

2025 Oregon Police Canine Association

Fall Seminar

Salishan Coastal Lodge **September 21-24, 2025**

Thank You,
Lincoln County Agencies!

Hotel Information

Salishan Coastal Lodge
7760 US-101 HWY
Gleneden Beach, OR 97388

Hotel Link (cut-off date 08/22/25):
[OPCA Fall seminar 2025 hotel link](#)

To make reservations, your attendees must call the Salishan Coastal Lodge Group Reservation Department at 541-764-3600 between the times of 7:00am – 7:00pm and identify themselves as participants of this event to receive the special rates quoted.

- Press #1 for Lodging Reservations
- Then, press #2 for Designated Group Reservations

Seminar Pricing

- Handler/Supervisor, Working K9 at Seminar - \$325.00
- Vendor Space - \$150.00
- Supervisor/Observer, Not Working K9 at Seminar - \$75.00
- Classroom Only, not working K9 - \$75.00
- OPCA Trainers or E-Board Member - \$75.00
- Decoys: FREE OF CHARGE

*****After August 21st, 2025, all registrations (with the exception of the Decoys) will increase by \$100.00*****

Certification Testing at Seminar

DETECTION and PATROL CERTIFICATION TESTING AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, September 21st, 2025. A time and location will be arranged once we know how many we need to accommodate.

If you need to take your specific certification test please email Ben Davidson (Patrol and Trailing) (benjamin.davidson@police.portlandoregon.gov) or Elliot Ramos (Detection) (eramos@Clackamas.us)

Banquet Guests

If you would like to bring a guest to the banquet dinner you can pay for them separate, but it must be done in advance. There is an option to pay for a guest to attend the banquet dinner on the [OPCA home page](#).

2025 OPCA Fall Seminar - Detection Speakers

Gary Aulis



Gary Aulis Bio:

Gary Aulis retired from the Fontana Police Department (Southern California) in 2017 and has more than 30 years of law enforcement canine experience. He received his B.A. in Administration of Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Class 246. Gary's philosophy uses his knowledge, training, and experience to provide supervisors with the tools to run an effective unit for their agency, as well as to train and develop handler proficiency, leadership and decision making. During his law enforcement career, he spent 3 years as a K9 handler, 7 years as a K9 Sergeant and 10 years as a K9 Lieutenant. During his 17 years as a manager and supervisor, Gary was responsible for every aspect of the K9 program, including budgeting, writing policy, overseeing all aspects of training, handler selection, dog selection, conducting demonstrations, speaking about the program in the media and working with a non-profit organization that supports the agency's K9 program. Under his leadership, the K9 program doubled in size, from 3 to 6 K9 teams in 8 years, and he helped the non-profit grow by organizing an annual golf tournament that has raised nearly \$500,000 during his involvement.

Using those proceeds, Gary supervised the development of a world class K9 training center that opened in 2012. He was selected as a subject matter expert for California POST for the 2011 committee to update K9 Guidelines, as well as the recently convened 2024 committee to establish statewide K9 standards. Gary is also a certifying official for California POST and the International Police Canine Association (formerly CNCA).

Gary started with Scenturion K9 Consulting, in Southern California, in 2013, bought the company in 2018 and continues to use his supervisory and management skills to benefit his clients. As the head trainer, he trains K9 teams in patrol, detection and tracking, as well as providing policy and deployment reviews, and guidance to supervisors and managers. In addition to Law Enforcement training, Gary has trained, organized and supervised private sector dogs and handlers that have worked many high-profile events, such as MLB, NBA, NFL, NASCAR, NCAA sporting events, the Rose Parade, Hollywood premiers and awards shows, music festivals such as Coachella, Stagecoach and PowerTrip, and Google corporate events.



Andrew Doyle

Deputy District Attorney – Deschutes County

Andrew Doyle Bio:

Andrew Doyle is a Boston College alumni, and Notre Dame Law graduate, currently serving as a Deputy District Attorney and Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) in Bend, Oregon. He is assigned to the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE) as the Lead District Attorney, Deschutes County Illegal Marijuana Market Enforcement team (DCIMME), and Deschutes County Street Crimes Unit (DCSO SCU) since 2021. Appointed to serve as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in 2023 (narcotics and firearms). Frequently designated as a Special Narcotics Prosecutor in neighboring counties.

