

# **POLICE K9 COMPETITION**

**Saturday  
September 29, 2007**

**Tripp's Park Athletic Field  
2000 DORTHOY ST.  
Scranton PA. 18504**

**Registration 0830-0900 hours  
Competition Begins 0900 hours**

**EVENTS WILL INCLUDE  
CRIMINAL APPREHENSION  
OBEDIENCE / AGILITY  
NARCOTIC DETECTION /EXPLOSIVE DETECTION**

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE TOP THREE  
PLACES IN EACH EVENT**

**THE TOP THREE TEAMS OVERALL**

**DECOYS CHOICE AWARD**

**ALL K9 TEAMS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
COST \$25.00 PER TEAM  
PRE- REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2007**

**LUNCH AND T-SHIRT WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH CONTESTANT  
CONTACT Capt. Carl Graziano AT 570-558-8341  
FOR RULES AND ENTRY FORM  
OR VISIT THE SCRANTON POLICE WEB SITE AT  
[WWW.SCRANTONPA.GOV/SCRANTONPD](http://WWW.SCRANTONPA.GOV/SCRANTONPD)**

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HOSTED BY THE SCRANTON POLICE K9 UNIT**

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**APPREHENSION**

**Phase 1 recall / call off** **Possible 40 points**

Handler and dog will be at a marked starting point, 40 yards from the decoy with the field marked in 10 yard intervals and inform the judge if they will be doing a recall or a call off and guard of the decoy. When directed by the judge the dog will be sent to make an apprehension. The decoy will then give up. The handler will call off or recall the dog. The team will be awarded points based on the marker the handler was able to call the dog off without apprehending the suspect. Points will be awarded at the first point where the handler called the dog off not where the dog stops. The dog may bump the Decoy but can not bite.

**Phase 2 apprehension and transport of suspect** **Possible 60 points**

Handler and dog will approach the starting line when directed by the judge dog will be sent to make the apprehension. After apprehension is made the handler will move to a position approximately 10 yards from the decoy and call the dog out. The handler will then conduct a pat down of the decoy and escort the decoy back to the judge. During the escort it shall be the handler's discretion how the decoy is escorted. Points will be awarded on the following basis.

20 points for the apprehension

20 points for the release of the decoy ( Handler will be allowed 3 commands to out the dog after that 1 point will be deducted for each extra command given.)

10 points completing the pat down of the decoy

10 points completing the escort or transport of the decoy back to the judge.

(The handler will inform the judge prior to starting how they will complete the escort)

**Total points possible for the event** **100**

\*\*\* In the event of a tie for the top three places in this phase of the competition the exercise will be run again with the points awarded for completing each exercise but will be made more difficult as it will involve a running recall or call off where the decoy will not give up and remain motionless but will keep running away from the K9 team, the apprehension will involve gun fire when the dog is sent to make the apprehension and the escort will include an attempted escape by the decoy where the dog must capture the decoy and call out then complete the escort,

If there is still a tie after completing this round of tie breakers the exercise will be run again and will involve a running call off or recall under gunfire, apprehension under gun fire, an assault on the handler during the pat down, call out, complete the pat down and

escort. If there still remains a tie for the top three positions duplicate awards will be given.

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**Agility**

**Timed event**

An agility course consisting of various obstacles, jumps, hurdles and a K9 carry will be designed to simulate obstacles commonly encountered during the course of K9 Officers duties. 10 points will be given for each obstacle completed by the K9 team. Winners will be determined by the team with the highest amount of points first and by time second.

**Total points possible for the event 100**

**Scent Detection**

**Timed event**

**Narcotics**

4 vehicles will be used for 2 exterior narcotic hides 10 points will be awarded for each vehicle searched and 15 points will be awarded for each correct hide. Winners will be determined by the team with the most points first and the fastest time second.

**Total points possible for the event 70**

**Scent Detection**

**Timed event**

**Explosives**

4 vehicles will be used for 2 exterior explosive hides 10 points will be awarded for each vehicle searched and 15 points will be awarded for each correct hide. Winners will be determined by the team with the most points first and the fastest time second.

**Total points possible for the event 70**

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**Obedience**

**Possible 100 points**

**Obedience Starting Score**

The obedience portion of this competition will judge the handlers ability to control and direct the dog and shall consist of both on lead and off lead exercises. Each team will start with the score of 100. 5 points will be deducted for each failed exercise and 1 point will be deducted for each extra command given. The handler may use voice commands, hand signals or any combination except when directed by the judge to use one or the other.

**At the Judges direction: On lead**

On lead heel forward with one right turn, one left turn, one about turn and stop.

**At the Judges direction: Off lead**

Off lead heel forward with one right turn, one left turn, and changes in pace, about turn and stop.

**At the Judges direction: Off lead**

From the starting line heel forward and down or sit the dog (handler's choice) at a designated location on the field. Handler will continue to walk to a second designated location approximately 20 yards in front of the dog. Handler will then be directed to change the dog's position by hand. Handler will then be directed to change the dog's position by voice. Handler will then be directed recall the dog to his position.

**At the Judges Direction: Off lead**

Handler will leave the dog in a down or sit and walk to a designated location approximately 30 yards in front of the dog, the Handler will be directed to recall the dog and down or sit the dog at the half way point. Handler will then be directed to recall the dog to his position.

**At the Judges direction: Off lead or On lead**

The dog will be put in a sit or down next to the handler (handler's choice). Two gun shots will be fired in the distance. Dog must remain in the position he was placed in by the handler.

**At the Judges Direction: Off lead**

Handler will command the dog to stay and throw an article of the handler's choice then send the dog to retrieve the article. When the dog returns to the handler with the article the exercise will be completed. The article must be thrown a distance of at least 10 yards.

The three K9 teams with the highest score will be given awards.

All ties in this event will be broken by the teams apprehension score.

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**Top Dog Award**

It has been recognized that all K9 teams may not be trained in all events and handlers may only want to compete in certain events. This award will go to the most well rounded K9 team that is able to perform the combined duties of scent detection and patrol work. In order to determine a winner for the Top Dog Award the K9 team will need to compete in 4 events, Apprehension, Scent Detection, Agility and Obedience. In order to determine the Top Dog Awards a point system has been established. Points will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each exercise competing for the Top Dog Award based on the teams with the highest scores.

15 Points will be awarded to the team that places the highest in each event.

10 Points will be awarded to the team that places second highest in each event.

05 Points will be awarded to the team that places third highest in each event.

Ties for this award will be broken based on the teams Apprehension Score first and Obedience Score second if there still remains a tie it will go to the Scent Detection Score and then the Agility Score.

For all phases of this competition prong and electric collars may be worn if they are normally used by the K9 team while working. If the K9 team uses an electric collar it will be turned off and the remote will be turned over to the Judge prior to beginning any exercise. At the Judges discretion he may verify that the collar has been turned off.

**Decoys Choice Award.**

This award will be given by the Decoy to the K9 team that he believes to be the fastest, hardest hitting dog, and in general the toughest dog that he faced this day. The Decoy may also solicit help from the Apprehension Judge and stewards in making his decision.