK and other European police & Border Control units, how to develop the young dog to cope with environmental and socially challenging situations based on an understanding of the dogs mental & physical development and how to develop skills that lead on to the basis for advanced training.

## ***Meet Steve Dean***

Steve Dean spent 32 years as a police officer in the Metropolitan Police, London, at that time one of the largest police forces in the world with over 30,000 officers and a K9 unit with over 400 dogs. Steve spent 25 years of his police career within the K9 unit both as an operational police dog handler and as a full time police dog trainer at the Metropolitan Police Dog Training School. He is the holder of an advanced Home Office / Association of Chief Police Officers Dog Trainers Certificate and an expert in the identification of Dangerous Dogs and is the author of various police dog training manuals and police K9 related articles and has appeared on various TV programs including the BBC's Police Dog Academy and Animal Planet. Now retired from the police service, Steve continues his lifelong interest in dogs by breeding & developing working German Shepherds for police & private security services. He is a member of the British Institute of Professional Dog Trainers and a member of The Association of Applied Dog Behavior and Training.

## ***Bill Lewis II***

### ***Patrol Liability, "The Reasons we get in Trouble"***

Sergeant Bill Lewis II (retired) comes to HITS 2014 as a critical thinker whose forthright and sobering look at some of our most common and reoccurring issues should make us all reevaluate how we operate daily. From the perspective of hindsight, we can clearly see the roadmap to a better, safer and profoundly more effective K-9 industry. By using real world experience and by examining many of the cases that have affected us all, Bill Lewis is able to pattern a better solution to avoid the trouble that faces us daily in the law enforcement K9 realm.

## ***Bill Lewis II***

### ***Leadership Challenges in the K9 Unit***

"Do you think 'it's my way or the highway' is a good way to lead a K9 program? Can everyone be a leader? To be a successful K9 program, leadership isn't merely restricted to the supervisors and command-level personnel. This presentation will explore a few challenges and leadership opportunities that can be shared within a K9 unit by all its participants - handlers, supervisors and commanders. As a former handler and K9 supervisor, Bill Lewis II will share some of his opinions and recommendations for developing or sustaining a positive program through active leadership development – and he will also solicit attendee input to assist that development to potentially guide willing participants."

## ***Meet Bill Lewis***

Sergeant Bill Lewis II (Retired) has over 37 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 expert witness, a certifying official for CNCA/CA POST, Board Member & Patrol Dog Training Coordinator for the California Narcotic Canine Association (CNCA), and Director for the California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO). Sergeant Lewis is the owner of Training and Consulting Team ("TAC Team"), instructor for "Canine Liability 360," author of many K9-related articles, and serves as the primary facilitator for TacticalK9USA.com and TacticalDebriefs.com.

## ***Andrew Weiman***

### ***K9's in the Courtroom***

Stock your arsenal with the latest weapons of defense. Defense attorney tactics, that is. Learn what it takes to build a "bullet proof" drug dog case. Andy Weiman is an expert witness and K-9

trainer that will lay out everything you need to know to protect your drug dog cases from attack by defense attorneys. K-9 recordkeeping and courtroom testimony are the foundational building blocks. Learn how to effectively maintain and utilize these tools in a courtroom setting. K-9 reliability is multifaceted. Learn how to prove your K-9's reliability in the courtroom. Knowledge is power, take control by learning how to "bullet proof" your drug dog cases with Andy Weiman.

### **Meet Andrew Weiman**

With more than 27 years of police experience involving various assignments in specialty drug investigation unit in south Florida, Detective Weiman has become a leading expert in the field. With 20 years of K9 experience since training his first drug dog with Canadian Customs, Andy has gone on to oversee the training of a variety of detector dogs to include teams that can find drugs, currency cell phones, tobacco and firearms.

Andy's education and experience with police dog training has steered his career path into developing an industry leading recordkeeping software program called PackTrack. His depth of knowledge and understanding of state and federal laws regarding search and seizure has been an enormous asset to hundreds of K-9 handlers who attend his K-9 training courses. Andy has served on the editorial advisory board for Police K-9 Magazine and helped create HITS, the training conference known for its breadth of diversified K9 training lectures.

Andy's expert opinions on drug dogs and recordkeeping will surely help bring the entire law enforcement K9 industry to a higher level of clarity. His countless court appearances and proven skills as an expert witness on the stand are clear testimony to the effectiveness of proper K9 recordkeeping as a means to establishing K9 reliability. As a K9 trainer and handler with the Broward County Sheriff's Office in Florida, Andy continues to educate others through his direct oversight of the training.

