

USE OF CANINES IN INVESTIGATIONS

The use of K9's to assist Private Investigators can be anything from homicides and missing persons to narcotics use and distribution. Private Investigators are not bound by jurisdictional laws as Police Departments are and this gives Private Investigators an edge when working on cases.

The importance with any case is that you use a National Certified K9 Team. Kathy will discuss the process of becoming a certified team where you can find out if the teams have met the criteria. There are a lot of SAR Teams (Search and Rescue) across the country and will come in and want to help But you have to be mindful of who and what you use. Merrills K9 Teams are National Law Enforcement Certified Teams and usually hold several certifications. She will discuss the importance use of these teams due to the cases are bound to have the K9 Handler testify in Court. She will also discuss the importance in documentation of training records and the different types of searches.