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CANINE (K-9) OPERATIONS

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Because of their superior sense of smell and hearing, the trained police canine is a valuable law enforcement tool. The Detroit Police Department (DPD) trains its canines in the “find and indicate” method of training as opposed to the more aggressive “bite and hold” training method. In 2000, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) adopted a model canine policy that mirrors the methods employed by the DPD. Utilization of canines requires strict adherence to procedures that properly controls canines use of force potential and that channel their specialized capabilities into legally acceptable crime prevention and control activities. Use of force is only authorized when it is objectively reasonable and for a lawful purpose. Any use of a DPD police canine must comply with the DPD’s Use of Force Policy (Refer to Directive 304.2).