



## **Certified Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course**

**Raritan Valley College/Somerset Police Academy**

**INTERACTIVE LIVE ON-LINE VIA ZOOM**

**Weekdays February 21-April 11, 2026**

Raritan Valley College is now offering the *Animal Control Officer (ACO) Course* approved by the New Jersey Department of Health. Over the course of seven (7) Saturdays you will have to opportunity to be taught by, interact with, and build relationships with seven(6) of the foremost experts in the State of New Jersey regarding Animal Control and Welfare. The following is a link to the faculty instructing in this class

***Anyone interested in animal welfare personally or as a profession may and should attend.***

This includes kennel managers, shelter workers, rescue group personnel, volunteers, and those seeking an exciting career in animal control. The following is the course content:

Successful completion of this course meets the requirements of the N.J.A.C. 8:23A-2.2 statute for appointment as an ACO by a New Jersey Municipality. Additionally, graduates receive certification for Incident Command Systems 100 & National Incident Management 700 by the National Wildlife Fire Coordinating Group.

In addition to the classroom component participants must arrange for and complete a 20-hour field training component to receive certification.

The course will be held on seven Saturdays, February-21, to April 1, 2026 with no class on April 4. Classes will be held from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm each day. Completion of the course requires attendance at all classes and completion of written assignments.

Tuition for this program is \$1089, which includes all materials. The registration form can be found online at <https://www.cditraining.com/machform/view.php?id=51888>. Enrollment is open to any person 18 years of age or older; and there is no requirement for prior experience or training to attend this course. Please contact the Career Development Institute (CDI) with any additional registration, course content or certification questions that you may have.

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