

THE UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC.

REGIONAL PATROL DOG TRAINER

1. The applicant must be a regular member of the USPCA in good standing and must have been a member of the USPCA for at least the last two years. The applicant must have been a full-time police patrol K9 handler or patrol K9 Trainer for a minimum of five years and must have graduated from a police patrol canine course. (Certificate must be attached to the online form)
2. The training course attended by the applicant, for the training of working police patrol dogs and handlers, must consist of a minimum of 10 (Ten) full-time consecutive weeks or equivalent. This course must conform to **USPCA standards** of our PDI testing to include: on and off lead obedience, agility, scent work (building search, article, tracking, and area search), and criminal apprehension. (Copy of training course & lesson plan required on the online form)
3. The applicant must be assigned Trainer's duties for his/her law enforcement agency. The applicant must submit a current letter from the Chief or his/her designee describing same on Department Letterhead only. *If more than one Trainer is claiming the same team(s), then there are two options:*
Option 1 – Training within Agency -Applicant will provide a letter from their unit supervisor that confirms that the applicant was involved in the training (full-time) of the claimed teams.
Option 2- Applicant will provide a letter from the head trainer from the agency or K9 training business where they attend training, confirming that the applicant was involved in the training (full-time) of the claimed teams.
4. The applicant must have trained or be training (in-service patrol) a minimum of three (3) police patrol teams (handler and dog). The applicant may not be included as one of these teams. *In-Service Trainer must have trained documented teams for a minimum of 2 years.* A minimum of one (1) of these teams must have obtained a PDI in a sanctioned Regional or District Certification, verifiable by national records. All teams must submit a notarized and signed K9 survey form.
5. All applications for Trainer will be submitted using the online forms at www.uspcak9.com. Applications must be received at least 60 days before the next national meeting to be considered, or it will be held until the next meeting. The application requires approval from the applicants' regional board. The National Secretary will keep appropriate paperwork after consideration by the National Board.
6. If certification is not approved, the applicant must be notified within 30 days by the Trainers Committee Chairman, with the reason for the denial. If approved, the applicant will receive a certificate of certification.
7. Accreditation can be revoked or removed at any time by the Association for just cause after a full investigation by the Trainers Committee and a hearing of the National Executive Committee of the USPCA. The Trainers Committee can review certifications and make any necessary recommendations. Trainers Certification is valid as long as the recipient remains a member of the USPCA in good standing.
8. Certification cannot be used to promote personal gain or profit. (Bylaws-Article 8.7)