

Hospital Security Standard (Muzzle)

There will be two certifying officials present for the certification

This exercise demonstrates the control of the K9 team during the protection of handler from an aggressor in a hospital setting. The K9 team is observed in the contact, engagement, maintained engagement, and securing of the aggressor.

The K9 team must pass the obedience portion of the HDPK9A patrol certification in muzzle prior to attempting this certification. The K9 shall be in muzzle during this phase of the certification.

The handler, decoy, and certifying officials are responsible for checking the proper fit of the muzzle prior to the certification starting.

The certification will start with the K9 team outside of the room or enclosed area to simulate a hospital type room.

For the certification there will be an aggressor, and at minimum two (2) role players acting as hospital staff members inside of the room. The aggressor should be set deeper in the room than the staff members. Aggressor should be an approved decoy through HDPK9A, if available the two staff members should also be decoys. If not enough approved decoys, non-decoys can be used in their place.

The certification will start at the direction of the certifying officials, at that time the aggressor will become active in threatening to assault the staff members and K9 team. The K9 will be on leash during the certification.

The handler will give commands to comply and release the K9 in muzzle when the aggressor doesn't comply. The K9 will actively engage the aggressor for minimum 15 seconds by actively using the muzzle on the K9 to fight/attack the aggressive subject. The desired behavior the certifying officials will consider passing behavior is physical engagement, punching, biting within the muzzle, holding onto the decoy with the K9's legs, etc. While the K9 is engage the handler will direct "staff" out of the room.

If the K9 disengages prior to command while the decoy is active this will be considered a fail. If the K9 continues to engage after aggressor becomes compliant it will be considered a fail. If the K9 engages "staff" members instead of the aggressor it will be considered a fail. If the K9 disengages the aggressor and engages the "staff" members it will be considered a fail. If the K9 demonstrates an over fixation to the muzzle it will be considered a fail.

Upon gaining compliance from the aggressor the Handler will gain control, either verbally or by physically holding the dog by the leash or collar and instruct the cover officer to handcuff the aggressor.

Certifying officials may terminate certification at any time

Certifying officials must be notified of any protest at the conclusion of the certification. If the protest cannot be resolved it must be put in writing and submitted to the chairman of the standards committee within 48 hours for resolution.

If the team fails certification , the team must wait 1 day before attempting to certify again.