



Course Announcement

To: All Law Enforcement and Correctional Agencies

From: John C. Moses
Director of Criminal Justice 

Date: September 8, 2026

Re: **Three-Day Police and Corrections K-9 Patrol Certification Course**
CJA087-5039
MPTC Approval # P50523 (24 hours)

December 7 to 9, 2026

Location:

- Wor-Wic Community College
Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
Guerrieri Hall, Room 101 (Day 1)
32000 Campus Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804
410-572-8750

Dates & Times:

- Monday, December 7 to Wednesday, December 9
- 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Training Registration:

- To register, email your request to: escjaregistration@worwic.edu

Fees:

- \$90—Participants from all counties.

This course is designed to evaluate the K-9 and handler during this skills certification course. Areas to be tested include obedience, article search, area search, tracking, building searches, and aggression control. **Note: This is a certification course.**

Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to perform off lead obedience exercises and handler's total control over his/her dog.
2. Demonstrate the police dog's ability and proficiency in searching a designated area for articles having human scent on them.
3. Demonstrate the police dog's ability and proficiency in search for hidden suspect within a large area when no known track is available.
4. Demonstrate the police dog's ability to track an unknown subject in an unfamiliar area.
5. Demonstrate the police dog's ability and handler's control in three basic types of building searches.
6. Demonstrate the police dog's ability, proficiency, courage, and the handler's total control during the aggression control scenarios.

This course is designed to meet requirements as mandated by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions and to meet the annual in-service requirements.

Required Equipment

- Leashes
- Harnesses
- Sleeves
- Muzzle
- Body suits
- Training aids (for detector dogs)
- K-9 vehicles

Dress Code Policy for Training Sessions at the Academy

To ensure a professional appearance, all in-service officers and staff must adhere to the following dress code to gain admission to any training session at the Academy:

- **Uniform of the Day:** Recommended.
- **Shirt:** Must have a collar; no t-shirts or tank tops.
- **Pants:** Docker-style pants, BDUs, or suits; no shorts or jeans.
- **Footwear:** Closed-toe shoes with socks; no sandals.

Firearms Policy: Officers carrying a handgun on campus must also display their badge in plain view.

Non-Compliance: Attendees who do not follow the dress code will be denied entry to the classroom or range. A report will be submitted to the Chief/Sheriff/Warden/Director outlining the reasons for the denial. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a professional environment.

ESCJA Training Reservation Instructions

1. **Complete the ESCJA Reservation Form:** The fillable form is attached to the announcement email.
2. **Enter Information:** Please type, rather than handwrite, all required information onto the form.
3. **Save and Submit:** Save the completed form and email the saved file to escjaregistration@worwic.edu.

You will receive a notification confirming your seat or informing you if you have been placed on standby.

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