

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
500 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM & SCHOOL
STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, 3000 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62703

**March 5, 2025
2:00 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The March 5, 2025 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mitchell Davis at 2:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL ~ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in Attendance:

Mitchell R. Davis III

Members Absent:

Ghida Neukirch

Designees in Attendance:

Marlon Parks for Thomas Dart

Steven Ryan for Latoya Hughes

Migdalia Bulnes for Larry Snelling

**III. IN-SERVICE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR
CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION ~ *Paul Petty***

Petty asked for approval of the certified courses for November 17, 2024 through February 19, 2025 located under Tab K in the Board book.

Motion was made by Bulnes, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the In-Service training courses submitted through the Mobile Team Units and Executive Institute from November 17, 2024 through February 19, 2025.

**IV. LEAD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS 32-HOURS APPROVED CONTINUING
EDUCATION COURSES for CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION ~ *Barb Wood***

Wood asked for approval of the Lead Homicide Investigator 32-Hour Continuing Education certified courses submitted for November 17, 2024 through February 19, 2025. [This report is located under Tab M in the Board book.]

Motion was made by Bulnes, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the Lead Homicide Investigator 32-Hour Continuing Education courses submitted for November 17, 2024 through February 19, 2025.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Law Enforcement Therapy K-9 Certification ~ Jennifer Wooldridge & Geraldo Roman

Wooldridge reported the partnership with Operation TT, Tails of Redemption program, and the Cook County Sheriff's Office Canine Team are moving forward. She is also moving forward with the expansion of the statewide CIT canine program. Wooldridge then presented, for review and approval, the Canine Therapy Dog Outline for Certification to the Committee which can be found under Tab L in the Board book. This volunteer certification program was developed by the Cook County Sheriff's office and just received AKC approval. She then went on to describe the program which revolves around the canine and handler working closely together. The purpose of the certification is to evaluate prospective teams for suitability and demonstrate that the K-9 and handler have a rapport and ability to work together effectively. Wooldridge shared that SB 1491 – Intervention Teams Therapy Dogs is an ILETSB initiative requiring ILETSB to develop a course to certify therapy dog teams. She noted this bill has passed out of the Senate State Government Committee and is currently on third reading. She thanked Senator Mary Edly-Allen for assisting in this important initiative.

Wooldridge introduced Geraldo (Jerry) Roman, Director of the Cook County Tails of Redemption program, to answer questions regarding the certification program. Roman explained that the Tails of Redemption program started in 2018, and the Therapy Dog Program began about two and a half years ago. Dogs are sourced from shelters, brought into the jail and selected inmates participate in training the dogs. Dogs found to be more suited for the therapy role receive more advanced training and will be donated to agencies at no cost. All therapy dogs will be required to meet a standard so all state dogs will be at the same level of training. There is no set time for the training, each dog dictates the timeframe, as most have traumatized past histories.

Motion was made by Parks, seconded by Bulnes, and carried by all members present to move forward with the Law Enforcement Therapy K-9 Certification process.

B. Amendment to Canine Cannabis Detection Training Requirements ~ Chad Larner

Larner, the ASSIST Program Subject Matter Expert for the Utilization of Police Dogs, presented the Committee with a proposal in response to a request, for changes to the current Canine Training Minimum Requirements which would allow agencies to certify non-cannabis certified canines as certified cannabis canines. Presentation attached. Larner gave a brief historical background and then spoke to the necessity of making sure motorists are not subject to an unlawful search and seizure that might occur from an improperly trained, poorly trained, or a non-certified police detection canine. Larner gave current canine team training requirements and stated they are seeking Board approval to add a new section to the minimum requirements. This can be found under Tab E in the Board book.

Motion was made by Bulnes, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to amend the Canine Cannabis Detection Training Requirements.

VII. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Davis announced the next Board meeting will be held on March 6, 2025 in Springfield, Illinois.

VIII. NEXT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

Davis announced the next Curriculum & School Standards Advisory meeting will be held on June 11, 2025 in Rockford, Illinois.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Bulnes, seconded by Parks, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.





