

CORRECTIONS CANINE OFFICER

KIND OF WORK

Specialized Corrections Officer Leadwork with utilization/director of a trained canine in the search/seizure of contraband and control of offender movement.

Corrections Officer of specialized leadwork by directing a canine in the contraband searches and offender movement control.

NATURE AND PURPOSE

An employee in this class is responsible for the direction of the activities of a Correctional Canine. This involves training and directing a canine in contraband searches/seizures and controlling offender movement due to emergency situations.

Responsibilities include: Training canine routinely to maintain certification with U.S. Police Canine Association, maintain and monitor the daily health and welfare of canine, maintain knowledgeable regarding policies, procedures and techniques related to "Use of Force" and institution security. Performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (A position may not include all the work examples given, nor does the list include all that may be assigned.)

- Directs canine in contraband searches of vehicles, parcels, rooms, buildings, and grounds.
- Write reports regarding institution incident and maintain daily activities/training log of canine.
- Maintain certification and membership of canine and canine handler as required by United States Police Canine Association.
- Feed, groom, exercise and train canine. Ensure clean, secure living conditions and humane treatment of canine.
- Maintain knowledge of "Use of Force" and security procedures/techniques.
- Conduct/perform security checks of building interiors/exterior, institution electrical equipment.
- Observe/monitor and if needed, control offender behavior and movement with or without canine assistance.
- Communicate, train and inform co-workers and offenders of proper inter-action with canine.
- Perform miscellaneous Corrections Officer duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

- Advanced level knowledge of Corrections facility policies and procedures sufficient to serve as role model, provide direction to other staff, and maintain a secure environment.
- Security procedures and practices sufficient to take control in hostile, aggressive, or emergency situation.

- Level 1 and 2 narcotics and physical layout of the facility to sufficiently search for narcotics and identify hiding places.
- Proper handling and voice/arm commands of a trained canine sufficient to control canine in the use of force within the institution.
- Advanced level knowledge of the legal and proper use of force.

Skill in:

Physical restraint and canine search and seizure methods sufficient to separate offenders involved in fights and apprehend suspects.

Ability to:

- Write sufficiently to prepare narrative incident reports describing inappropriate offender/staff behavior/activities.
- Recognize a change in behavior of the canine so that it remains safe and to immediately understand the change in behavior and respond appropriately.
- Maintain certification for Police Dog 1 and 2 with standards set by the United States Police Canine Association.
- Effectively practice/handle offender movement and monitoring activities of large groups.
- Maintain confidentiality while working on investigations and with local law enforcement agencies so as to not damage the integrity of the investigation.
- Be trusted, responsible, and professional while working with samples of narcotics and other drugs, which are used solely for the purpose of training the canine.
- Professionally represent the institution at activities throughout the state and country.

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Former Title(s):