

Keith Lewis
Biography

Keith Lewis is a Sergeant with the O'Fallon Missouri Police Department and has been in law enforcement for 30 years. He is the Subject Matter Expert for the State of Missouri Police Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Commission for Dealing With Aggressive Behavior and is responsible for creating and reviewing lessons and objectives and offering subject matter expert review and implementation for all of the basic training law enforcement academies in the State of Missouri.

Keith has been an instructor at the Eastern Missouri Police Department since 2007 and is now assigned as a full-time instructor, where he is the subject matter expert for constitutional law, dealing with aggressive behavior, and police canine training and legality. He is a P.O.S.T. Generalist police academy instructor through the state of Missouri and holds several P.O.S.T. Specialist police academy instructor licenses through the state of Missouri. He is a defensive tactics instructor for hand-to-hand combat and ground fighting, a practitioner of Kodokan Judo, and a member of the United States Judo Association. He is an ASP Tactical Weapons Instructor for the baton, restraints, and flashlight, a less lethal instructor for bean bag, 40MM, VKS Pepperball, OC/CS/smoke/Flashbang delivery, and a Master Taser instructor.

Keith was the Training Division Supervisor for the O'Fallon Missouri Police Department, responsible for training commissioned and non-commissioned officers, supervising the firearms and defensive tactics training program, providing legal review for use-of-force and search and seizure, creating new training and lesson plans, and obtaining P.O.S.T. approval for training program certifications. He was also responsible for supervising training instructors, maintaining training and legal records, purchasing and maintaining training equipment, maintaining the department's training budget, and reviewing his department's use-of-force cases for department and legal compliance.

Keith was a canine trainer and supervisor and was responsible for conducting monthly maintenance training for all patrol, detection, tracking, narcotics and bomb detection canines, maintaining and reviewing training records, providing legal testimony, purchasing and training new police canines, and conducting the bi-yearly certifications for patrol and detection canines. He conducted training for other department's canine teams, conducted canine demonstrations, assisted in the creation of new canine divisions locally and federally, and provided canine legal guidance. He was a canine handler, reaching the status as the number 7th, 9th, and 35th ranked National Police Patrol Canine (United States Police Canine Association 2002, 2004, 2006) along with the designation as the 1st place

Regional Police Patrol Canine for Missouri and Illinois (United States Police Canine Association 2002, 2004, 2006). He is a Nationally Certified Police Canine Trainer and a certifying Judge for the United States Police Canine Association for patrol and detector canines.

Keith is a Tactical Combat Casualty Care and Tactical Emergency Critical Care Instructor and Trainer. He is also a Hostage and Crisis Negotiator and was a member of his Regional SWAT Team as a Hostage and Crisis Team Negotiator.

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