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Objective: Propose/Introduce Changes to the Current, Canine Training Minimum Requirements, to enable agencies to imprint cannabis odor to existing non-cannabis certified canines.

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Historical Aspects & The Redesign Of The Drug Detection Canine Compliance Program

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STANDARDIZATION & OBJECTIVES

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SECTION 1745.112 - INITIAL DRUG DETECTION CANINE TRAINING COURSE

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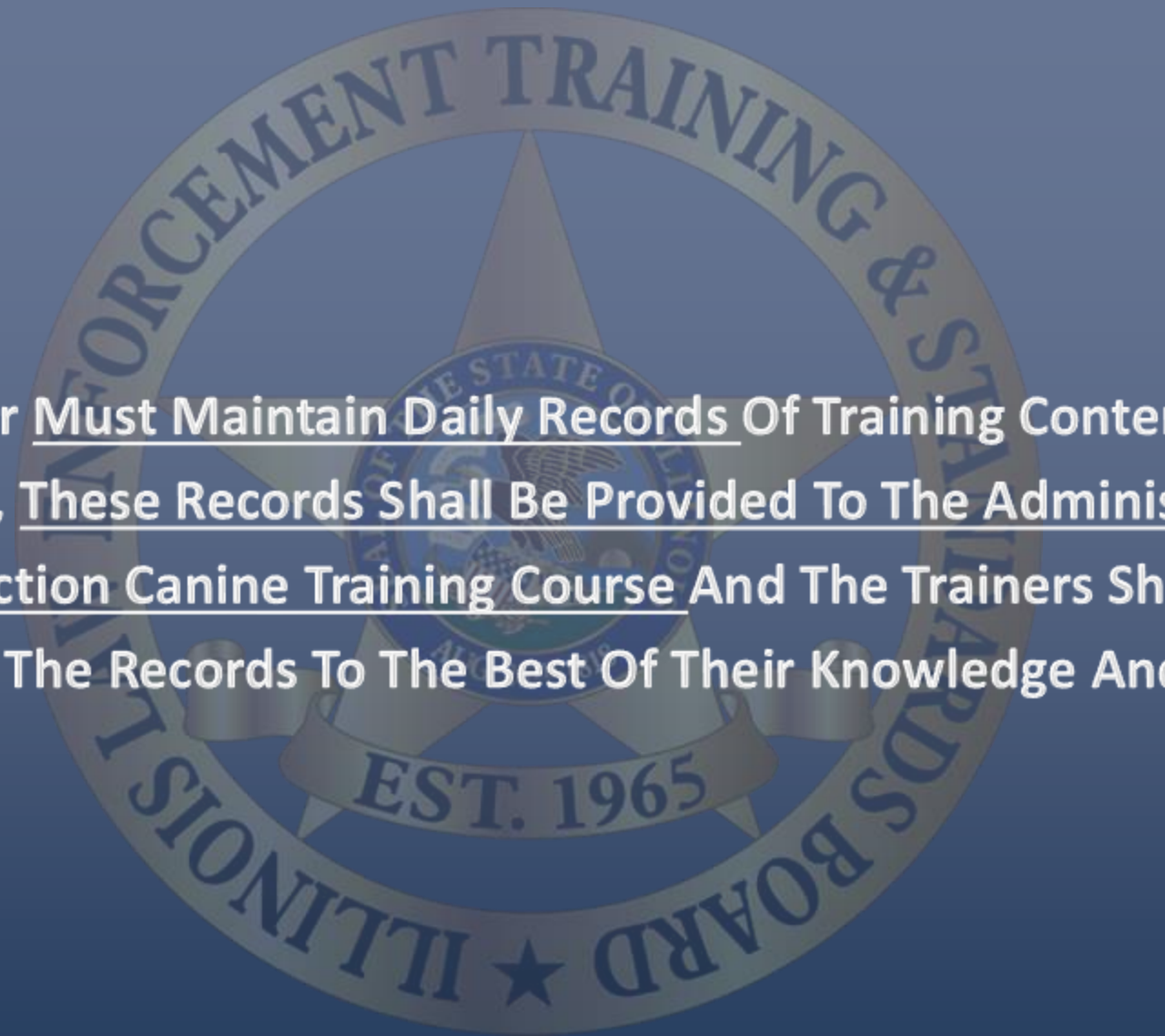
“CANINE TEAM” Means a Canine Handler and a Drug Detection Canine that have been Certified by the Board.

