



ALBERTA MUNICIPAL ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

FALL TRAINING 2018

OCTOBER 10 – 12, 2018 – SHERATON HOTEL – 3310 50 Avenue, RED DEER, Alberta

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AMEA Hotel Booking Rates available until September 28, 2018

WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018



Unsightly Premises

JAMES EDWARD HITTEL, B.A. LL.B.

BARRISTER & SOLICITOR, HITCO LEGAL SERVICES

Jim Hittel has 30 years' experience in the prosecution of Municipal, Regulatory, Traffic, and Criminal offences. He started in 1987-1999 with the City of Calgary Law Department – primary lawyer responsible for municipal bylaw & regulatory prosecutions & appeals; bylaw reviews/revisions; provision of legal and operational advice to enforcement agencies.

In 1999 to present Jim has his own company, Hitco Legal Services – Municipal bylaw prosecutions & bylaw enforcement-related legal services; bylaw reviews/revisions; adhoc criminal/traffic/regulatory prosecutions for the Attorney General of Alberta; provision of legal & operational advice to numerous Alberta Municipalities in relation to the enforcement & enactment of municipal bylaws.

PRESENTATION TOPICS

1. Enforcement Options/Approaches regarding Unsightly Premises' complaints/problems:
-Prosecutions in Provincial Court; MGA Orders; Court of Queen's Bench Orders/Injunctions;
2. Enforcement Approaches to other "Continuing Offences" – POPA and Long Form Information's;
3. General Discussion of Best Practises: Investigations; Charges; Prosecution Files; Disclosure to accused/defence counsel; Crown Witnesses; Preparing Exhibits for trial; Officer's testimony/evidence;
4. General Q & A Session – Free Legal Advice from a 30 year lawyer/prosecutor!

Boots to the Ground



BYLAW SGT. KIM DONECZ – COUNTY OF GRAND PRAIRIE

Kim Donecz is a level 2 Peace Officer and Bylaw Sergeant for the County of Grande Prairie. Kim has many over 13 experience with non-moving violations under the Traffic Safety Act, animal control, and other municipal bylaws in several different municipalities. Kim is also responsible for overseeing the Grande Prairie Regional Pound and Animal Shelter. She has served on a committee that writes and reviews municipal Bylaws and has recently become involved with GPREP. Kim’s specialty and passion lies in complex unsightly premises investigations. Kim began her journey with unsightly premises a decade ago and since then she and her unit have successfully completed almost a thousand investigations with 4 review hearings and 2 major scale clean-up actions. Municipal Affairs commented that they believed one of these investigations to be the largest undertaken in the province.

Kim has also been instrumental in the creation of a “Community Safety Team” which is a multi-discipline model used for large-scale property investigations. It includes but is not limited to Police, Fire, Safety Codes Officers, Planning Officers, Bylaw Offices, Peace Officers, and such external agencies as AHS and AB Environment.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018



Aggressive Dog Handling

JIM DEBOONE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

Jim deBoon has been an Animal Control officer since 1982, and is highly qualified to deal with all types of animals. His main focus of expertise is that of dogs, and there are few people who can handle an aggressive dog in the professional manner that Jim can. His goal is to offer courses to Civil and Utility Employees, as well as other Enforcement Officers. Participants are educated to deal with aggressive unattainable dogs, as well as irate dog owners.

Jim has personally handled over 15,000 dogs in the course of his Animal Control career, and another 20,000 in his family owned Pound/Boarding Facility, of which Jim designed, built and operates. Jim has personally been attacked by over 300 dogs, and has only suffered from three bites, which speaks highly of the successful techniques he personally uses daily.

Jim’s course will be on Dog Handling and is a Certificate Course.



Canine Behaviourist

“J-C” ST. LOUIS, B.A. B. SC.

"J-C" is a former Calgary Police K-9 Handler and Breeding Coordinator. He is a full time behavioral consultant with 40 years' experience specializing in one-on-one, in-home and in-kennel training and assessments. He also receives referrals from numerous Calgary and area veterinarians , as well as had his experience and knowledge used in dog related court cases.

“I have personally helped thousands of misunderstood dogs and their confused owners. From the small companion pet dog to the more advanced security/police dog problems. I have the practical and theoretical knowledge to help them all. I use training methods for both dogs and their humans based on established scientific knowledge, not popular opinion.”

J-C will be discussing dog behavior and how as officers we can learn to understand a dog's behavior when entering a property, picking up a loose dog, dealing with aggressive dogs, to nervous dogs and more.



Start to End of a Vicious Dog Attack

CPO KEVIN HEEREMA – TOWN OF SUNDRE

In 2012 the owner of two dogs, used her dogs to viciously attack a 26-year-old woman at a home in the town of Sundre. Officer Heerema will be discussing the full process of the vicious dog attack by telling his story and the steps he went through from start to finish of this brutal attack. From declaring the dogs vicious, to the event that lead to a woman being seriously and gravely injured, to the charges, the court hearings and the end result.

Officer Heerema has been a Peace Officer for over 9 with the vast majority of those years in Sundre as the town's lone CPO and Director of Emergency Management.

Kevin also current serves as the Central Zone rep for the AACPO.

For more information on training or to submit registration forms by email, contact Membership Officer Nicole Blumhagen at nblumhagen@amea.ca