

Canine Training and Legal Update

February 26-29, 2008

Training Syllabus



William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center



Memorandum

Date: February 6, 2008
To: Supervisor
From: Department of Parks and Recreation
William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center
Subject: Employee Attendance at Formal Training

An employee from your office will soon be attending the formal training program described in the attached. Please insure that the employee is fully prepared to attend the session and that the groundwork is laid for the employee's implementation of the training upon returning to work.

You can assist with capturing the full value of the training by taking the following steps:

Prior to Training

1. Make sure that **specific** employee needs are identified and, if necessary, called immediately to the attention of the Training Coordinator.
2. Review with the employee the reason for the employee's attendance.
3. Review objectives and agenda with the employee.
4. Discuss objectives and performance expected after the training.

Immediately Following Attendance

1. Discuss what was learned and intended uses of the training.
2. Review the employee's assessment of the training program for its impact at the workplace and review the due date of the Post-Training Evaluation form.
3. Support the employee's use of the training at the work place.

Prior to Three Months Following Training

1. Employee after discussion with the supervisor login to the Employee Training Management System (ETMS) to complete the Post-Training Evaluation form.
2. Supervisor evaluates the effectiveness of the training on the employee's job performance and login to the ETMS to complete the Training Effectiveness Assessment form.

Thank you for your assistance in seeing that the full benefit of training is realized.



Tina L. Williams
Department Training Officer (Interim)

Attachment

cc: Participant

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Mission Statement Training Office

The mission of the Training Office is to improve organizational and individual performance and productivity through consulting and collaboration, training and human resources development.

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FORMAL TRAINING GUIDELINES

Welcome to formal training, an essential component in your career development.

Since 1969, our Department has been providing a continuously changing number of diverse training programs at its main training facility, the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center, and other locations including Marconi Conference Center and, most recently, the Two Rivers Training Facility in Sacramento. The Department strives to enhance your learning and job performance with formal training of the highest quality.

Our Department's dedication to training is only one aspect of its commitment to you and to the public. This commitment is costly and represents an important investment in you and your career. You and the Department realize a return on that investment by your positive participation in formal training itself and post training follow-through.

The program you will be participating in is described in this training syllabus, which outlines what you can expect from this training and what is expected of you. This syllabus details what you should do before you leave for training; what to do when you arrive; what you will be doing while in training; and, importantly, what you should be able to do when you return to your work site. Specifically:

1. **SYLLABUS:** The syllabus is now accessible on the Employee Training Management System (ETMS). You should print a copy of the syllabus to bring with you to class. Your copy of this syllabus is an important part of your training experience and should be brought with you to training. Read it before you arrive and review it following the program along with material you received at training.
2. **PRE-TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS:** Your completion of pre-training assignments is essential to the success of your training. You are responsible for all reading assignments in preparation for classroom sessions. Time will be provided during working hours to accomplish any assignments which involve either individual or group efforts and resources. (Pre-training assignments are listed in the "Training Attendance Requirements" section.)

3. TRAVEL: Arrange your travel to and from the training through your District or Office. (No reimbursement for travel expense - including per diem costs - will be approved for travel not specifically authorized in advance by the District Superintendent.) Individuals may claim reimbursement for incidental expenses incurred as outlined in DAM 0410.6. The Training Center does not have the capability to provide transportation to/from Monterey Airport.
4. HOUSING: Housing will be assigned to you on a shared-room basis and will be available from 3:00 p.m. on the date of arrival to 12:00 noon on the date of departure. The Department provides your room and board expenses at the Training Center only. No per diem allowance will be authorized for living off-grounds. This does not preclude living off-grounds at your own expense. Please advise the Department Training Officer no later than one week before your scheduled arrival if you plan to live off-grounds. No animals are permitted in Asilomar housing. In the event of an emergency, staff must know your room assignment, therefore, you may not switch rooms without staff approval. Overnight guests are not allowed in the buildings unless registered beforehand at the front desk in Asilomar's Administration Building. Quiet hour for lodge living areas is 10:00 p.m.

HOUSING CANCELLATION POLICY: If you do not need lodging or must change or cancel your reservation, you must contact the Training Center at least 72 hours prior to your date of arrival. The Training Center is committed to ensuring that the reservation that has been made for you is accurate and needed.

