Handlers must be evaluated with their assigned duty canine. Performance will be rated on a pass / fail basis. The evaluator has the discretion to discontinue the evaluation if excessive time has been spent without results, or if there is a concern about safety issues involving the canine, handler, or equipment.

Each phase will be briefly described, followed by a list of deductions and their point values. Each error observed that has an indicated deduction will result in the loss of the appropriate number of points.

- During Phase I Obedience and Phase II Protection and Control, each minor violation will result in a 2-point deduction. Each major violation will result in a 10 deduction. The deductions listed in the "ALL EXERCISES" category will apply to each exercise as well as the deductions indicated for specific exercises. A team cannot have more than 30 points in deductions.
- During Phase III Area Search, Phase IV Building Search, and Phase V Tracking, the exercises will be Pass or Fail.

Phase I - Obedience:

The obedience phase will be done off leash.

- This test is to determine the ability of the handler to control the police dog while the animal is
 off lead. (This test must be passed before proceeding to any other phase of the evaluation
 process.) The Evaluator may terminate any exercise for lack of progress, failure to perform, or
 unsafe conditions.
- Two point deductions all exercises: failure to use follow-up commands, failure to stay / breaking position (one time), and urinating in the test area;
- Ten point deductions all exercises: failure to use follow-up commands, failure to stay / breaking position (two times) and leaving in the test area;
- The Evaluator may conduct the exercises in the obedience phase in any order, and will be the only person to determine when each of the exercises has been completed.
 - i. Heeling This exercise will consist of normal, slow, and fast paces; right, left and about turns. The dog must stay within arm's length of the handler and sit at halt. A minimum of one right turn, one left turn, one about turn. Each leg of the above must be a minimum of (50) fifty feet long. The different paces may be conducted on any leg.
 - 1. Two point deduction: excessive commands (more than 1 command per change of pace or direction), arm's length away, impeding the handler and failure to sit at halt.
 - ii. Recall This exercise will begin with the canine in a stay position. The handler must indicate what position the canine will stop in. The handler will move 100- feet away in a straight line from the canine. At the direction of the Evaluator, the handler will call the canine to him/her stopping the canine at the 50- foot position. During this time the Evaluator will have the handler perform a stay exercise. The handler will indicate which position to leave the canine in. The length of time that the canine shall stay shall not exceed one-minute.

- 1. Two point deduction: each additional command, non-direct return, failure to stop within five feet, non-compliance (sit, stand, down).
- 2. Ten point deduction: failure to stop and failure to return.
- iii. Heeling Control This exercise will begin with the canine in the heel position. At the Evaluator's direction, the handler and canine will step off, moving in a straight line. At the 50- foot position, the handler will stop the canine while continuing to move to the 100- foot position where the handler will stop and face the canine. At the direction of the Evaluator, the handler will cause the canine to return to the handler's side.
 - 1. Two point deduction: each additional command, arm's length away, impeding the handler, creeping over 2 inches, and non-compliance (sit, stand, down).
 - 2. Ten point deduction: failure to stop and creeping over four inches.

Phase II - Protection and Control:

All exercises in this phase may be performed on or off leash. The Evaluator may conduct the exercises in the order any order, and will be the only person to determine when the exercise has been completed. It must be clear to the Evaluator at all times that the handler is not physically restraining the canine.

- Two point deductions all exercises: each additional command, physically restraining the canine (one time), failure to stay / breaking position (one time), obvious weak contact, closer than 5 feet to gain a release, and failure to give follow-up command.
- Ten point deductions all exercises: physically restraining the canine (two times), failure to stay / breaking position (two times), failure to make contact when appropriate, re-bite (one time) after the release
- Automatic failure all exercise: re-bite (two times) after the release and intentionally touching the canine for a release.
 - i. Standing Call–Off There will be three clearly marked positions, the 50-foot position, the 75-foot position, and the 100-foot position. At the direction of the Evaluator, the decoy will begin to run from the 50- foot position. The canine will be sent after the decoy passes the 75-foot position. The decoy will stop at the 100-foot position with their hands at their side. The canine will be recalled / stopped after passing the 50-foot position. The handler may run with the canine, but must stop at the 50-foot mark.
 - 1. Two point deduction: slow / non-direct recall
 - 2. Ten point deduction: handler recalls dog early, handler crosses 50-foot line, and body contact with decoy
 - 3. Automatic failure: mouth contact with decoy.
 - ii. Master Protection The team will move to a location designated by the Evaluator. The decoy will approach to within 20 feet of the team's position. The handler will leave their dog and approach the decoy. After a period of conversation, the decoy will assault the handler. After the canine makes contact, the Evaluator will direct the handler when to recall the canine.