### **Arthur "Ted" Daus**

#### **2017 Drug Canine Legal Updates**

**ONLY AT HITS – U.S. Supreme Court Case Rodriguez V. United States heard by the U.S. Supreme Court on January 22, 2015.**

Nationally recognized for prosecuting drug trafficking cases, Ted Daus tells it like it is. What a perfect opportunity for K-9 handlers to learn straight from the prosecutor what he needs to hear from you on the stand when presenting your drug cases to the jury. Ted navigates his way through the latest courtroom decision about police detection dogs and takes us along for the wild and sometimes crazy ride. Ted's abilities as a communicator will keep you on the edge of your seat as he opens everyone's eyes to what's been happening in the courtroom and what the future looks like for drug detection K-9 teams across America.

## **Meet Arthur “Ted” Daus**

Ted Daus is an assistant state attorney with the Broward County State Attorney's Office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He has been a prosecutor for the past 23 years, the last 18 of which he has been assigned to the Drug Trafficking Unit for the State Attorney's Office. Ted graduated from Nova Southeastern School of Law in 1991. He has extensive experience as a lecturer on search and seizure for D.E.A., U.S. Customs, various Florida Police Departments, the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Police K-9 Training Institute, Police Canine Consultants and the Canine Development Group. He lectures regularly all across the country to National Canine Organization such as U.S.P.C.A., N.P.C.A. & N.A.P.W.D.A. He is an adjunct professor of law for Nova Southeastern University teaching Trial Advocacy and coaching national mock trial teams. He was until recently, the legal editor and writer for Police K-9 Magazine and lectures every year at their national canine conference “HITS”. He is the current nationwide legal advisor for the National Police Canine Association headquartered in Arizona. Most recently, Ted was counsel of record for both United States Supreme Court K-9 cases, Harris & Jardines, argued before the court on October 31st, 2012.

## **Jeff Meyer**

### **Tactical Area Search**

The complexities of any urban setting seldom provides K-9 Handlers with an advantage when searching for suspects on the run. Even the keen nose and solid discipline of a well-trained patrol dog requires the tactical initiatives of the handler and the cover officers to make each mission a success. Jeff Meyer defines the fundamentals of sound tactics for area searches which produce positive results for apprehensions while minimizing the risks that officers must face with each deployment.

## **Jeff Meyer**

### **Dog on Dog Aggression**

Every neighborhood has them. Some that run the fence in the back yard and others which roam as strays through the alleys and streets. They are a part of the environment in which we must routinely deploy. In addition to the pets in our community, we oftentimes find ourselves needing or wanting to work K9 search teams in close proximity or in tandem to accomplish our mission. Learn the techniques that clarify the mission for the dog and redirects his misguided intent toward a successful deployment.

## **Meet Jeff Meyer**

Jeff Meyer has been a police officer since 1989. Jeff spent nearly 18 years as a dog handler and trainer for his department. Jeff handled three different dogs during his time as a handler, two single purpose patrol dogs and one dual purpose patrol/narcotics dog. Jeff is and adjunct

instructor for the state of Utah Police Service Dog program and teaches regularly in classes and seminars throughout the United States. Jeff also serves as an expert witness in civil litigation involving Police Service dogs.

Jeff is also the founder of Police K-9 Magazine. Jeff published the magazine from the original issue in 2005 until he sold it in 2014.

Currently Jeff is assigned to a special projects unit that conducts research and policy reviews.

## ***Jeff Barrett***

### **Tactical Tracking & Woodland Ops/Critical Incident Debrief**

With 25 years of police K-9 experience, Jeff has tracked down every type of violent fugitive imaginable. By far the most dangerous conditions we're faced with today is deploying a police dog to track in a rural/woodland environment. This class examines the murders of Deputy Sheriff Matt Williams and K-9 DiOGi in intricate detail and how their deaths have initiated a national movement toward advanced tactical training for K-9 tracking and woodland operations. Jeff has delivered this training to well over two thousand police officers and counting. We cannot afford to sacrifice our tactical edge when the stakes are this high! These practical training drills and training scenarios are applicable to every member of your agency. The training you provide others about being your cover officer during a tracking deployment may very well be the training that saves your life or makes a positive difference in securing a safe outcome.

