This seminar is essential relative to the police employment of K9’s and the performance of their professional duties and obligations. Accordingly, this seminar shall address and discuss applicable Massachusetts case law and legal requisites including, but not necessarily limited to, the following area:

1. Evidentiary standard of probable cause pertinent to the employment of a Police K-9
   a). standard for probable cause (Comm. vs. Upton)
      1). Aguilar/Spinelli (basis of knowledge and reliability)

2. “Reasonable Suspicion” relative to the use of a Police K-9
   a). Comm. vs. Feyenord (applicable factors)

3. Employment of a Police K-9 relative to an “inventory”
   a). Comm. vs. Alvarado

4. Employment of a Police K-9 relative to the “automobile exception”
   a). applicable requisites
   b). Comm. vs. Motta and Comm. vs. Zagarella

5. Employment of a Police K-9 relative to “consent search”
   a). Comm. vs. Bartlett and Comm. vs. Torres

6. Employment of a Police K-9 relative to “community caretaking”
   a). Comm. vs. Mateo-German (disabled motor vehicle)

7. Requisites relative to training and reliability of the Police K-9
   a). certification records
   b). experience and training of the K-9 handler
   c). past performance of the K-9 in the field
   d). etc.
8. Employment of Police K-9 relative to inspection (sniff) of luggage and packages located in a public place
   a). United States vs Place

9. Present limitations on the use of Police K-9’s in the Commonwealth
   a). Comm. vs. Santiago (Worcester Superior Court Decision)
   b). Present Massachusetts law (predicated upon Comm. vs. Santiago) is diametrically opposed to USSC decision in Harris vs. State of Florida

10. Potential civil liability issues relative to the employment of a Police K-9

This seminar will definitively assist the Police K-9 handler to ALWAYS BE LAWFULLY SITUATED.

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