

K9 Detection & Search Foundation
is proud to sponsor
Jeff Schettler & Georgia K9 NTC Seminars

When: June 11 to June 15

What: 5 days of intense K9 field work:

- **Tracking - \$550.00 (Max 5*)**
- **Air Scent - \$500.00 (Max 7*)**

Observers, (i.e. no K9), may also register at a reduced rate of 50% of the full cost. Maximum of 2 observers for either tracking class, maximum of 3 observers for air scent and HRD.

Where: Great Valley/Malvern/Valley Forge, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas

Tracking Class – 5 to 1 instructor ratio

This class is five days. Day one morning is scent theory classroom with videos and slide shows. The afternoon is handler and K9 evaluations. Days 2-5 are all hands on fieldwork in the areas of K9 trailing and visual tracking.

Air Scent – 7 to 1 instructor ratio

This class is five days. Day one morning is scent theory classroom with videos and slide shows. The afternoon is handler and K9 evaluations. Days 2-5 are all hands on fieldwork in the areas of K9 Air Scent. Scent specific air sent work can be included.

The instructors:

Jeff Schettler: Lead instructor

Jeff is a retired police K9 handler who worked for the City of Alameda and County of Amador in California and was attached to the FBI's Hostage Rescue Teams' K9 Assistance Program for two years. This program was designed to locate and apprehend high-risk fugitives on the run. Jeff has worked hundreds of trailing cases across the USA and is a specialist in the areas of tactical tracking applications. Schettler is a certified military trainer graduating from the prestigious US Army's Leadership Academy also known as Drill Sergeant School.

Jeff's work has been seen on CNN, ABC, CBS, Unsolved Mysteries, and Mythbusters. He is considered an expert witness in tracking/ trailing. Jeff is the author of four books on K9 Tracking Work published by Alpine Publications and writes for K9 Cop Magazine.

Red Dog Rising- A K9 Tracking Autobiography

K9 Trailing; The Straightest Path Book 1- A primer on starting a K9 team on human scent discrimination and trailing work.

K9 Trailing; Tactical Tracker Teams Book 3 – A practical guide to surviving high risk fugitive manhunts.

John Salem: Tracking instructor

John is a retired police officer from the Dearborn Police Department (Detroit, Michigan). He was a police officer for 25 years and a K-9 handler for 15 years, handling Bloodhounds Chester & Max. He was also Jeff Schettler's primary urban trailing instructor for the first California POST certified training of its kind in the 1990's. Due to operating in a large, urban environment, John specializes in training for the hard surface, high contamination, extreme conditions encountered when searching for persons in the city. During his career, he has more than 1,500 actual case deployments ranging from missing persons to homicide suspects. John has been qualified as an expert witness for local, state, and federal courts of law.

John is an active instructor and training coordinator for the Law Enforcement Bloodhound Association (LEBA). He is also an instructor for the German Bloodhound Mantrailing Association (GBMA). In addition, John is an evaluator for trailing certification for these organizations. He has assisted organizations all over the country, including the FBI Canine Assistance Program.

John has received more than 20 awards ranging from local agencies to the United States House of Representatives. He was also named Optimist Club Officer of the Year as well as a recipient of the National Police Bloodhound Association (NPBA) Marcum Award.

Kent Stuart: Air-scent instructor

Kent is retired from the Oregon State Police in August 2013 after 32 years of service. He spent 16 years as a Computer Forensic Examiner, assigned to the Northwest Regional Computer Forensics Lab in Portland, Oregon. Kent is a K9 handler in Washington State and has trained two certified air scent area search dogs throughout the state. He is an accomplished Human Remains Detection Dog handler and currently works cases for Multnomah County. Kent has been working trailing dogs in the Pacific Northwest since 2008 and has been under the tutelage of Jeff Schettler for the last several years. Kent is a trailing and HRD trainer with a special emphasis on law enforcement training.

Kent was recently deployed with his K9 partner to the Washington landslide disaster site.

To Register:

Send registration form and money to:
K9 Detection & Search Foundation
1255 Buck Lane
West Chester, PA 19382

For questions: K9SARFOUND@GMAIL.COM
Additional Information:

The start time will be 8:30 AM on Wednesday morning.

The start time will be 9:00 AM on all other days at the designated training site.
Ending time will be when the instructor says so. But they will usually run to at least 5:00 PM.

One K9 per handler. All K9's should be 9 months of age or older. While novice K9's are fine, these will not be classes for puppy run-aways and teaching basic alerts. K9's and handlers should have some relevant field experience and have trained responses. If you are unsure, ask us.

As usual, all handlers must provide medical records for their partners showing current vaccinations.

All K9's WILL be on leash or otherwise confined, (car, crate,) when not actively training. Any official off-leash exercise times and locations, will be indicated by the instructor.

While in the general public around the hotel, coming and going, we encourage the use of vests so the public knows these are service animals being accommodated by the hotel management.

K9's will be kept under control at all times and any incidents of aggressive or dangerous behaviors will be addressed by the instructors and the organizers of the seminar. You all know the drill.

It is not necessary to stay at the hotel if you live locally and have no issues being on-time for the start of classes.

While June is normally a warm month in Pennsylvania we can get some cold rains. Please bring good foul weather gear. You will be out all day and training will be held regardless of weather. (Lightening excepted). Depending on the day and training location you may not have any shelter. We have briars, streams, creeks, and mud and you will deal with all of it. Have spare, dry clothing available at all times.

LE attending the tactical training session should plan on wearing their full tactical response gear each day, including any side arms. All side arms however will be checked and cleared of all live rounds prior to the start of training. Further information will be sent directly to attendees prior to the class.

Meals will not be provided. We will make arrangements for lunch time orders with delivery to the training site each day. We expect to have drinking water available at all training locations.

For dinner, we will provide a nightly suggestion as well as a local listing of various eating establishments.