

2026

National Schedule

(Subject to change)

Saturday:

9am - Executive Board Meeting

Sunday:

9am - MT/T Meeting

10am - General Membership Meeting

1pm - Speaker: Mike Kmiecik -
Legal Updates

6:30pm - Family Picnic

MORNING BRIEFINGS 8AM M-TH

Monday:

9a-5p - Classwork and Field Time
Certifications and/or Training

6pm - Vendor/Hospitality Open

6p-8p - Speaker: Zach Pfannenstiel

Tuesday:

9a-5p - Classwork and Field Time
Certifications and/or Training

6pm - Vendor/Hospitality Open

6p-8p - Speaker: Dr. Judy Morgan

Wednesday:

9a-5p - Classwork and Field Time
Certifications and/or Training

6pm - Vendor/Hospitality Open

6p-8p - Speaker: Bill Gaskins

Thursday:

9a-4p - Classwork and Field Time
Certifications and/or Training

6pm - Banquet

Friday:

9a-12p - *as needed*

Problem Solving and Certifications

**Register for the 2026 NAPWDA
National Workshop by visiting:
www.NAPWDA.com and
clicking Workshops**

**Class spaces are reserved on a
first come basis via the online
registration portal.**



*You may sign-up on-line at
www.napwda.com/membership-info/*

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2026 NAPWDA National Workshop ~ Miami Township, OH

(Greater Cincinnati area)

June 14 - 19, 2026

OPTIONAL INSTRUCTION:

Accelerants -

MT David Rives

4 day class. Accelerants, Exposure/problem solving, and odor recognition.

M - Th. Unlimited students

Cadaver -

MTs Greg Strickland & Bob Freedline

4 day class. Learn the drives and character traits for cadaver deployments. How to enhance the drives you want and diminish the ones you don't during cadaver training.

M - Th. Max 10 students

Explosives -

MT Rick Ashabranner

4 day class. Are you aware how weather conditions such as wind/air current and varying temperatures can play havoc on your K9 being able to successfully locate the target odor he has been trained to detect? These factors along with other important factors will be discussed.

M - Th. Max 20 students

Decoy -

MTs Joe Rosenau

3 day class. Comprehensive course covering all aspects of police K9 decoy work, including: safety, equipment, behavior, drives, and decoy methods. Designed to teach you how to properly decoy K9s while recognizing stress and rewarding positive behavior that transfers to confidence on the streets.

M - W. Max 20 students

K9 Tactics and Survival -

MTs Bert Badertscher & Mike Fink

3 day class. The NAPWDA Patrol Dog Tactics and Survival Class will provide patrol K9 handlers with the skills necessary to increase their survivability while deploying their K9 partner in real world situations that result in critical incidents.

M - W. Max 24 students

SAR -

MT Rusty Jones

2 day class. This course will cover the drives and character traits necessary for a canine to effectively perform the search and rescue mission. To problem solve and complete modular training to enhance the capabilities of your partner.

M & Tu. Unlimited students

Building Search - Imprint to Tactics -

MTs Doug Wannemacher & Todd Mona

2 day class. This course will cover maintaining an acceptable level of building search while breaking common training scars that handlers develop through training. Help to ensure the canine's ability to hunt and locate a man while using patrol tactics. Plus an introduction to attic deployment methods and crawl spaces.

M & Tu **or** W & Th. Max 10 students

E-Collar and Aggression -

MTs John Drummer & Chris Faherty

2 day class. Basic E-collar operation and application. New for 2026 Aggression work added!

M & Tu **or** W & Th. Max 10 students

Tracking and Reading Your Dog -

MTs Kyle McCraith & Bill McKay

2 day class. This is a micro-course in tracking. Topics include, but are not limited to: introductory tracking, advanced tracking, and hard surface tracking. Presentations include Dr. "Doc" Mackenzie's "7-Steps of Reading a Dog" and "The 8 Signals of Search (tracking) Dogs". A significant portion of this course is devoted to reading your dog(s). Problem solving available as time allows.

M & Tu **or** W & Th. Max 20 students

FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Sunday 1p-4p: Mike Kmiecik -
Legal Updates

Monday 6p-8p: Zach Pfannenstiel -
Engagement Unleashed - Reviewing Body Worn Cameras and Issues

Tuesday 6p-8p: Dr. Judy Morgan -
K9 Medications and issues they may cause

Wednesday 6p-8p: Bill Gaskins -
Effects-Based Odor Detection Training

**** INSTRUCTORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****