

**Sacramento Police Department  
Mandatory Academy Follow-up Training  
2021**

*The following course is offered to academy graduates as they enter the field training program at the Sacramento Police Department. These new officers are brought back to the training environment several times as they progress through the field training.*

**Course Title: K-9 Unit Familiarization and Building Searches**

**Course Description:** To provide the basic knowledge of how police K9's operate and how to effectively and safely utilize K9 as a resource during your daily activities as a police officer.

**Course Objective:** Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Know when and how to request K9 for assistance
- Learn how to establish perimeters around buildings and neighborhoods
- Knowledge of suspect tactics
- How to act as a K9 cover officer during building and area searches
- Helpful information for K9 handlers
- Explain the K9 Unit's responsibilities
- Community Outreach
- Understand benefits and limitations of a police K9
- Demonstrate an understanding of Federal Law, existing case law, state law, and department policy on the use of force as it relates to K9
- Demonstrate an understanding and the lawful requirement for after care following a K9 apprehension
- How to properly document a K9 apprehension in a police report

**Representative Methods of Evaluation:**

- Lecture
- Practical Exercises
- Demonstrations
- Observing