

2021 WSPCA Conference Schedule

Monday, September 20, 2021

0900 to 1200 - Registration and Check In – Naples Ball Room

1200 to 1300 - Lunch Break

1300 to 1330 Welcome and Orientation

1400-1600 - Trainers Panel

1600 – 1700 - Trainer/Decoy Meeting

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

0800-1000

- Naples #1 Classroom – “**K9 Aggression in the Training Environment**”, **Rob Lukason**, Aggressive K9 Video Project-Collective Based Learning
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- Naples #2 Classroom - “**Conditioned Response**” – *Tyler Clark* – The positive and negative impacts created by our day-to-day activities. A discussion of the impact of what we do on a daily basis with our canine that has underlying impact on how they function when we need them the most. We will also discuss how to build these conditioned responses into scenario based training to advance your team’s performance both during training and during deployments.

- Naples #3 Classroom – **“Tracking with a Single Purpose K9”** – *Ken Pavlick* – Will show the benefits of using your single purpose detection dog as a tracking dog.

1000-1200

Classes – Naples Ball Room

- Naples #1 Classroom - **“Using a Long Line to Your Tactical Advantage”** – *Jimmie Davenport* - The class will discuss how to incorporate a long line as a tactical tool in various scenarios.
- Naples #2 Classroom – **1000 -1100 “WSPCA Detection Evaluator Course,” Ron Cloward** – In this course you will receive the training and information needed to conduct WSPCA Detection certifications. You must have five or more years as a K9 handler working detection K9’s.
1100 – 1200 - “WSPCA Tracking Certification Evaluator Course,” Ron Cloward, In this class you will be provided the information to conduct WSPCA Tracking Certification. To be an evaluator you must have 3 years of handling experience working a tracking K9.
- Naples #3 Classroom - **“Building a Successful K9 Unit.” Deputy Brock Condit**,
Waiting for a description

Noon – 1300

Lunch

1300-1700

Detection Field Activities

Patrol Field Activities

The hands-on training and scenarios will be posted for sign up in the registration area after the last class on Monday at 1715 hours. As always, we must limit the number of handlers at any one site to start the day, but after the start you are free to move from one location to another.

Wednesday September 22, 2021

0800 to 1000 - Classes – Naples Ball Room

- Naples #1 Classroom – **“E-Collar Mistakes & How to Avoid Them” – Jeff Meyer** - n this class, Jeff will discuss some of the most common mistakes he has made and observed while training dogs using electronic collars. Jeff has been a handler for over 25 years handling patrol, narc, bomb and currency dogs for his agency. This experience has given Jeff an excellent foundation to train the fundamentals of proper E-collar use.
- Naples #2 Classroom – **“K9 Report Writing” – Jimmie Davenport** – This class covers all the Do’s and Don’ts in reports for both handlers and cover officers. We will watch a few videos of what really happened vs what the cover officers write.
- Naples #3 Classroom – **“Understanding Bias in Detection Work” – Cameron Ford** ; As a K9 team we must deploy our dogs and allow them to work and do so in a way that is effective and without bias. “It is not your job to convince the dog there is something there, it is the dog’s job to convince us”. However, we are human, and our bias can show itself at times. This class is designed to discuss common errors that happen and what we can do in training and deployment to reduce handler bias and to be best prepared to face legal scrutiny when we evaluated on any potential bias.

1000 to Noon - Classes – Naples Ball Room

- Naples #1 Classroom – **“Detection and Scent Work- Back to Basics”, Tyler Clark** - This course will cover information regarding scent work, definitions, how the dog processes scent/odor, environmental effects on scent, how the handler reads scent, and ways to improve your dog’s chances of locating the target odor and coming to a successful search conclusion.
- Naples #2 Classroom – **“Developing and Maintaining your Tracking Teams.” Vince Bingaman** - Vince has over 24 years of experience in running and training tracking/trailing police service dogs. As the master trainer for over 13 years in the city of Phoenix he has had the opportunity to apply the principles taught in this class helping to

separate fact from theory. He will also discuss why it is difficult for some teams to reach the next level and how to get there.

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- **1300-1700**

- **Detection Field Activities**
- **Patrol Field Activities**

1900 to finish - WSPCA Social at The Edge Nightclub inside the Peppermill

Open bar with free drinks, raffle and music. Free to conference attendees and helpers.

Thursday, September 23, 2021

1000 to Noon - Classes – Naples Ball Room

- **Naples #1 Classroom** – “**Handler Survival in today's Environment**” **Vince Bingaman**, Court liability and officer safety are often discussed and trained in our classrooms, as they should be. This class will cover threats to your reputation and ability to function in today's current working environment. The threats continue to grow from the inside as departments begin to abandon their officers for the safety of political correctness and the mounting pressures above them. Vince has experience navigating Federal Court as a defendant, more time in a chair at IA than he cares to

remember and survived the reorganization of his K9 unit to become the trainer after the near total disbandment of the unit. Vince will cover what he believes it takes to get the job done and minimize your risk.

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- **Naples #3 Classroom** – **Cameron Ford**, The Cognitive Approach to Detection Dog Training. This class applies numerous studies done on K9 cognitive abilities to how we train detection dogs.

Noon- 1300 Lunch

1300 to 1700

- **Detection Field Activities**
- **Patrol Field Activities**

Friday September 24, 2021

0900 to 1400

- **Detection Field Activities**
- **Patrol Field Activities**