5. MEALS: Meals will be provided, semi-cafeteria style, from dinner on the date of arrival through lunch on the date of departure. Meals will be served at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast, 12:00 noon for lunch, and 6:00 p.m. for dinner. Hot or box lunches may be provided on some days. If you require a special diet, notify the Asilomar Chef at 831-372-8016 no later than one week before your scheduled arrival.

In order to assist participants with limited mobility, Asilomar provides a shuttle to and from the dining hall. Please contact either Asilomar staff upon check in, or Training Center staff upon your arrival, for instructions on arranging a transport.

6. OFF-GROUNDS ACCOMMODATIONS: When authorized to stay off-grounds by the Department Training Officer, the Training Center will pickup the cost of your room and meals at the current DPR Asilomar rate. If you stay off grounds and have meals on grounds, the Training Center will authorize only what the Department pays Asilomar for lodging.

7. CLOTHING: Field uniforms as found in "Description of Required Field Uniforms", DOM Chapter 2300, Uniform Handbooks, not including optional items, will be worn daily by all uniformed employees during formal training sessions **unless otherwise specified in the Program Attendance Checklist**. Non-uniformed employees shall wear professional business attire.

Because we are on the conference grounds with many other groups, and the image we project as State Park employees is important not only during working hours but off duty hours as well, your informal sportswear should be appropriate.

8. ROOM SAFES: Two safes have been installed in each of the lodge rooms used by the Training Center (Live Oak, Tree Tops, and Deer Lodge). These safes are a type that allows the user to input their own combination of numbers to facilitate opening and closing. The Training Center has a master key for emergency entry. Safes are to be left in the open position when checking out of your room.
9. WEAPONS: Weapons are permitted in rooms under the following conditions. Authorized firearms and magazines stored while at the Training Center shall be in a safe condition and stored in one of the following locations: your room safe in Live Oak, Tree Tops, or Deer Lodge, one of the Training Center's safes in the Whitehead Room or secured in your vehicle.
10. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Participants shall not possess or consume alcoholic beverages in common areas (living room) while on the Asilomar Conference Grounds unless provided and hosted by Concessionaire Delaware North.
11. SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted in the Training Center or in any lodge or guest room on the Asilomar Conference Grounds.
12. TRAINING CENTER: The Training Center is located on Asilomar Conference Grounds, part of Asilomar State Beach. The Conference Grounds are operated for our Department by a concessionaire, and all lodging and food services are provided to us by employees of the concessionaire. Constant efforts are made to maintain a sound, harmonious working relationship between the Department and concessionaire. None of us can expect preferential treatment for any reason and, as a departmental employee, you will be expected to join in our continuing effort toward an effective relationship with each Asilomar concession staff member. On occasion, non-departmental groups may be staying in the same lodges. It is imperative that you represent the Department well on and off duty.
13. REGISTRATION: When you arrive at Asilomar Conference Grounds, go directly to the front desk at the Asilomar Administration Building for your room key and dining room ticket. If you require vegetarian meals, notify the front desk representative and your meal ticket will be marked accordingly.

14. **COURSE LEADERS:** The formal training you will attend is developed and, for the most part, conducted by experienced State Park employees in field and staff positions. Some courses will be conducted by qualified instructors from other agencies and educational institutions. Your course leaders have proven their ability and knowledge in their profession, and provide a level of expertise difficult to match.
15. **TRAINING CENTER STAFF:** A Training Center staff member has been assigned responsibility for your training group as well as for your training program. That staff member usually serves as a Course Leader as well as a Coordinator. During the program, you may be asked to assist Training Center staff in the logistics of your training program (organizing field trip transportation, supervising classroom breaks, etc.). Center staff will do all within their power to make your training experience pleasant and meaningful.
16. **TRAINING MATERIALS:** May be made available to you at both your unit and the Training Center. Handout materials issued at your unit should be brought to training for possible use. A conference binder or notebook will be issued to you at the training session for note taking and convenience in handling materials. Copies of DAM and DOM will be available to you for self-study. Bring your own pens and pencils.
17. **ATTENDANCE:** Regular attendance is a critical course requirement and your participation is important to the success of this training. All absences, except those of an emergency nature, must be approved in advance by the Training Specialist.
18. **COLLEGE CREDIT:** Most training programs are accredited by Monterey Peninsula College for lower division credit. If you successfully complete an accredited program, you will receive either a letter grade or a credit/no-credit designation.
19. **MPC STUDENT ID:** If you have filled out an MPC application before, you have already been issued a student ID number to use in lieu of your SSN on future applications. You can obtain your MPC ID number by going to their secure website and providing your SSN number (no name required) and birthdate.

