



**BostonPolice**

### POLICE OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE CANINE UNIT

This rule is issued to establish the responsibilities and duties of police officers assigned to the Canine Unit of this department. It is effective immediately; superseding all previously issued rules, orders and other directives concerning police officers working with Police Department dogs.

Sec. 1 GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS: A police officer assigned to the Canine Unit shall adhere to the rules prescribed for such service, and shall be subject to all other rules and regulations prescribed for police officers, insofar as they are not in conflict with the specific rules applying to Canine Unit duty.

Sec. 2 A POLICE OFFICER ASSIGNED TO CANINE DUTY: Shall be held strictly responsible for the animal and any equipment assigned to him/her.

Sec. 3 Shall constantly and faithfully patrol the area to which he/she is assigned, accompanied by his/her dog, unless otherwise directed by the Operations Division or a Superior Officer.

Sec. 4 Shall not leave his/her dog unattended, while on duty, except in an emergency or as may be otherwise authorized. On such occasions the animal shall be confined in a police vehicle or an area inaccessible to the public.

Sec. 5 Shall be humane in his/her treatment of his/her dog, and shall be held strictly accountable for any abuse to which the animal is subjected while in his/her charge.

Sec. 6 Shall promptly report in writing to his/her Commanding Officer any sickness, accident or injury to his/her dog.

Sec. 7 Shall immediately reporting in writing to the Commanding Officer of the district of occurrence, fully and completely, all details concerning the biting of a human by his/her dog.

NOTE: Rule 103C amended by Special Order 96-4, January 9, 1996, POLICE OFFICER AS A RANK: References in Rule 103C to the rank of Patrol Officer amended to read as Police Officer.