

## Unit Qualifications and Training

1. Applicants for the police canine unit must have:
  - a. At least two years of uniform patrol experience with satisfactory work performance, disciplinary and medical leave records;
  - b. A willingness to remain with the unit for at least three years;
  - c. A willingness to care for and house the canine at the officer's residence with a secure outdoor area for the canine
  - d. A strong desire to work with canines and willingness to care for and train the animal; and
  
2. All departmental canines must meet department's requirements as prescribed by the Department's approved canine training agency. Untrained canines may not be used for canine duty. Our agency will supply the trained canine.
  
3. New canine handlers must complete a prescribed canine training course and successfully meet all course requirements.