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## ***Bill Heiser***

### **Selection testing of single and dual purpose canines**

In this course Bill will review multiple steps that need to be taken in successfully selecting single and dual purpose canines. Bill Heiser has been hand selecting his dogs from Europe and testing dogs for over 25 years. Southern Coast K9 is known in the industry to offer some of the best dogs available. He will share with you the process of selection testing by reviewing the following:

- The drives in the dog; prey, hunt, play, fight, retrieve, rank and survival.
- First Impression of the dog: Appearance, condition, teeth , ears, coat, feet, genitals and over confidence
- Environmental Soundness: Flooring, stairs, darkness, confined area or space, obstacles, noises, vehicles, desks and tables will the dog jump up
- Testing of Ball or Toy drive

Additional testing for dual purpose would include:

- First check civil drive no equipment
- Equipment Fixated
- Bite on sleeve or suit and is it a full mouth bite
- With Suit will he bite legs or arms
- Power Bite? Is Dog committed?
- Bite under stress with whip and yelling
- Multiple Distraction Scenarios & Obstacles
- Dogs focus on bite
- Gunfire reaction
- What type of force and approach does he have.

### **Meet Bill Heiser**

Bill Heiser oversees all Law Enforcement K9 Sales & Training for ITC Security Partners to include Southern Coast K9 located in Florida and the AMK9 Academy location in Alabama.

He began his career at the Daytona Beach Police Department as K9 narcotic dog handler and was quickly recognized as one of the best around. His work as a handler got the attention of the Volusia County Sheriff's Office where he finished his long career. Bill was the lead detection trainer and handler overseeing the training and selection of all dogs for the Volusia County Sheriff's Department and several surrounding law enforcement agencies. Bill was selected by the National Guard Multi-jurisdictional Counter Drug Task Force as an instructor and has traveled throughout the United States teaching. Mr. Heiser is a member of numerous organizations and has trained and certified with the United States Police Canine Association, National Narcotic Detection Association, United States Customs and Florida Department of Law Enforcement. He as well has trained with the German Customs, German Polizi, Dutch Police during his tenure.

Bill started his company, Southern Coast K9 in 1988 while still working as a Sheriff's Office handler with only two kennels in his back yard. Southern Coast K9 now has 12 full time employees and 85 kennels on 12 manicured acres of land.

Bill continues to travel to Europe and hand select all of his dogs personally. He will look at over one hundred dogs and only three to five percent make the cut due to his exacting standard and demand for superior animals. Bill has selected and trained thousands of dogs over the years. His experience in the selection process over all these years giving him the experience and knowledge to present this course on Selection Testing of a Single and Dual Purpose Dog.

## ***Chris Jakubin***

### **BOMB DOG TRAINING/FROM A to O (Odor)**

In today's day and age all bomb dog teams need to be one step ahead of the game. We all must think outside the box and train for today's threat. Today's bomb dog is not only needed before special events but also during these events. Ask yourself this...can your dog work during a 4th of July Parade. Consider all the distractions that occur during such an event. In Chris Jakubin's (AMK9) class you will learn how and where to prepare your dog teams. You will learn training techniques to get your dog to hunt and what to hunt without any stimulus. These techniques are solidified in how we practice...how are you practicing?

### ***Meet Chris Jakubin***

Chris Jakubin is in his 30th year of training in the police dog field. He was part of the Military Working Dog Program for over 28 years. Chris is currently a trainer at AMK9. He was certified by the Department of Defense as handler, trainer, supervisor and program manager. Chris also acts as instructor and certifying agent for the following disciplines: tracking/trailing, narcotics, explosives and patrol. He has experience preparing and deploying numerous Detector Dogs for both domestic and over-seas contingencies. Chris has been involved with the military's green dog training program, handling detector dogs including explosive detector dogs in support of numerous distinguished visitors and managing the explosive dog teams in support of countless special events. Chris has given numerous presentations independently, for HITS and the National Police K-9 association in detection and patrol disciplines. He developed a muzzle-training seminar that has assisted numerous agencies build a fighting street dog with countless success stories, post instruction. Chris also is a valued guest instructor for the Canine Training Academy where he instructs teams from around the country in woodland/urban trailing/tracking work.

