

## CANINE TRAINING REPORT

SCHOOLS: Jen Czachor Rutland City Police Department and TC Ryan VPA completed the second drug detection class in March.

Four teams will be attending the one week urban tracking class that starts June 09. Officer Dewey from Colchester Police Department will be assisting with that class.

Four different teams will be attending the wilderness tracking class that starts June 23. Warden Schichtle will be assisting with this class.

Right now it looks like there will be at least four new teams in the patrol school that starts July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Sgt. Matt Prouty was inducted into the canine hall of fame on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and his plaque was added to the wall.

Chris Morrell from Shelburne Police Department has decided to retire. He has been an in-service canine instructor and a member of the canine committee for several years. He has handled five canines over the years, three of them in Vermont. He is only 72 years old so I'm not sure why he has decided to retire.

## Canine Highlights

April 3

Lebanon (NH) Ofc. Jon Tracy and K-9 Briggs

Approximately half mile tracking find of a DUI suspect who ran from her vehicle after pulling into her own driveway. K-9 Briggs tracked from the vehicle to a neighbors front door, where she was located and arrested.

April 11

VSP Corporal Michelle Leblanc and K-9 Casco

On an exterior sweep of a vehicle K-9 Casco alerted and consent was given. Inside the vehicle over 3 ounces of marijuana was located along with hallucinogenic mushrooms, some cocaine and \$670 in suspected drug money on the suspect.

April 19

VSP Corporal Michelle Leblanc and K-9 Casko

An alert on a vehicle resulted in a search warrant and 71 grams of marijuana being confiscated.

April 21

S. Burlington Officer Mark Redmond and K-9 Kaiser

K-9 Kaiser alerted on an exterior hotel door. A warrant was obtained and 146 bags of heroin, 21 grams of crack cocaine, a small amount of marijuana and \$1540 in suspected drug money were confiscated.

April 23

S. Burlington Officer Mark Redmond and K-9 Kaiser

An alert on a vehicle resulted in a search warrant and 1 ounce of marijuana along with falsified passports and counterfeit IDs being confiscated.

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K-9 Kaiser alerted on \$9,000 that was located during a death investigation. The money is believed to be linked to drugs.

April 26

VSP Corporal Michelle Leblanc and K-9 Casko

An approximately 3\4 mile tracking find near a dam of 2 suspicious subjects believed to be stealing copper wire. K-9 Casko tracked by the water, along a fence line and hillside to the woods where they were located. K-9 Casko helped detain the suspects in a sit watch. The suspects admitted to smoking marijuana and drinking alcohol, but units called off to a shooting before the investigation could go further.

April 26

Lebanon (NH) Ofc. Jon Tracy and K-9 Briggs

SAR tracking assist that was 2 hours old and approximately 1.5 miles long of a missing 78 year old dementia patient from a group home. The track was all hard surface and on busy roads. The victim was located in a store about 200 yards before K-9 Briggs located her.

April 26

Lebanon (NH) Ofc. Jon Tracy and K-9 Briggs

K-9 Briggs was brought to a wooded location where a shoplifter from a store had run to but was apprehended by staff. K-9 Briggs tracked about 500 feet into the woods and alerted on a backpack that was hidden in thick brush and that contained stolen merchandise from the store.

April 28

Burlington Cpl. Trent Martin and K-9 Capone

K-9 Capone alerted in several locations during a search warrant of a residence and \$1895 in suspected drug money, 20 grams of crack cocaine and 10 bags of heroin were confiscated.

May 4

VSP Trooper Crista Maurice and K-9 Cole

A SAR tracking find over an hour old of a suicidal intoxicated female that was approximately 1\4 mile long. The female ran into woods behind her house and K-9 Cole found her hiding in brush.

May 5

Lebanon (NH) Ofc. Jeremy Perkins and K-9 Max

K-9 Max alerted on a vehicle and a search warrant resulted in 1450 bindles of heroin being located inside a backpack inside the vehicle. K-9 Max was also used in a sit watch to detain the suspect, who was considered a threat to fight and was allegedly a college wrestling champion.

May 8

Burlington Officer Mark Redmond and K-9 Kaiser

K-9 Kaiser alerted on \$5080 in suspected drug money that had been thrown out of a vehicle.

May 10

Lebanon (NH) Ofc. Jon Tracy and K-9 Briggs

Approximately 1\2 mile and 30 minute old tracking find of a suspect wanted for domestic assault. The track started at the front door of the suspect's residence, went down a paved road, into a park, a junkyard, through several grass fields and back yards and then circled back towards the starting location where the suspect was located hiding behind a neighbor's house.

May 15

VSP Trooper Crista Maurice and K-9 Cole

K-9 Cole was sent for an apprehension on an assaultive suspect running. The suspect ran into a brook and positioned himself on a large rock to avoid K-9 Cole, and eventually surrendered without getting hurt. K-9 Cole's deterrence was a major factor for the arrest.

May 17

S. Burlington Officer Mark Redmond and K-9 Kaiser

An alert on a vehicle resulted in a search warrant obtained and \$6,300 in suspected drug money being confiscated.

May 19

VSP Trooper Lewis Hatch and K-9 Gunny

K-9 Gunny alerted on \$7920 in suspected drug money that was confiscated.

May 23

VSP Trooper Lewis Hatch and K-9 Gunny

K-9 Gunny made an apprehension of a suspect who was illegally trespassing and was wanted for petit larceny. The suspect resisted arrest when the backup officer attempted to handcuff him, and he additionally reached into his waistband making a furtive movement like he was potentially reaching for a weapon. K-9 Gunny followed his commands and made the apprehension, which assisted in the suspect being taken into custody with multiple charges.

May 24

VSP Trooper Lewis Hatch and K-9 Gunny

An alert on a vehicle resulted in \$4020 in suspected drug money being confiscated.

## Vt. Police k-9 PROGRAM 2014 HIGHLIGHT TOTALS

The following totals only include those that were reported to TC Ryan. There are many additional lower level drug finds and tracking finds that are not included in the program highlights so the following statistics are the minimal totals recorded.

### PATROL

- 3 SAR tracking finds
- 2 SAR tracking assist
- 6 Criminal tracking finds
- 4 Sit watch\Apprehensions (no bite)
- 1 Apprehension
- 3 Evidence finds (knife, clothing, backpack)

### DRUGS

- \$63,742 in suspected drug currency
- 6 ounces of marijuana
- 3 ounces and 1519 bags of heroin
- 13 ounces of crack cocaine
- 4 ounces, 24 grams of cocaine
- 919 Oxycotin, 30 ecstasy and 17 morphine prescription pills

Respectfully submitted

Robert Ryan

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