

UPWDA Aggression Control Certification

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K9 Teams must obtain Aggression Control Certification prior to testing for Building Search Certification and/or Area Search Certification.

This certification test is to determine the police service dog team's capabilities in the performance of specific exercises while under simulated conditions, which the team may encounter during the discharges of their official duties. This test is designed to test the canine's ability, proficiency, and courage; as well as, the handler's control of his or her canine.

- Team will start in heel/sit position.
- Decoy (in suit) will approach team and talk with the handler. The dog must stay in heel/sit position.
- The decoy will then walk away from the team to a position designated by the Master Trainer, and turn and face the team. The handler will deploy his dog and recall at a maximum distance of 30 yards from the decoy.
- Once the dog is back with the handler, the Master Trainer will advise the handler to send his dog to apprehend the decoy at a distance of at least 30 yards. The dog must engage the decoy and stay on the decoy until commanded to release.
- While the dog is on the decoy, the handler must approach, stopping at cover points set up by the Master Trainer, on his way to the decoy.
- Once the handler reaches his dog and the decoy, he will verbally 'out' his dog (maximum of 3 commands).
- The handler will call his dog to heel position and sit/down or stay his dog.
- The handler will leave his dog and conduct a pat down on the decoy with no apprehension. Once the pat down is complete, the handler will return to his dog.

This test is based on a pass or fail basis. If the dog does not recall, it is a failure. If the dog does not verbally release within three commands, it is a failure. If the dog apprehends the decoy on the pat down, it is a failure.