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St. Petersburg Police Officers Receive Training on Dealing with Aggressive Dogs

Tomorrow, June 3rd, 2011, a group of St. Petersburg Police Officers will be attending a two hour course on dealing with aggressive dogs.

In November of 2010, in response to the shooting of two dogs by an officer, Police Chief Charles "Chuck" Harmon formed a committee of Department personnel to evaluate training methodologies which might help officers effectively deal with aggressive dogs.

The training taking place tomorrow is the culmination of the committee's efforts to help officers understand canine behavior and employ strategies which may alleviate the need to utilize deadly force when aggressive dogs are encountered.

The training will be conducted by Instructors from SPCA Suncoast of New Port Richey, Executive Director Gail Armstrong and Director of Operations Jennie Briguglio. Both have extensive experience in the field of animal behavior and have developed a course tailored to the address the unique role law enforcement plays in dealing with dangerous animals.

Tomorrow's class will be held in the Department's Training Section at 1301 1 Avenue North, Classroom D and is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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