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## **K-9 DRUG DETECTION ENHANCEMENT COURSE**

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Regional Center for Public Safety Excellence  
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### **Registration**

This course is restricted to US military and sworn law enforcement personnel. **There is no cost to attend.**

### **Course Description**

The K-9 Drug Detection Enhancement course is designed for the advanced training of Drug Detector Dog and Handler Teams, which will improve the teams' search ability and help them become both more effective and efficient. Practical exercises will include a variety of buildings and vehicles.

Supervisors (without dogs) are welcome to attend. This will help supervisors without prior handling experience to better understand the ability of the narcotic dog team and what is and is not possible. If you are a student attending without a K-9, please notify the MCTC staff so they can allow the maximum number of K-9 teams to enroll.

### **Topics Included**

- Selection and training of drug detecting dogs
- Search strategies and patterns
- Theory of odor dispersion
- Setting up training aid containers
- Vehicular contraband concealment
- Training records
- Canine drives and communication
- Case law

### **Course Length**

K-9 Drug Detection Enhancement is a 4 Day (32 Hour) course.

### **Prerequisites**

K-9 team **MUST** have a prior drug detection certification. This certification may be from any certifying entity. Proof of certification must be provided prior to the start of the class and may be mailed or faxed to our office.