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This Course Must Consist Of At Least 160 Hours Of Training Conducted In Consecutive Weeks
And Must Be Presented To The Canine Handler And The Drug Detection Canine As A Team.

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The Canine Handler Must Maintain Daily Records Of Training Content And Activity.
Upon Conclusion, These Records Shall Be Provided To The Administrator Of The
Initial Drug Detection Canine Training Course And The Trainers Shall Verify The
Accuracy Of The Records To The Best Of Their Knowledge And Ability.

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DAILY TRAINING REPORTS

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Daily Training Report

Date: _____

Total Hours Trained Today: _____

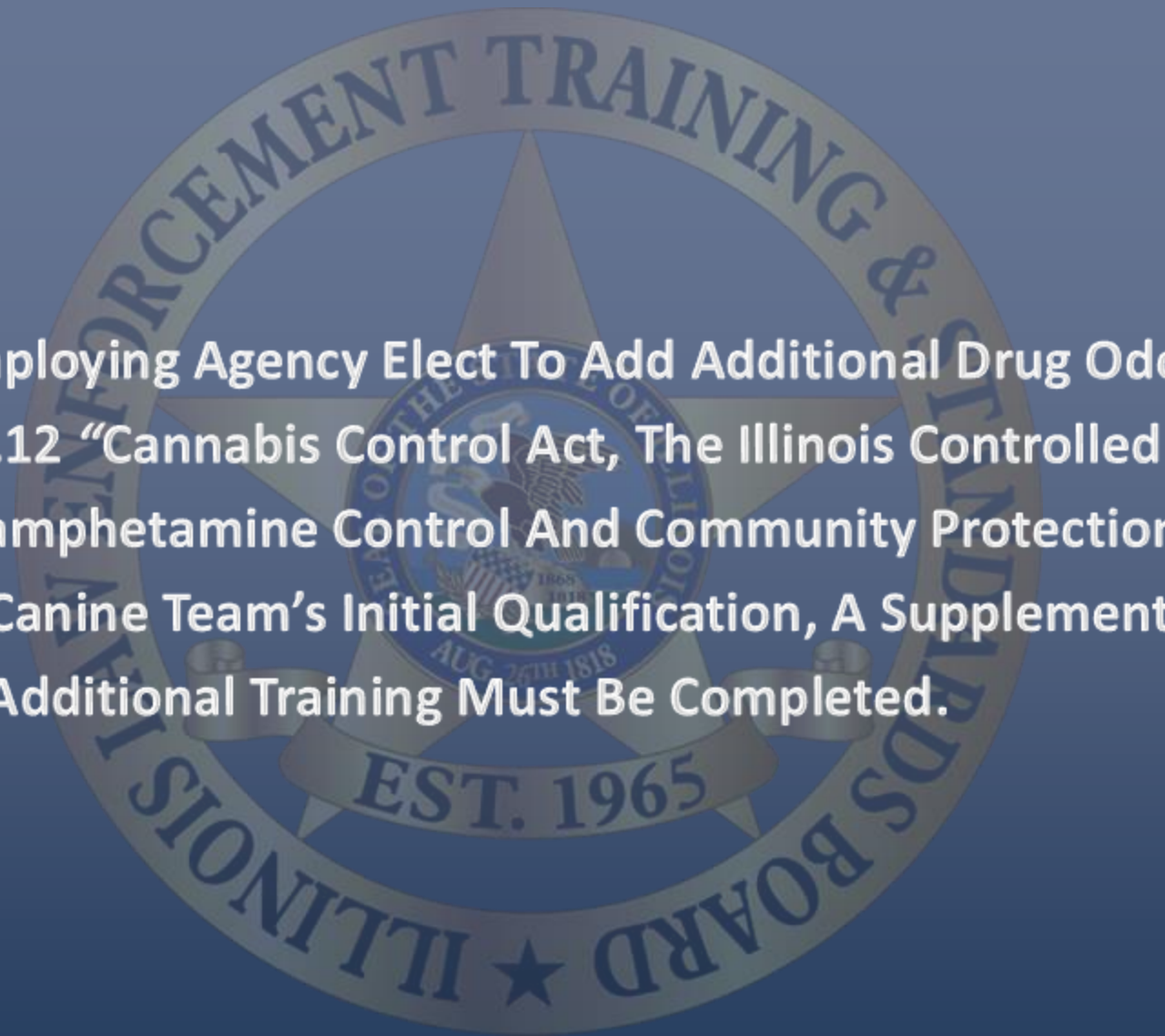
Please check all of the boxes that apply to your daily training.