## ***Ken Licklider***

### **Detection Canine Problem Solving**

Problem solving methods for detector teams is this year's topic for Ken's lecture. At some point in our career, all detection dog handlers are going to run into a problem we might feel is unique

to our dog. Ken Licklider has the solutions, and hearing his methods and techniques for problem solving will put you back on the road to success. Even before a problem develops, the information provided in this lecture by one of the most knowledgeable drug dog trainers in the world can save you countless hours and dollars in the future by giving you the skills to stay effective as a K-9 Handler or Trainer. Let the years of knowledge and experience of Ken Licklider take the guess work out of problem solving for detection dogs.

## ***Meet Ken Licklider***

SMSGT, USAF (Ret) Kenneth Licklider, is the Owner/Operator of Vohne Liche Kennels, Inc (VLK), a Service Disabled Veteran owned company headquartered in Denver, Indiana, with additional facilities in California and Holland. VLK is widely known as the premier Private Canine Training Facility and Detection Service Provider in the world and has been providing superior service for the past twenty-two (22) years.

SMSGT Licklider has thirty-eight (38) years canine experience, including seventeen (17) years serving in the United States Air Force (U.S.A.F.) in the canine career field. SMSGT Licklider served in the U.S.A.F. from 1977-1993 and served in the capacity of Law Enforcement Superintendent, Kennel Master, Police Service Dog Trainer, and as a Police Service Dog Handler. During his military career SMSGT Licklider competed in and won several military K-9 competitions and was as the recipient of numerous service medals.

Upon his retirement in 1993, SMSGT Licklider formed VLK. SMSGT Licklider is considered a subject matter expert (SME) and is world renowned for his scent work, which has been copied by Dutch Customs. He has been invited to speak and instruct by agencies throughout the United States and abroad and has traveled around the world teaching his methodologies. He currently has dogs and/or conducted training in forty-nine (49) states and more than thirty-two (32) countries, including Iraq, Afghanistan, UAE, several in Africa and the European Continent, Mexico, South Africa, Ghana, Turkey, El Salvador, Brazil, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Columbia, Saudi Arabia, Albania, Croatia, Kosovo, Guatemala, Guam, the Philippine Islands, South Korea, and Israel.

SMSGT Licklider has instructed thousands of students and has trained/worked with thousands of dogs in his career. He and his staff train more than five hundred (500) dogs per year. He currently has dogs in service with over five thousand (5,000) Military, Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, Corporate Security, and Private Industry clients to include the United States and Foreign Customs and Border Patrol, Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Federal Bureau Of Investigation (FBI), the National Security Agency (NSA), the United States Secret Service (USSS), the United States Pentagon Police, the United States Department of Defense (DoD), the United States Department of State (DoS), the United States Army Special Forces Command, the United States Marine Corp Special Forces Command, the United States Navy Seals, Lackland Military Working Dog School, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, NASA, CN Railway Police, Los Angeles, Chicago, Illinois State

Police, Honolulu, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, San Bernardino, Michigan State Police, Metro Detroit Airport Police (MI), Indianapolis, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Memphis, St. Louis, Phoenix, several Federal and State prisons, Inter-Con, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Engility, Triple Canopy, Global Integrated Security, Aegis, DynCorp, Securitas, Battelle, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) the Peoria Air Show, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Electric Daisy Carnival, and Lollapalooza.

As an SME in the military and police service dog world, SMSGT Licklider has been instrumental in the development of copious specialized canine programs, both nationally and internationally, to include the United States Army Combat Tracking Dog (CTD), the United States Tactical Explosive Detection Dog (TEDD), and the United States Special Forces Multi-Purpose Canine (MPC). He has developed course doctrines, programs of instructions (POIs), and System Training Plans (STRAPS) for several military canine programs and has served as a SME on several research and development canine detection studies.

SMSGT Licklider is licensed through the Alcohol Tobacco and Fire Arms (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the State of Indiana to possess and store explosive and controlled substances. VLK has an approved magazine on-site for storage of explosives and approved controlled substance storage. He is a member of several police canine associations, is a founding member of the Scientific Working Group on Dog and Orthogonal Detector Guidelines (SWGDOG), and is a Co-founder of American Working Dogs (AWD). AWD is an American Working Dog Advocate with members from around the world. AWD publishes an internationally distributed magazine that is published quarterly. It is a vital resource of technology and information that hundreds of Law Enforcement and Government Personnel subscribe to as loyal readers. AWD/VLK also hosts an annual Seminar and Certification Trial (Olympics) at their Denver, Indiana location. The Olympics consist of four (4) action packed days of intense competition amongst the world's best canine teams from across the United States and abroad. This unique event is an opportunity for the civilian community to observe military, law enforcement, and private industry canine teams from local, state, and national entities, compete in events such as detection (explosive and narcotic), tracking, area search, building search, control, obedience, obstacle course, individual and three (3) man team events, and hard dog/fast dog

