



Advanced Search & Seizure Issues in Animal Cruelty Cases

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Somerset County Public Safety Training Academy



The workshop, developed by retired Deputy Attorney General William J. Zaorski, now Director of Police & Legal Studies, Career Development Institute, will take a close look at the ever-changing Fourth Amendment requirements when responding to an animal cruelty complaint. This inter-active workshop is essential for Animal Cruelty Investigators and SPCA Humane Law Enforcement Officers.

Recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court and the N.J. Supreme Court are analyzed & discussed how they impact on law enforcement procedures. Fourth Amendment concepts continue to evolve throughout the nation and it is important for attendees to know the latest developments, which could affect how they conduct their criminal investigations of animal cruelty cases.

In this workshop, attendees will take a close look at curtilage and open fields, plain view, problems with consent searches and other Fourth Amendment concepts. This workshop will examine the developing emergency aid concept where an officer may use to take possession of animals that are in a life-threatening situation. Attendees will critique actual cases in exploring these concepts. In addition, attendees will examine the close link between animal cruelty and domestic violence, child abuse and elder abuse and what they should do at the scene of an animal abuse complaint.

The workshop discusses the following major concepts and more:

- ✓ When an arrest can be made in animal cruelty cases
- ✓ What does "in the presence" mean?
- ✓ What does the Fourth Amendment protect?
- ✓ What is the difference between open view and plain view
- ✓ What does curtilage mean
- ✓ What are open fields - Will "No Trespassing" Signs Work?
- ✓ What are exigent circumstances
- ✓ What is community caretaker
- ✓ What is the difference between exigent circumstances and emergency aid
- ✓ What are some Problems with Consent Searches
- ✓ How happens when the defendant files a motion to suppress evidence
- ✓ How to survive in court a motion to dismiss the charges

The course will be held at the **Somerset County Police Academy** located at the Somerset County Emergency Services Training Academy 402 Roycefield Rd. behind the Somerset County South County Garage in Hillsborough, NJ. 08844 It will run on Wednesday, May 23, 2018; 9:00 a.m to 5:00 pm. The cost of the course is \$139.00 per person (\$99.00 for 2 or more from the same agency) and is open to all law enforcement officers including police, sheriff's officers, animal control officers, cruelty investigators, SPCA, prosecutors, domestic violence counselors.

Registration form can be found on line at <http://www.cditraining.org/machform/view.php?id=37879> or, call 800-244-6921 for course registration.

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