



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 109:2-7-02 Basic courses for evaluators.

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- (A) Any person who conducts examinations for law enforcement canine units is required to complete the core course for evaluators and one or both of the patrol-related and special purpose courses.
- (B) Explanation of the core evaluator course.
- (1) The core course for certification of canine evaluators shall be approved by the executive director and shall include instruction in:
 - (a) Ethics and professionalism
 - (b) Legal issues
 - (c) Records and certification requirements
 - (d) Assessment requirements
 - (e) Indication skills
 - (f) Canine first aid
 - (g) Any other topic designated by the executive director
 - (2) The patrol-related evaluator course shall be approved by the executive director and shall include instruction in:
 - (a) Obedience
 - (b) Area search
 - (c) Building search
 - (d) Criminal apprehension
 - (e) Any other topic designated by the executive director
 - (3) The special purpose canine evaluator course shall be approved by the executive director and shall include instruction in:
 - (a) Tracking
 - (b) Article search
 - (c) Narcotics detection



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- (d) Explosives detection
- (e) Any other topic designated by the executive director
- (4) The crisis response canine evaluator course shall be approved by the executive director and shall include instruction in:
 - (a) Crisis response canine incorporation, best practices, and limitations
 - (b) General obedience assessment
 - (c) Considerations for victims of trauma and special needs
 - (d) Understanding the opportunities and challenges for specific locations
 - (e) Baseline refresher in crisis intervention team, co-response, and peer support service deliveries
 - (f) Advance handling techniques for utilizing crisis response canines in special situations
 - (g) Overview of canine first aid
 - (h) Field exercise and on-going assessments
 - (i) Scenario exercise to demonstrate proficiency
 - (j) Any other topic designated by the executive director