

# K9 INSTRUCTORS



## JOHN JORGENSEN

John Jorgensen is a 25 year veteran peace officer in the Twin Cities / Metro area of Minnesota and a member of the 88 Tactical Mobile Training Team (MTT). John teaches CQB, SWAT courses and K-9 for 88 Tactical.

John helped build the curriculum for 88's High Threat K-9 course and is the lead K9 Instructor. John has worked two, dual-purpose Police K-9's while assigned to his agency's K-9 Unit for more than 15 years. John and his K-9 partners have been recognized by their home agency, the State of Minnesota and the United States Police K9 Association (USPCA) for their efforts. John is a certified regional judge and has previously served on the Executive Board for Region 12 of the USPCA.

John has been a SWAT team member for over 22 years and currently serves as a Senior Team Leader for a large, multi-jurisdictional SWAT team in the metro area. John has held many roles on the team and is heavily involved in training, mission planning and operations. He currently serves as the Vice President for the Special Operations Training Association of the Upper Midwest (SOTA) and has developed curriculum in the areas of Vehicle Suppression, Hostage Rescue, Warrant Service and Team Leadership.

John has 18 years of instruction at the State run Police Academy and Skills program and 22 years as an FTO with his home agency. Throughout his more than two decades of SWAT experience, he has earned numerous instructor certificates and applies his real-world tactical experience to his passion for teaching. He holds a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Saint Mary's University (MN) and has been the recipient of numerous awards and commendations from his agency and the State of Minnesota for Honor, Valor and Meritorious Service.



## JAY CURIEL

Jay has over 17 years of law enforcement experience on patrol. For 15 years, he has served in the St. Paul Police Department – the second largest law enforcement agency in Minnesota. He has spent nearly 10 years in the K9 unit and has had hundreds of successful deployments with two K9 partners. Jay was also awarded the Medal of Valor for actions in the field.

Jay has been trained on escape and avoidance compulsion-based instruction, as well as operant and classical conditioning food-based tactics. Jay holds an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from Century College and Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice & Police Leadership from Concordia University (graduated Cum Laude).

Jay was on two national USPCA championship teams – one with the Region 18 team from Springfield, IL in 2015 and one with the St. Paul, MN team in 2017. He has received 15 certifications and is both regionally and nationally certified as a judge in both patrol dog and detection. Jay is also the current president for Region 18.



## JOSHUA STENSETH

Joshua's 24-year law enforcement career started with the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office in 1998 after graduating with an Associate's Degree. He also started in the Corrections field and continued Court Services throughout the first few years of his career.

In 2004, he started on patrol as a deputy and was accepted onto the Emergency Response Unit. On the Emergency Response Unit, he worked up from an operator to an Assistant Team Leader and is now a Team Leader. In 2007, Joshua was assigned to the K9 Unit as a handler and has worked with three K9 partners over the years.

From 2008-2019, Joshua earned 25 certifications from the USPCA. He has held several leadership roles within the USPCA, including a Level 1 and Level 2 Training, President for Region 18, Vice President for the NW National Board and head of the Training Committee while on the National Board. Joshua is also a certified trainer for Police Service Dogs, Inc out of Oxford, FL.

