

CORRECTIONS CANINE OFFICER

KIND OF WORK

Specialized Corrections Officer leadwork utilizing/directing a trained canine in the search/seizure of contraband and/or control of offender movement within the Department of Corrections (DOC).

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/or when controlling offender movement.

Perform regular/routine training with a canine to maintain certification with the U.S. Police Canine Association; maintain and monitor the daily health and welfare of a canine; maintain knowledge of policies, procedures and techniques related to "Use of Force" and Minnesota Correctional Facility (MCF) 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, grounds, offenders and/or visitors.
- Write reports regarding MCF incidents and maintain daily activities/training log of canine.
- Maintain certification and membership of the canine and canine handler as required by the United States Police Canine Association.
- Feed, groom, exercise and train a 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, MCF equipment and property.
- 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 interaction with canine.
- Perform security-related Corrections Officer duties.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED

Knowledge of:

- Advanced-level knowledge of MCF policies and procedures sufficient to provide effective leadership and direction to other staff, and maintain a secure environment.
- Security procedures and practices sufficient to take control in hostile, aggressive, or emergency situations.
- Schedule of narcotics and miscellaneous contraband.
- Proper handling and voice/arm commands of a trained canine sufficient to control a canine with or without the use of force within the MCF.
- Advanced level knowledge of the legal and proper use of force.

Skill in:

- Physical restraint methods sufficient to separate and restrain offenders involved in fights and apprehend offenders/suspects.
- Canine search and seizure methods sufficient to locate and secure narcotics, contraband, etc.
- Writing sufficient to prepare accurate and complete narrative incident reports describing inappropriate offender/staff behavior/activities.

Ability to:

- Attain and maintain Police Dog 1 and/or 2 certification with standards set by the United States Police Canine Association.
- Recognize behavioral changes of a canine sufficient to provide protection and respond appropriately.
- Effectively practice/handle offender movement and monitoring activities of large groups.
- Maintain confidentiality while working on investigations with internal and external resources to ensure the integrity of the investigation is not compromised
- Ability to become familiarized with physical layouts sufficient to search for narcotics and contraband and identify hiding places.
- 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 DOC and MCF at canine-related activities throughout the state and country.

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