<https://autobahn.mpc.edu/scripts/autobahn.exe/Execute?Application=WebReq&Program=REPORT-SR-FIND-SSN>

Newcomers to training will still need to provide their SSN on the first MPC application only, after which a student ID number will be assigned and available at the web address above within a few weeks of the program's conclusion. You can store your MPC ID numbers in your ETMS Profile for future reference.

20. VEHICLES: All vehicles should be parked in the lots adjacent to the Training Center. Any questions regarding use of a State vehicle while at the Training Center should be discussed with your supervisor prior to your departure for training, or with your Program Coordinator while at the Training Center.
21. BICYCLES: If you bring your bicycle, store it in the bicycle shed next to the Training Center. Bicycles may not be brought into any building nor chained to lamp posts, trees, etc. The Training Center has a limited number of bicycles available for your use. Prior to your use, you are required to complete a safety inspection and sign a waiver which is posted in the bicycle shed.
22. MAIL: Mail forwarded to you during your time at the Center should be addressed to you in care of:

Department of Parks and Recreation
WILLIAM PENN MOTT JR. TRAINING CENTER
P. O. Box 699, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
23. CELL PHONES: As a courtesy to your fellow participants and course leaders ensure that your cell phone is turned off during classes. Participants should not be receiving or making cell phone calls during class time. Please limit those calls to your breaks.
24. FAX: The Training Center's FAX number is (831) 649-2824.
25. TELEPHONE: Limit phone calls during classroom hours to urgent business or emergencies. Anyone wishing to contact you by telephone during working hours should call the Center at (831) 649-2954. Calls after 5:00 p.m. or during weekends should be made to (831) 372-8016, Asilomar Conference Grounds, and the caller should tell the switchboard operator you are with a Department of Parks and Recreations training group. **Please Note: There are no longer pay telephones outside of the Training Center. There are pay telephones located at the Asilomar Administration Building.**
26. LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING: May be taken care of by you at one of several local establishments. An iron is available for 24-hour checkout from the Training Center front desk.
27. RECREATION: Facilities available on grounds include a heated swimming pool, ping-pong and pool tables, and a volleyball court. The Monterey area offers horseback riding, golf, tennis, racquetball, deep sea fishing, and many historical landmarks and scenic sights to explore.
28. POST-TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS: In connection with formal training are to be completed under the direction of your supervisor. See "Program Attendance Requirements" in this syllabus.

29. COFFEE BREAK REFRESHMENTS: Will be available throughout each session at the Center. You will be asked to contribute to the "Hospitality Fund" to defray expenses. Please bring your own coffee cup.

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE CHECKLIST

To assist you in your preparation for formal training sessions at the William Penn Mott Jr. Training Center, the following checklist is provided:

___ 1. Read and understand the Canine Training and Legal Update syllabus prior to your arrival.

___ 2. Training attire:

Day One - Legal Update: Canine field uniform.

Day Two - Tracking at Ft. Ord: CSUMB has requested while on campus our employees should be dressed in clothing easily recognizable as Law Enforcement.

Day Three: Field uniform as described on page 3 of this syllabus. No cloth badges or name tags. Please bring your felt Stetson to wear at the Training Center and for photographs.

___ 3. Bring the following to training:

- Canine Training and Legal Update syllabus
- Normal training supplies, including 30 foot lead, rubber boots and articles to hide; hot dogs will be provided. Be sure to bring foul weather gear also.
- Coffee cup, refillable water bottle, etc.
- Pens, pencils, etc.

NOTE: If you will need lodging the night of Friday, February 29, please notify Joanne Danielson at jdanielson@parks.ca.gov or 831-649-2959 before Friday, February 22.

