



**MAPWDA Spring Seminar
and
NAPWDA Certification
May 18th-May 22nd, 2026**



Westover Air Reserve Base

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

Before mailing your application, please verify that you have completed, signed, and included all of the items on the following checklist. To be considered a complete application, all items must be received no later than April 18, 2026. Be sure to make copies of all submitted documents for your records.

1. Application Form
2. Check or Purchase Order made out to "MAPWDA" for the amount of \$300
3. **Deadline for submission is April 18th, 2026.**

Please mail the above documents to:

**Massachusetts Police Work Dog Association
8 Sheffield Dr, Easthampton, MA 01027**

REFUNDS: Full refunds will be given only under the following circumstances:

- (1) A request is received in writing for a refund **NO LATER THAN APRIL 18, AND**
- (2) The participant's space is filled by another individual, paid in full.

We apologize for any inconvenience, but no refunds will be issued after April 18th.

NOTE: To receive certification, you must either be a current NAPWDA member or join before attending this workshop. See www.napwda.com for complete details on joining. Please do not send NAPWDA membership applications or fees to the Massachusetts Police Work Dog Association.

Seminar Check-in and Orientation

If attending this year's seminar, please plan to arrive at the Base Conference Center on Monday, May 18, at 08:00. Please leave enough time to be processed through the security gate. The GPS address is 350 Eagle Drive, Chicopee, MA 01022. Ample parking is available in the adjacent parking lot. If you need detailed directions, please contact Amanda VanBuskirk at 508-479-5869.

Questions and Contact Information

→ For application assistance, lodging info, directions to the training facility. To cancel participation, request a refund, or other logistical questions, please contact Amanda VanBuskirk at 508-479-5869 or avanbuskirk@longmeadow.org

GENERAL INFORMATION

Logistics

Handlers should expect to drive to/from the training locations and will need to provide their own means of transportation. Handlers are responsible for their own food, water, gear, and other necessities.

Emergency Information

A medical-veterinary safety document will be provided to every participant on the first day of the seminar. There are both human emergency centers and animal emergency facilities in the area.

Events and Other Information

This is a certification workshop and organized training seminar. This does not preclude handlers from training or self-organizing, however training may not occur at the facilities where testing elements are being held. Handlers are required to comply with all rules, laws, regulations, or other constraints during the testing and will be responsible for bringing and utilizing all required gear.

Maps will be provided, and handlers are responsible for ensuring they are at the test locations at the required times. The schedule for testing elements will be determined by the evaluators and organizers. Handlers are responsible for all fees for failed elements as outlined in the NAPWDA By-Laws and Certification document. Handlers are also responsible for providing all prerequisite documentation to the evaluators. *Do not submit prerequisite documentation with your application.*

Cost

The cost to participate is \$300 per team; a lunch meal and continental breakfast will be provided by MAPWDA each day of the week. 1-day Narcotics or Therapy Dog certifications with lunch is also available for \$125 per team. The registration payment will cover the NAPWDA trainers' travel and per diem fees. All other meals, gear, fuel, lodging, and supplementary expenses are the responsibility of the handler. Handlers with multiple dogs wishing to certify should contact a seminar coordinator. A completed application will be required for each dog and handler.

Lodging

The Flyers Inn has a lodging area available to seminar attendees on the base. It will allow patrol dogs inside the rooms during your stay. **Please be sure to secure your room reservation quickly as lodging becomes more limited as the seminar nears.** Rates, rules, and info may be found on the attached lodging sheet or at <http://www.westoverservices.com/Lodging.html>

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APPLICATION FORM**

APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Last Name	First Name	Email Address	
Street Address	City, State, Zip Code	Contact Phone #	
Date of Birth	Driver's License # and State	SSN	
<i>Emergency Contact Name - Relationship to Handler</i>	<i>Phone #1</i>	<i>Phone #2</i>	

AGENCY INFORMATION		
Department	Agency Phone #	Agency Fax #
Street Address	City, State, Zip Code	
Cruiser License Plate #:		

CANINE INFORMATION			
Name	Breed	Age	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
K9 Type <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol <input type="checkbox"/> Narcotics <input type="checkbox"/> Cadaver <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking / Trailing <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives <input type="checkbox"/> SAR *** <input type="checkbox"/> Therapy Dog	K9 Ability Level <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	Handler Ability Level <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	Purpose of Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Certification – NEW <input type="checkbox"/> Certification – RENEWAL <input type="checkbox"/> Training / Workshop Only <input type="checkbox"/> Trainer Hours Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Check for 1-Day Narcotics Certification only <input type="checkbox"/> Check for 1-Day Therapy Dog Certification only		<u>If certifying</u>, what areas of NAPWDA certification will you be attempting?	
<i>I certify that all canines I bring to this seminar are current on vaccines for rabies, kennel cough, and DHLPP (initial):</i> _____			

Select a size for your seminar t-shirt: S__ M__ L__ XL__ XXL__ XXXL__
See the MAPWDA Facebook page for the option to purchase additional t-shirts/sweatshirts