



**1028. CERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES**

- (1) A canine used as a law enforcement tool in the State of Arkansas must be certified by a Law Enforcement Certifying Official in accordance with Canine Certification Requirements approved by CLEST.
- (2) All Law Enforcement Canines shall meet or exceed the minimum standards approved by CLEST.
- (3) Law Enforcement Canine Certifications shall expire one (1) year after the date of issue.
- (4) Law Enforcement Canines that are used for the sole purpose of tracking shall not be required to obtain CLEST certification.
- (5) All Law Enforcement Canines currently active in Arkansas shall be certified within eighteen (18) months of the effective date of this regulation.
- (6) A Certified Law Enforcement Canine must be recertified each year and each time it is assigned to a new Law Enforcement Officer.

**1029. DECERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINES**

- (1) Law Enforcement Canine Certificates issued by the Commission remain the property of CLEST and the Commission shall have the power to revoke or recall any certificate for the following reasons:
  - (a) The Law Enforcement Canine is found to be a danger to the public.
  - (b) The Law Enforcement Canine is no longer in use by a Law Enforcement Agency.
- (2) The Law Enforcement Agency utilizing the Law Enforcement Canine shall have the right to a hearing before the Commission prior to a final decision to decertify a Law Enforcement Canine.

**1030. CERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE CERTIFYING OFFICIAL**

- (1) In order to certify Law Enforcement Canines in the State of Arkansas, a person must be certified by CLEST as a Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official.
- (2) A person may be certified as a Dual Purpose Certifying Official or a Single Purpose Certifying Official.
  - (a) A Dual Purpose Certification will be issued to a person who is trained to certify Law Enforcement Canines in narcotics/explosives and patrol work.

- (b) A Single Purpose Certification will be issued to a person who is trained to certify Law Enforcement Canines in narcotics/explosives work only.
  - (c) A Dual Purpose Certifying Official may certify a Single Purpose Canine, but a Single Purpose Certifying Official may not certify a Dual Purpose Canine.
- (3) A person desiring to become a Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official must submit an application to the Commission.
  - (4) An applicant for Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official Certification must be a Certified Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer in the State of Arkansas.
  - (5) Applicants who are certified as Law Enforcement or Corrections Officers must have completed a CLEST approved Instructor Development Course.
  - (6) Applicants must have five (5) years of experience as a Dual or Single Purpose Canine Officer to qualify as a Certifying Official in that respective field.
  - (7) All applicants for Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Official Certification must pass a written examination approved and administered by CLEST.
  - (8) All Applicants must conduct the certification process for each Law Enforcement Canine in accordance Arkansas Certifications Requirements approved by CLEST.

**1031. DECERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT CANINE CERTIFYING OFFICIALS**

Decertification of Law Enforcement Canine Certifying Officials will be handled in accordance with rules set forth in Regulation 1010 regarding decertification of Law Enforcement Officers.