SMSGT Licklider has designed and manufactures a line of towable canine transportation units/trailers. The VLK unit, through thoughtful design and masterful engineering has virtually outdated and made obsolete all of the current K-9 trailer and dog transport vehicles currently on the market. Not only does the VLK design resolve the deficiencies of other units, it sets a new standard for dog transport. VLK's largest client of their towable transportation units is the United States Military.

SMSGT Licklider and his staff can be reached at the corporate headquarters located in Denver, Indiana at 765-985-2274, via email at [Kenneth@vohneliche.com](mailto:Kenneth@vohneliche.com), via their website at [www.vohneliche.com](http://www.vohneliche.com), and via Facebook at Vohne Liche Kennels, VLK West, and VLK Europe b.v.

## ***Shawn Rosner***

### **K9 Public Relations & Establishing a 501 (C) 3**

Course covers best practices on format and content for presentations that provide maximum exposure for your audience and minimum liability for the agency. It discusses the bridge established by an agency and the community as a result of these events. It provides options for off-setting costs to an agency through various means, including partnerships with not for profit organizations that support the dogs and handlers, specialized fundraising events and/or forming an agency's own not for profit organization. It discusses how to create rapport with the public, local businesses and vendors, and the roles they can play in your fundraising efforts. It provides various types of fundraising ideas as examples to assist departments in the planning process. It discusses the pros and cons of starting their own not for profit; this includes how to go about establishing 501(c)3, and how to best work with an established not for profit should they choose not to.

### **Meet Shawn Rosner**

Deputy Shawn Rosner, brings over 19 years of law enforcement experience that includes working as a Canine Specialist in the United States Air Force, handling canines in the corrections division, and as a deputy sheriff in the field operations division of the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Shawn has acted as the OIC of Placer County's canine unit for 2 years, written budget narratives for instituting canines in corrections and field operations; canine polices and has been the patrol division's canine unit team coordinator for 15 years. He has developed, conducted and participated in over 1000 canine demonstrations and educational events. In 2009 Shawn joined a team of instructors working for the California Peace Officers Association, teaching in the Canine Program Management Course bi-annually. In 2005 he was one of the co-founders and serves today as vice president of the Foothills K9 Association which is a non-profit organization with a mission to support working and retired law enforcement canines, their handlers and canine programs, providing safety and working equipment and quality after retirement medical care for law enforcement dogs. Shawn is lectures and teaches on canine related innovations concerning alternative tactical deployment systems and the importance of community relationships and public relations through canine demonstrations and educational events.

## ***Dave Dorn***

### **“Normalization of Risk”, In Explosive Detection Dog Handling-**

“Normalization of risk”, a common human tendency, which is to become desensitized to the risk around us and subconsciously accept high levels of risk as being normal after continuously repeating the behavior without negative consequences. This class will help those handlers who are currently working or considering working an Explosive Detection Dog better understand the specific trainings, practices and utilization that can mean the difference between success and failure in the real world of Explosive Detection and to carefully reevaluate the risks we accept as normal or mundane and build on them.

## **Meet Dave Dorn**

David Dorn is a Medical Retired Sergeant for the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department. David has worked in Law Enforcement for over 16 years. Over 15 years of experience in K-9 Unit. For most of David’s canine handling career, he handled two (2) canines on a daily basis. David implemented the Canine Unit in 1998. Today, he owns and operates K-9 Specialized Training and Consulting at his two California Facilities, where he trains and consults several agencies in initial and advanced detection dog and handler training, implementing, managing and maintaining their agencies Canine Units. David has thousands of hours in basic and advanced Peace Officer training, thousands of hours in basic and advanced Police Service Dog, NDD & EDD Handler Training. David has participated in over 4,000 individual canine searches in the field. In addition, he has been present and observed hundreds of NDD and EDD deployments by other canine teams from all over the nation. David was a member of the SFSD Emergency Services Team, Holds a California POST Intermediate Certificate, a California POST Certified Canine Team Evaluator. For more information or questions please visit [k9stac.com](http://k9stac.com)

## ***Jerry McClellan***

### **Training for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

This class covers how animals learn and how we apply that to K9 training. We will also discuss the fundamentals of K9 training, to include, your monthly in-service training. This class will also take a look at what law enforcement is facing both around the world and domestically, to see if we are training for “What has happened” or are we analyzing and adapting to meet the threat of the ever-changing world we live in.

