



HIGH DESERT

POLICE K-9 ASSOCIATION

Patrol

The handler will hold the dog at the starting position designated by the certifying official.

The decoy will appear at a distance of approximately 10-15 yards. The handler will issue two announcements. After the first announcement, the decoy will begin jogging away from the team.

Following the second announcement, the handler will deploy the dog. The dog will pursue and engage the decoy by biting and attempt to subdue.

The handler will remove the dog from the bite in any of the following ways:

Verbal out-the handler must remain 10 feet from the decoy and give the dog their release command. The handler can give the command up to 4 times. The dog must release, and not re-bite to pass. The handler has 45 seconds from the time the dog is sent for the bite until they release the bite to pass the exercise.

Tactical verbal out-the handler must remain behind cover, command the dog to release while using their e-collar. The dog must release, not re-bite, and return to the handler behind cover to pass. The handler has 30 seconds from the time the dog is sent for the bite until they return to the handler to pass the exercise. **No excessive correction will be allowed.**

Tactical lift off-once the dog is on the bite the handler and at least one cover officer will approach the decoy. Once the cover officer has simulated handcuffing the decoy the handler will lift the dog off the bite. The handler has 30 seconds from the time the dog is sent for the bite until they liftoff to pass the exercise.