Scent Phases

All exercises in this phase may be performed on or off leash. The Evaluator may conduct the scent phases in any order. The Evaluator may terminate the exercise for lack of progress, failure to perform the scent work, or unsafe conditions.

Phase III - Area Search

- The decoy will have no equipment and will give no indication to their presence. The evaluator will ensure the canine cannot gain access to the decoy and cause injury. Once the search command is given by the handler, the K9 Team will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete the exercise. The search time will be determined by the Evaluator based upon the respective search areas. Each search exercise is complete when the canine gives an indication of the concealed decoy, the handler recognizes the indication and informs the Evaluator of said indication and location of decoy, or the established time limit expires.
 - 1. This exercise is Pass / Fail.

Phase IV - Building Search

- The decoy will have no equipment and will give no indication to their presence. The evaluator will ensure the canine cannot gain access to the decoy and cause injury. This scent exercise will consist of a building (minimum of three rooms and may vary in size, location and environment) designated by the Evaluator. The decoy will be placed in a building contaminated by human scent. The search will have a minimum set-up time of ten minutes. The handler and the canine will start at a point determined by the Evaluator. The team will be evaluated on the manner in which they accomplish the exercise.
 - 1. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.
 - 2. This exercise is Pass / Fail.

Phase V - Tracking / Trailing

- In this phase, decoy equipment is optional; however, he/she will give no indication to their presence. The evaluator will ensure the canine cannot gain access to the decoy and cause injury. The track will be planned by and/or approved by the Evaluator. The track will be a minimum of 600–feet and consist of minimum of one turn, and two legs with at least one change of surface. Three articles of evidence (combination of hard and soft), will be placed on the track by the decoy. The articles of evidence will be well scented by the decoy. The track will have a minimum time delay of ten minutes. The handler and the canine will start at a point determined by the Evaluator. The team will be evaluated on the manner in which they accomplish the exercise. The canine must locate the decoy through the demonstration of tracking/trailing. The team must locate a minimum of 1 article of evidence. The evidence may be recovered during the original track or on the back track.
 - 1. The team must locate a minimum of one article of evidence through scent work.
 - 2. This exercise is Pass / Fail.

PHASE I – OBEDIENCE DEDUCTION GUIDE

This phase consists of 3 exercises. The Evaluator may conduct the exercises in the obedience phase in any order, and will be the only person to determine when each of the exercises has been completed. A team cannot have more than 30 points in deductions.

2 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Failure to use follow-up commands
- Failure to stay / breaking position (1X)
- Urinating in the test area

HEELING

- Excessive commands (more than 1 command per change of pace or direction)
- Arms length away
- Impeding the handler
- Failure to sit at halt

RECALL

- Each additional command
- Non-direct return
- Failure to stop within 5'
- Non-compliance (sit, stand, down)

HEELING CONTROL

- Each additional command
- Arms length away
- Impeding the handler
- Creeping over 2'
- Non-compliance (sit, stand, down)

10 POINT DEDUCTION

ALL EXERCISES

- Failure to stay / breaking position (2X)
- Bolting from the evaluation area (Failure)

<u>HEELING</u>

RECALL

- Failure to stop
- Failure to return

HEELING CONTROL

- Failure to stop
- Creeping over 4'

PHASE II - PROTECTION AND CONTROL DEDUCTION GUIDE

This phase consists of 2 exercises. The exercises in this phase will be conducted in the order indicated. A team cannot have more than 30 points in deductions.

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SCENT EXERCISES

The scent phases may be conducted in any order.

PHASE III - AREA SEARCH

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

PHASE IV - BUILDING SEARCH

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work.

PHASE V - TRACKING

This exercise is PASS / FAIL. The canine must locate the decoy through scent work. The team must locate a minimum of 1 article of evidence.

Overall Record Sheet

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Handler:	Yrs. K9 Experience:
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