

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATROL SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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EXPLOSIVE & FIREARM DETECTION CANINE UNIT

POLICY

The intent of this policy is to establish specific guidelines for activation and control of the Explosive & Firearm Detection Canine Unit and the parameters in which it will operate.

PURPOSE

Implementation, direction and control of the Marin County Sheriff's Department Explosive & Firearm Detection Canine shall be in strict compliance with all facets of this Policy. The applicable policies as outlined in the Canine Unit General Order (GN #91-03) will also apply to the Explosive & Firearm Detection Canine Unit.

Call-outs

The General Order regarding bomb threats and Explosive Devices shall be followed at all times (GN #89-19.) The Watch Commander will screen all call-outs, except for public relations details.

Use

The canine may be used in the following situations and/or details approved by the Watch Commander. The canine handler will evaluate all details for hazards prior to deployment of the dog. If the canine handler or supervisor determines that the area is too hazardous or not appropriate, the canine will not be deployed.

1. Bomb Threats
2. Dignitary Protection
3. Crime Scenes
4. Search Warrants
5. Post Blast Investigations
6. Building searches (i.e., schools, businesses)
7. The explosive canine will be made available to ATF
8. The explosive canine may assist other Federal Agencies
9. The explosive canine handler may screen suspicious packages.

TRAINING

The Department will follow all requirements per the written Memorandum of Understanding for the ATF Explosive Canine. The canine handler will train sufficiently each day to meet the minimum ATF Guidelines and to maintain proficiency for re-certifications. The canine will be re-certified every year by

the ATF. A maintenance handler may be trained to feed the canine when the handler is sick or on vacation or as needed. The maintenance handler will not be qualified to work the dog on any details.

RELATED STANDARDS

G.O. 91-03 Canine Policy
G.O. OES 01-09 Bomb Threats

AFFECTED DIVISIONS

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