- ☐ The Role and Use of the Detection Canine
- ☐ Sniffs/Searches of Automobiles
- ☐ Sniffs/Searches of Interior Buildings
- ☐ Sniffs/Searches of Open Areas
- ☐ Sniffs/Searches of Lockers, Parcels, Suitcases, etc.
- ☐ Policy, Procedures, and Legal Issue Overview
- ☐ Report Writing
- ☐ Record Keeping
- ☐ Imprinting/Maintenance Training of Drug Odor (check all that apply below)
 - ☐ Blind/Double-Blind Assessments Used
 - ☐ Proofing/Distractory Odors
 - ☐ Cannabis
 - ☐ Cocaine
 - ☐ Heroin
 - ☐ Methamphetamine
 - ☐ Other (List all that apply): _____

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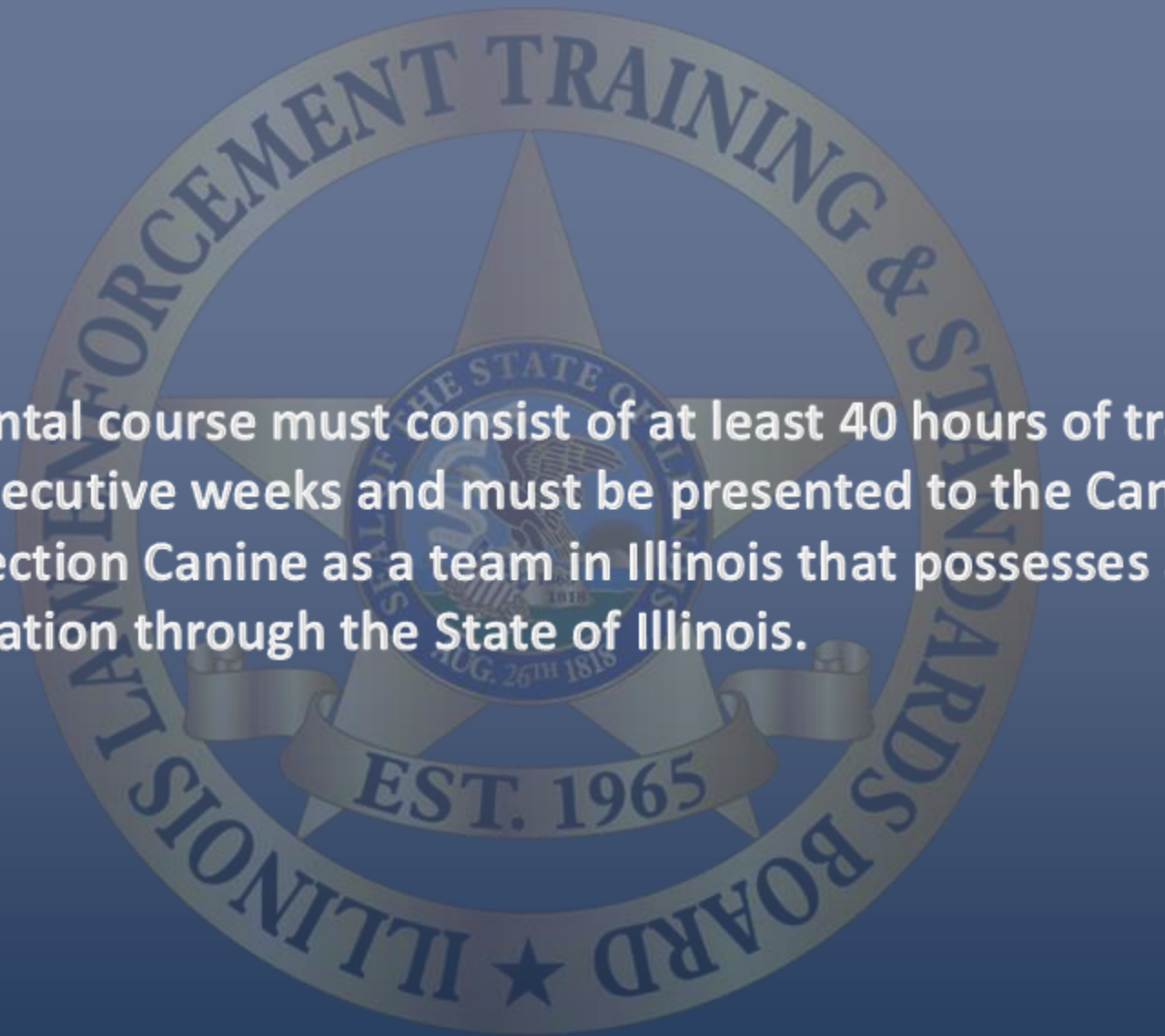
ADDING SECTION TO SECTION 1745.113 TO THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

