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10 Hours**

Hosted By: Alpharetta City Police Department

Where: Alpharetta City Hall, 2 Park Plaza, Alpharetta, GA 30009

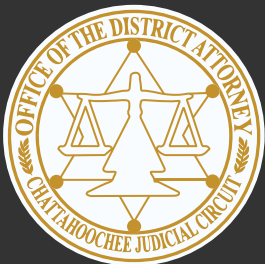
When: June 14, 2019, at 7:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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

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 the link below. Agenda is on the next page.

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Ga K9 Federation
Prosecuting Attorney's Council of Georgia
Office of the District Attorney, Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit

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6:30 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. Registration

7:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Welcome/Introductions

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Introduction of Police Detection Canines to Narcotics Investigations and Legal Considerations
[breaks included]
Instructor: Sergeant Wayne Fisher
K9 Unit Supervisor
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.

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tanya's Law: An Examination of O.C.G.A. 16-11-107 and An Overview of Online and Other Resources for K9 Handlers

Instructor: Claudine Wilkins
Attorney at Law and Director of Animal Law Source

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. Also, there are a variety of online and other resources available to assist the canine handler. This unit will present an overview of a number of these.

12:00 Noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 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 of instruction will cover courtroom presentation skills for the police detection canine handler appearing in court as a witness, including preparation for court, understanding the evidentiary foundations that must be established prior to the introduction of canine reaction evidence, other applicable rules of evidence and criminal procedure, handling exhibits, tips for dealing with cross-examination, and qualification of the handler as an expert witness.

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Putting it All Together: A Mock Motion to Suppress

Instructors: Judge - To Be Announced
Sergeant Wayne Fisher
Stacey S. Jackson
Attorney at Law, Columbus, Georgia
SADA Kimberly S. Schwartz

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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