## **Meet Jerry McClellan**

Sgt. Jerry McClellan is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a current Patrol K9 Handler and Trainer in Massachusetts. Jerry joined the M.B.T.A. Transit Police Department in

2000, since that time he has served as a member of the Police Academy Staff as well as a member of the SWAT Team. Jerry is a certified firearms instructor for the State of Massachusetts. In 2014 Jerry was promoted to Sergeant and assigned as the supervisor of the department's K9 Unit. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Curry College. Jerry has worked overseas as a Private Military Contractor training explosive detection K9 teams.

## ***Ricky Farley***

### ***OUT HEEL VERSUS STANDSTILL TWO METHODS USED FOR CALLING OFF POLICE DOGS***

We will start from the beginning phase of training each method to give the student an in-depth understanding why we fill standstill is a safer technique for the officer and has a psychological advantage for the dog as well.

Out heel is the original way of performing the out in police service dogs. Over the years, we invented standstill for numerous reasons. This class will discuss how the dog views each method, along with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

## ***Meet Ricky Farley***

### ***BIO COMING***

## ***Michael Pidgeon – San Diego Police Department***

### **The Video Revolution: Using Body Worn Cameras to Improve your Canine Unit and Protect Yourself and your Department from Liability.**

The use of Body Worn Cameras (BWC) is possibly the most revolutionary change to policing since the portable radio. Departments across the country are requiring their use by uniformed officers and specialized units, including Canine Teams. As with any new piece of equipment, it is imperative that officers learn to use this new tool properly and that policies are developed considering the rights of the officer, the integrity of the investigative process and the public demand for transparency. These policies must be developed with input from department managers, labor organizations and prosecuting agencies. Television and movies have given the public – our potential jurors - a flawed view of what police use of force looks like. It is our responsibility to educate them as best we can and provide proper context for the sometimes-violent nature of police work that they will now see through our BWC video. Learn from the

mistakes and successes of other agencies to ensure that your agency has the advantage in criminal and civil court, as well as the court of public opinion.

## ***Meet Michael Pidgeon***

Mike is a 22-year veteran of the San Diego Police Department. During those years, he has worked as an K-9 officer in the canine unit and 9 years ago, he became the K-9 unit Sergeant. Michael has also spent 5 years as the board member of the San Diego Police Officers Association.

## ***Joshua Morton***

### ***Canine Usage in Key Areas (Hip Lead)***

Hip Lead course of instruction focuses on the handler operating as an officer first with their canine close at hand. A custom fit hip lead allows handler to have both hands on their weapon. Doing so allows handler to be part of the train instead of trailing behind in SWAT application. A custom fit hip lead keeps the canine in a specific position beside the handler securing the canine from moving away or ahead of the handler, which can be dangerous. With the rise in canine fatalities and serious injuries in the field it is important handlers maintain their focus. Utilizing a hip lead provides the handler the opportunity to have both hands free, their canine close at hand and in the right position at all times for quick deployment in key areas.

## ***Meet Joshua Morton***

Joshua Morton owns and operates Canine Tactical of Iowa in Chariton, Iowa. He has placed trained police canines and trained canine teams for police agencies in the Midwest and the East Coast, and has trained and placed numerous canines for businesses and personal protection across the United States. Joshua Morton is a veteran of United States Navy serving more than eight years as a Navy SEAL. Joshua became the first military working dog handler for SEAL Team Four. He served as a SEAL operator and canine handler during five deployments in Iraq and has extensive firsthand experience in numerous high risk missions in the successful utilization of a canine in combat. While in Iraq Joshua served as the subject matter expert in Joint Task Force combat missions with several U.S. allies and host nation commands. He instructed the first Naval Special Warfare Group Two Combat Action Dog course, provided guidance, and assisted new Combat Action Dog personnel in all aspects of canine tactics, techniques, and procedures. Joshua has vast experience in coordinating logistical support in the screening and development

of new canines and in demonstrating advanced canine tactics, techniques, and procedures to multiple Naval Special Warfare teams, resulting in highly trained and disciplined operators pushing Naval Special Warfare to the forefront of canine usage in Special Operations.