



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

Number: 1114

Table with 3 columns: Subject (Canine Team: Executing a Drug Search Warrant), Date Issued (9-12-86), Effective Date (04-30-10), and Revision Number (4).

POLICY: The Department will utilize a canine team for drug-related search warrants whenever the circumstances of the warrant service are appropriate.

PROCEDURE: When the services of a canine team are deemed appropriate in the execution of a search warrant that specifically describes drug contraband to be seized, the following steps shall be taken:

- MEMBER: 1. Notify the Shift/Unit Commander and request the use of a canine. 2. Prepare an operational plan for executing the search consistent with guidelines provided in Policy # 1106. 3. Once the search location is secured, the canine team should conduct the first search of the area following canine guidelines. 4. After the canine search is complete, other members of the search team shall conduct their search. 5. Continue the execution of the warrant and processing of the scene as prescribed within Procedure #1106 (Executing a Search Warrant) and Procedure #1202 (Taking Custody of Property). 6. The Drug Detection canine team shall perform regular Special Investigation Unit (SIU) duties.

- CANINE TEAM: 1. Remain outside the search location until summoned by a member of the search team that made the initial entry. 2. Conduct the search in a manner consistent with the designated property to be seized. 3. During any search performed by the canine, governed by this policy, the use of a LEASH is at the discretion of the canine handler. 4. All contraband found shall be confiscated and turned over to, or pointed out to, the designated evidence custodian. 5. Prepare a Supplementary Incident Report (PP95A) detailing all actions taken. 6. Forward the reports to the Shift Commander for his or her review and distribution.

- SHIFT COMMANDER: 1. When requested, consider the use of a canine team and if approved, make the necessary arrangements for the canine team to respond. 2. Ensure that the handler has completed a Supplementary Incident Report (PP95A) upon completion of his or her role in the search warrant.

- RELATED PROCEDURES: 1105 – Issuance of a Search Warrant, 1106 – Executing a Search Warrant, 1113 – Use of Department Canine Team, 1201 – Property Inventory-Excluding Motor Vehicles, Table of Contents

- RELATED STATUTES: 968.12 – Search Warrant, 968.16 – Detention and Search of Persons on Premises