

FORM OF ORDER AND TRANSMITTAL BY BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL

State of Washington

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION  
(name of governing body)

(agency name, if applicable)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Order No. 17

(1) Be it resolved by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, acting at Seattle, Washington (place) that it does adopt the annexed rules relating to:

NEW SECTION  
WAC 139-50-020 REQUIREMENTS OF TRAINING FOR POLICE DOG HANDLER

(2) ALTERNATIVE A. Use only for Adoption of Permanent Rules.

This action is taken pursuant to Notice No. WSR 82-17-001 filed with the code reviser on 8/5/82. These rules shall take effect:  thirty days after they are filed with the code reviser pursuant to RCW 34.04.040(2).  at a later date, such date being \_\_\_\_\_

(2) ALTERNATIVE B. Use only for Adoption of Emergency Rules.

We, \_\_\_\_\_, find that an emergency exists and that this order is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare and that observance of the requirements of notice and opportunity to present views on the proposed action would be contrary to public interest. A statement of the facts constituting the emergency is:

These rules are therefore adopted as emergency rules to take effect upon filing with the code reviser.

(3) Pursuant to the requirements of RCW 34.04.026 that "every agency shall incorporate the most specific, but in no case omit all, of the following language alternatives when adopting or amending rules" fill in statement (a), (b), or (c) as appropriate:

(a) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW RCW 43.101.080 and is intended to administratively implement that statute.

(b) This rule is promulgated pursuant to RCW \_\_\_\_\_ which directs that the

(agency)

has authority to implement the provisions of

(name of act or RCW citation)

(c) This rule is promulgated under the general rule-making authority of the

(agency)

as authorized in RCW \_\_\_\_\_

(4) The undersigned hereby declares that the agency has complied with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (chapter 42.30 RCW), the Administrative Procedure Act (chapter 34.04 RCW), and the State Register Act (chapter 34.08 RCW) in the adoption of these rules.

(5) This order, after being first recorded in the order register of this governing body, is herewith transmitted to the Code Reviser for filing pursuant to chapter 34.04 RCW and chapter 1-12 WAC.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED October 14, 1982, 19

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By James C. Scott  
Executive Director

Title

CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

WSR 82-21-062

NEW SECTION

WAC 139-50-020 REQUIREMENTS OF TRAINING FOR POLICE DOG HANDLER. (1) For purposes herein:

(a) "Dog handler" means any commissioned law enforcement officer of a state, county, city, municipality, or combination thereof, agency who is responsible for the routine care, control, and utilization of a police dog within a law enforcement patrol or investigative assignment; and

(b) "Training" means any structured classroom or practical learning exercise conducted, evaluated, and documented by an experienced dog handler or trainer, for the purpose of developing the trainee's competency in the care, control, and utilization of a police dog.

(2) A dog handler shall, as a precondition of such assignment, successfully complete the Basic Law Enforcement Academy program, or otherwise comply with the basic training requirement prescribed by WAC 139-14-010 of the Training Commission.

(3) Prior to, or within the first six months of such assignment, a dog handler shall successfully complete training according to the nature and purpose of utilization of the police dog for which such handler is responsible. Categories of utilization and concomitant training standards are prescribed as follows:

(a) Generalist. A dog handler who is responsible for the routine and regular utilization of a police dog within general patrol or investigative activities, shall successfully complete at least 390 hours of training which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) philosophies/theories of police K-9
- (ii) legal and liability aspects, including applicable department policies
- (iii) public relations
- (iv) care and maintenance
- (v) obedience and control
- (vi) tracking
- (vii) trailing
- (viii) area searching
- (ix) building searching
- (x) evidence searching
- (xi) pursuit/holding
- (xii) master protection

(b) General Detection. A dog handler who is responsible for the primary and specialized utilization of a police dog in the search for and detection of specific substances, excluding explosives, shall successfully complete at least 180 hours of training which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) philosophies/theories of police K-9
- (ii) legal and liability aspects, including applicable department policies
- (iii) public relations
- (iv) care and maintenance
- (v) obedience and control
- (vi) area searching
- (vii) building searching
- (viii) evidence searching
- (ix) detection of specific substances

(c) Explosives Detection. A dog handler who is responsible for the primary and specialized utilization of a police dog in the search for and detection of explosive substances and devices, shall successfully complete at least 390 hours of training which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) philosophies/theories of police K-9
- (ii) legal and liability aspects, including applicable department policies
- (iii) public relations
- (iv) care and maintenance
- (v) obedience and control
- (vi) area searching
- (vii) building searching
- (viii) evidence searching
- (iv) detection of explosives

(d) Master Protection. A dog handler who is responsible for the routine and regular utilization of a police dog solely for self-protection and assistance in hostile or potentially hostile situations, shall successfully complete at least 180 hours of training which shall include, but not be limited to:

- (i) philosophies/theories of police K-9
- (ii) legal and liability aspects, including applicable department policies
- (iii) public relations
- (iv) care and maintenance
- (v) obedience and control
- (vi) pursuit/holding
- (vii) master protection

4. Any dog handler whose initial date of assigned responsibility for K-9 utilization precedes January 1, 1983, shall meet the applicable training standard as above prescribed. For this purpose, training completed by such handler prior to January 1, 1983, shall be recognized and considered as training completed pursuant to such standard. If such training is less than, or does not include, that prescribed, the additional training required shall be completed prior to July 1, 1983.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the local agency to ensure both program and personnel compliance with the above standards, as applicable, and the maintenance of training records necessary for the substantiation of such compliance. Such compliance shall constitute compliance required by H.B. 289 (RCW number will be entered when codification occurs) and for purposes of the immunity and penal provisions therein.