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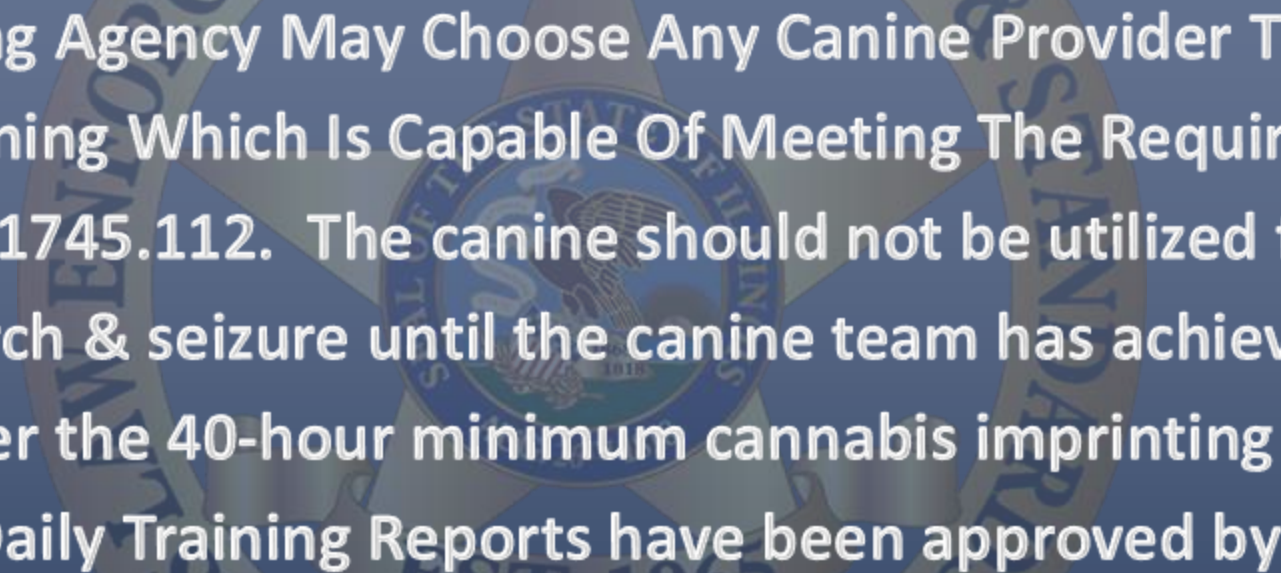
A) Should The Employing Agency Elect To Add Additional Drug Odor(s) Pursuant To 50 ILCS 705/10.12 “Cannabis Control Act, The Illinois Controlled Substances Act, Or The Methamphetamine Control And Community Protection Act” To A Canine After The Canine Team’s Initial Qualification, A Supplemental Requirement For Additional Training Must Be Completed.

