



Homeland Security
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State Preparedness
Training Center

2024 Canine Week

State Preparedness Training Center • April 29-May 3

Invitation and Registration Information

Overview

The State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) is pleased to release the invitation and registration information for the fourth annual Canine Week. This event will be conducted on April 29-May 3, 2024, in Oriskany. Canine Week will bring together 50 Explosive Detection Canine (EDC) Teams from across New York State to participate in hands-on training based on the current threat environment.

This year's Canine Week will feature a new progressive approach to training, with arrival on April 29, core skills lanes on April 30, advanced skills lanes on May 1, and scenarios on May 2. On May 3, instructors and participants will work together to hotwash this year's approach and to make recommendations to improve this training in 2025.

Highlights

- **When: Monday, April 29 – Friday, May 3, 2024**
- **Where: State Preparedness Training Center (SPTC) in Oriskany, New York**
 - The SPTC is located at 5900 Airport Road, Oriskany, NY 13424.
- **Who: Up to 3 EDC Teams per Law Enforcement Agency in New York State**
- **Costs: No direct costs for New York State Participants**
 - Lunch and lodging (if qualified) will be provided.
 - Overtime/Backfill costs and other expenses may be allowable under federal homeland security grants provided by DHSES. Please contact your DHSES Grants Contracts Representative if you are interested in using funds for this purpose.
- **Questions: Please contact or Meghan Dudley (meghan.dudley@dhses.ny.gov) or Robert DellaRocco (robert.dellarocco@dhses.ny.gov).**

Registration

- Please register online using the following link:
<https://www.research.net/r/2024CanineWeekRegistration>
- Registration request must be submitted by **March 29, 2024**. All interested candidates should register using the link above.
- **The SPTC will select participants for this event and notifications will be made the week of April 1.** A wait list will be established after initial selections are made.

Training Highlights

- As noted above, this year's event will feature a progressive series of core lanes, advanced lanes, and scenarios. Core lanes will include odor recognition testing, Bomb Squad/EDC integration, Tactical/EDC integration, and search pattern and package strategies. Advanced lanes will address maritime skills, transportation security strategies, woodland tactics, and election day security preparations. Scenarios are being developed to incorporate all aspects covered in both core and advanced skill lanes.
- The 2024 Canine Week will be discussed in detail during the 2024 NYS Explosive Detection Canine Handlers Conference, which will be hosted by DHSES on March 5-6 in Saratoga Springs.
- The SPTC intends to make participation in Canine Week a prerequisite to participate in this year's Excelsior Challenge, which will be conducted in Oriskany on September 29-October 3.

Lodging and Meals

- Canine Week participants are eligible for lodging through the SPTC if their residence and official work station are more than 50 miles from the SPTC.
- Lodging will be offered the nights of **April 29, April 30, May 1, and May 2** in the area.
- **Important Note:** The SPTC will reach out to approved participants under separate cover and provide instructions on how to make hotel reservations. Please wait for receipt a confirmation email from the SPTC (the week of April 1) before making hotel reservations.
- The SPTC will provide lunch on April 29, April 30, May 1, and May 2.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2024 Canine Week!