2025 OPCA Fall Seminar – Detection Classroom

Monday – 09/22/25

0800 - 1200: DA Andrew Doyle

This class will discuss the relevant caselaw, both Oregon and Federal, for K9 certification and K9 sniffs, as well as search and seizure related to automobile exception (or lack thereof), unavoidable lull, expansion of reasonable suspicion, search warrant exceptions (and risks of using them), and other similar topics. It will also cover the many provisions of HB4002, which “repealed” Measure 110, and will include additional thoughts, tips, and tricks on how to structure an investigation and write reports in a manner designed to increase the odds of adoption by your local DDA.

1300 - 1700: Gary Aulis

Advanced Canine Detection and Caselaw update. This training session will cover a variety of advanced detection training and handling techniques. Topics will include, but are not limited to, rewarding in the field, Variable Reward Schedule, advanced directional command training and application, proper methods and goals for proofing in training, utilizing technology to your advantage and selected case law review and discussion.

2025 OPCA Fall Seminar - Patrol Speaker



Heather Lowell The K9 Advocate LLC

We are very excited to have Heather Lowell join us this Fall. She is a world-renowned, highly respected trainer based right here in Oregon. We are hopeful she will be a future resource to our members. Heather will be offering a full-day classroom presentation as well as working a station both field training days. She will be discussing and demonstrating a variety of techniques surrounding foundational training, maintenance training, and developmental training in areas of OBEDIENCE, BITE BUILDING, VERBAL OUTS, QUIET DOG, TRACKING and more. Handlers and their K9 partners will have the opportunity to work one-on-one with Heather, as well as observe and learn from her as she works with other teams. Don't miss this opportunity!

Heather Lowell Bio:

Heather Lowell is a globally recognized expert in animal behavior, advanced dog training, and neuroscience-based behavior modification. She is particularly known for her mastery of the NePoPo® system and humane electronic collar (e-collar) training, using her scientific expertise to troubleshoot complex behavioral issues and build clear, effective communication between handlers and animals. Her mission is to raise the global standard of training through ethical, evidence-based practices that strengthen the human-animal bond. Heather's foundation in animal training began early on her family ranch, where she trained her German Shepherds, Misty and Gemma, to assist with managing cattle, chickens, and other livestock. Her early exposure to working animals evolved into a passion for understanding the science behind behavior, ultimately leading her to earn a Bachelor of Science in Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior from the University of California, Davis. While at UC Davis, Heather worked at the UC Center for Neuroscience as an Animal Behaviorist and Research Consultant, where she specialized in bridging neuroanatomy and behavior across multiple species. She designed behavioral experiments to support neurological research and consulted on projects ranging from rodent models to marsupial and primate studies. Her contributions to the field earned her publication in the Journal of Experimental Biology, and her interdisciplinary work laid the groundwork for the neuroscience-based training methodology she uses today. During this time, she also launched a dog rehabilitation program focused on saving dogs designated for euthanasia due to behavioral issues. That initiative evolved into a long-term mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome behaviorally complex dogs in collaboration with rescue organizations across the country. Heather is deeply involved in the working dog and police K9 communities, where she brings her expertise

in neuroscience, behavior, and e-collar training to handlers and dogs operating in high-pressure environments. As a skilled decoy and behaviorist, she works hands-on to develop clarity, confidence, and drive in working dogs. Her own dog, Simcoe, a titled Dutch Shepherd, exemplifies this work as a high-performing, balanced working dog trained in advanced obedience and protection. Her skill set extends beyond canines. Heather is currently piloting the first-ever NePoPo® Equine School, and she is actively training her own horse in tracking for search and rescue deployments. A passionate advocate for scent work, she loves teaching odor imprinting, tracking, and trailing to both dogs and horses. Her approach combines operant conditioning, scent theory, and species-specific motivation to build reliable and enthusiastic working teams. Heather is a graduate of the NePoPo® Silver and Gold Schools, holding the prestigious NePoPo® Gold Multiplier designation. She is a Certified Humane Electronic Collar Trainer, and the Founder of The K9 Advocate LLC. She is also the author and creator of several dog trainer education programs, including the Koru K9 Master's Program and Training with Science Behavior Modification School, and is preparing to launch a Service Dog Task Training School and Workshop as well as a decoy workshop. Today, Heather travels the world full-time, teaching and mentoring professional dog trainers, police K9 handlers, service dog organizations, pet dog enthusiasts, horse trainers, and hobbyists. Through NePoPo® Gold Schools, global seminars, hands-on intensives, and online mentorships, she is dedicated to creating the next generation of ethical, knowledgeable, and highly skilled trainers and behaviorists grounded in science and driven by compassion