POST-TRAINING ASSIGNMENT

Prior to ninety days after the completion of this program, the employee and his/her supervisor should sit down and discuss the impact and assess the effectiveness this program has had on the employee. Then both the supervisor and employee should login to the Employee Training Management System (ETMS) and complete the Post-Training Evaluation form (an email will be sent to both employee and supervisor notifying them that the evaluation needs to be completed).

The post-training evaluation process is intended to provide a bridge between classroom instruction and the on-the-job application of training. The information obtained through this process will assist the training participant, supervisor, and Training Center in providing a return on the investment the Department has on training.

CANINE TRAINING AND LEGAL UPDATE – A G E N D A
February 27-29, 2008

Tuesday
February 26

1500-	REGISTRATION: Check-in at the Asilomar Administration Building	All
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Wednesday
February 27

0800-1200	CANINE Legal Update	Praet
1200-1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
1300-1600	CANINE Legal Update	Praet
1600-1700	Registration and Course Objectives	Price/ Danielson

Thursday
February 28

1000-1200	Tracking Applications	Inglis
1200-1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
1300-2000	Off-Site Tracking Exercises	Inglis

Friday
February 29

0800-1000	Canine Computerized Training Records	Smith
1000-1200	Leadership in Canine Program	Sturm
1200-1300	<i>Lunch</i>	
1300-1500	Leadership (<i>continued</i>)	Sturm
1500-1700	Tactical Debrief	Chavez/ Price
1700-	<i>Departure</i>	

CANINE TRAINING AND LEGAL UPDATE

24 HOURS

PROGRAM OUTLINE

REGISTRATION, INTRODUCTION AND COURSE OBJECTIVES	1.0
LEGAL UPDATE, CANINE RELATED CASE LAW AND POLICY ISSUES	7.0
CANINE TRACKING PRACTICAL APPLICATION	2.0
TRACKING EXERCISES	6.0
ELECTRONIC CANINE RECORD KEEPING	2.0
CANINE PROGRAM LEADERSHIP.....	2.0
BUILDING POSITIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND ICS	2.0
TACTICAL DEBRIEFING	2.0
TOTAL HOURS.....	24.0

CANINE TRAINING AND LEGAL UPDATE

CANINE LEGAL UPDATE:

Purpose: The student will demonstrate through classroom and practical exercises, the skills necessary for accurate record keeping and report writing referencing current case law.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Recognize current canine case law.
2. Record the need to articulate the state of mind in reports.
3. Explain the need to maintain accurate records and reporting canine use, bites and injuries.

TRACKING

Purpose: The student will demonstrate through practical exercises, the skills necessary for tracking suspects and lost persons.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Apply their skills and knowledge in tracking suspects on various surfaces, such as moving from grass to paved surfaces.
2. Locating lost/missing persons.
3. Demonstrate the use of canines during a NIMS/search and rescue incident.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Purpose: The student will demonstrate through classroom and practical exercises, the skills necessary for effective communication and electronic record keeping.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Demonstrate effective communication with each other, supervisors and canine the coordinator with use of SharePoint.
2. Identify the possibilities software programs offer for canine officers to capture training, medical and food costs associated with a statewide canine program.

LEADERSHIP

Purpose: The student will demonstrate through classroom and practical exercises, the skills necessary for effective positive working relationships and leadership skills.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Practice leadership skills to use while working with other classifications.
2. Demonstrate leadership skills while working with the media.
3. Identify leadership skills to use while working with allied agencies, on mutual aid/ICS incident response.
4. Recognize leadership skills to use while giving an interpretive program and providing public education while working with the media.

CANINE PROGRAM DEBRIEF

Purpose: The student will demonstrate through classroom and practical exercises, the skills necessary for recognizing accomplished goals and setting future goals.

Performance Objectives: By the close of the session the participants will

1. Record the goals we have accomplished this year.
2. Define the next steps for the Canine Program.
3. Develop standards of practice and performance for working and training for various incidents, tracking, trials and working with other agencies.
4. Answer the question: How do we apply what we have learned?
5. Establish canine team goals for next year with active participation of all handlers.

location map for
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