

# THE UNITED STATES POLICE CANINE ASSOCIATION, INC.

## CERTIFIED TRAINER LEVEL I

1. 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 handler or patrol trainer for a minimum of five years, and must have graduated from a police patrol canine course. (Include copy of the certificate)
2. The training course that is offered by their agency, 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 the USPCA Standards of Patrol Dogs, PD I. (Include copy of training course & lesson plan).
3. Dogs trained must be trained to the following standards; on and off lead obedience, agility, scent work (building search, article, tracking and area search) and criminal apprehension **and must conform to the standards set by the USPCA.**
4. The applicant must be assigned trainers duties for his/hers law enforcement agency. 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 the K9 unit supervisor, for the agency hosting the K9 course, must submit a letter on department letterhead confirming that all listed trainers were equally involved in the training (full time) of the claimed teams.*
5. The applicant must have trained five (5) police patrol teams (handler and dog). The applicant may not be included as one of these teams. A minimum of one (2) of these five (5) teams must have obtained a PD I in a sanctioned Regional or District Certification, verifiable by national records. All teams must submit a notarized and signed K9 survey form.
6. The application must then be submitted with all supporting documents to their Region or District Executive Board for approval or disapproval. The application must be signed by the President, and one other member of the Executive Board. The application must be sent by the Regional or District Board, if approved, to the Trainers Certification Committee Chairman 60 days prior to the next National meeting, no exceptions. After certificate is issued, the approved application packet will be forwarded to the National Secretary for storage.
7. If certification is not approved, the applicant must be notified within 30 days by the Trainers Certification Committee Chairman, with the reason for the denial.
8. Accreditation can be revoked or removed at anytime 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 Certification 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.**
9. Certification cannot be used to promote personal gain to the general public.