



# Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission

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## Canine Team Training: Tracking in Urban Environments

**DATE:** May 22, 2018

**Registration Ends:** N/A

**TIME:** 5:00 PM—9:00 PM      4 Hours

**LOCATION:** start at Freeport Police Dept., 320 W. Exchange St., Freeport, IL

**INSTRUCTORS:** David Mordt, K9 trainer/Handler, Freeport Police Dept  
Rollie Elder, K9 Deputy Whiteside County sheriff's Office

### **COURSE CONTENT:**

Urban tracking deployments for canine teams make up nearly 90 percent of all tracking deployments for many municipal police departments.

Most people think handling a tracking dog simply means holding on to the line and just following the dog. In fact, completing a successful track is the result of 75% proper handling and 25% good dog work.

Tracking dogs need to deal with extreme distractions (i.e. dogs barking on the other side of a fence, cats in back yards, kids following along). The dogs also learn to deal with much smaller scent pictures, more cross tracks, and extreme cover changes.

Tracking in an urban environment can prove difficult for the dog and Canine teams should practice navigating these obstacles in realistic scenarios. The hard surfaces, fences, road crossing, distractions and heavy contamination make the tracking environment more challenging with handlers having a lesser degree of success.

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***Mandated Annually***

- Law Updates     Use of Force (must include scenario based or similar approved)

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/16)**

- Civil Rights                                       Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority  
 Cultural competency                               Procedural Justice                               Human Rights

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/17 all / within 2 yrs. for investigators)**

- Trauma Informed Response & Investigation of Sexual Assault & Abuse

**Mandated once every 3 years (begin 1/1/18)**

- Mental Health Awareness

**Mandated 32 hours every 4 years after initial training**

- Lead Homicide Investigator training

**Mandated once every 5 years /begin 7/1/18 (first (5) year cycle due by 1/1/2020)**

- Domestic Violence Act.