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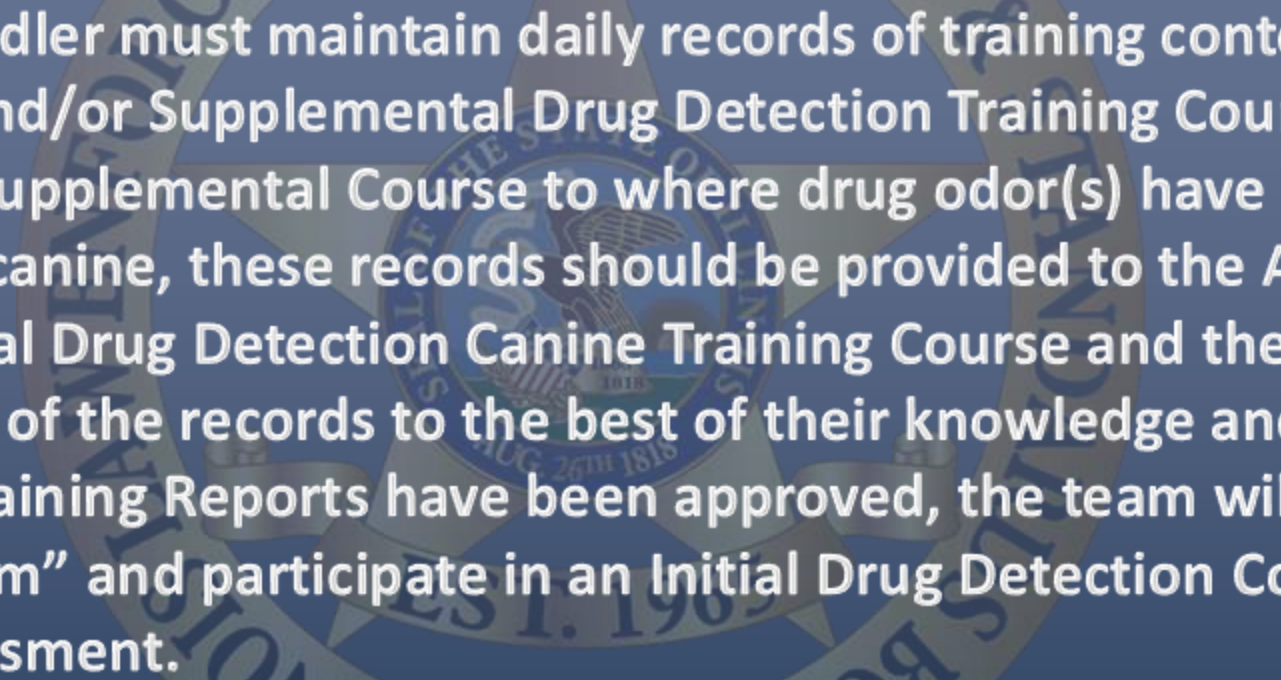
B) This supplemental course must consist of at least 40 hours of training conducted in consecutive weeks and must be presented to the Canine Handler and the Drug Detection Canine as a team in Illinois that possesses a current drug detection Qualification through the State of Illinois.

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C) The Employing Agency May Choose Any Canine Provider That Conducts A Course Of Training Which Is Capable Of Meeting The Requirements Set Forth In Section 1745.112. The canine should not be utilized for the purposes of search & seizure until the canine team has achieved a new qualification after the 40-hour minimum cannabis imprinting process has concluded and Daily Training Reports have been approved by the Board.

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D) The Canine Handler must maintain daily records of training content and activity during the Initial and/or Supplemental Drug Detection Training Course. Upon conclusion of the Supplemental Course to where drug odor(s) have been added to the skill set of the canine, these records should be provided to the Administrator of the Supplemental Drug Detection Canine Training Course and the Trainer(s) shall verify the accuracy of the records to the best of their knowledge and ability. Once the team's Daily Training Reports have been approved, the team will be scheduled as a "New Canine Team" and participate in an Initial Drug Detection Compliance Qualification Assessment.

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