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CANINE TRAINING REPORT

SCHOOLS: Vermont State Troopers Lewis Hatch, Joseph Duca, Officer Jason Porter Milton Police Department, Daniel Deslauriers Springfield Police Department completed the six week drug detection school.

Jen Czachor Rutland City Police Department and TC Ryan Vt. Police Academy are in the second drug detection class that started February 17.

The annual canine meeting was held at the Vermont Police Academy on February 12, 2014.

The years highlights and awards are attached.

Respectfully submitted

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Canine Training Coordinator

VT. POLICE K-9 PROGRAM

2013 Award Selections



2013 Notable Deployments

VSP Trooper Chris Hunt and K-9 Reiko
4 ounces of heroin in a hotel room.

VSP Trooper Derek Rolandini and K-9 Kovu
Difficult tracking find\14 degree\pursuit suspect.

Rutland Sheriff Ofc. Charles Whitehead & K-9 Braden
1500 bags of heroin in a lock box.

Barre Ofc. James Pontbriand and K-9 Kazi
K-9 apprehension of a suspect fighting with police.
VSP Sr. Trper Kevin Hughes&K-9 Bohdan
K-9 apprehension of a DUI suspect.

More Notable Deployments

VSP Trooper Jason Schlesinger and K-9 Arrow

540 bags of heroin in a vehicle.

VSP Sr. Trpr Michelle Leblanc and K-9 Casko

Sit watch app. - agg. Assault suspect w/shotgun

VSP Trooper Dustin Robinson and K-9 Sandy

1,015 bags of heroin in a vehicle.

Montpelier Cpl. Kevin Moulton and K9 Jake

SAR tracking find passed out female-cold

Continued

VSP Sr. Trpr Justin Busby & K-9 Vincent

SAR tracking find a suicidal female.

S. Burlington Ofc. Mark Redmond & K-9 Kaiser

450 bags of heroin in a handbag

VSP Trooper Wayne Godfrey and K9 Tarawa

Evidence find of a knife suspect threatened
"suicide by cop".

When selecting awards for the year ending 2013 the K-9 Committee took into account the “totality” of the k-9 team’s year. This included statistics, deployment quality, performances at certifications and trainings, year round deployment “readiness”, and dedication towards the betterment of the program.

The following
awards were
unanimously decided
upon by the Vt.
Criminal Justice
Training Council
Canine Committee.

APPREHENSION OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

Awarded to the k-9 team who has a successful find of a suspect and overcomes numerous obstacles to make the apprehension. Included in the obstacles may be the high risk and distance and difficulty, weather and terrain conditions, and whether the suspect had a weapon.

APPREHENSION OF THE YEAR

On December 20, 2013 this k-9 team tracked a domestic assault suspect for 4 miles and 3 hours and got the find in below freezing weather. The track started at the suspect's residence and covered terrains to include hard surfaces, fields, steep ridges, thick vegetation and several river crossings. The suspect was found hiding in a ditch, freezing and wet, showing signs of hypothermia. He was arrested without incident, given medical treatment and survived.

APPREHENSION OF THE YEAR

Lebanon NH

Senior Officer Jeremy Perkins
and K-9 Max



TRACKING TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the k-9 tracking team(s) who demonstrate outstanding tracking abilities as observed in training and on-duty deployments, and who use this ability to assist the Vt. Police K-9 Program in locating wanted suspects and missing persons.

TRACKING TEAM OF THE YEAR

This team had numerous high quality and difficult search and rescue and criminal tracking finds to include a 12 year old with Asp Berger's Syndrome, a mentally disabled person on a 20 degree Night, an LSA suspect on a -12 degree night and a suspect wanted for stealing and crashing a vehicle who was found during a building search at the end of the track.

TRACKING TEAM OF THE YEAR

Vermont State Police
Senior Trooper Crista Maurice
and K-9 Cole

PATROL TEAM OF THE YEAR

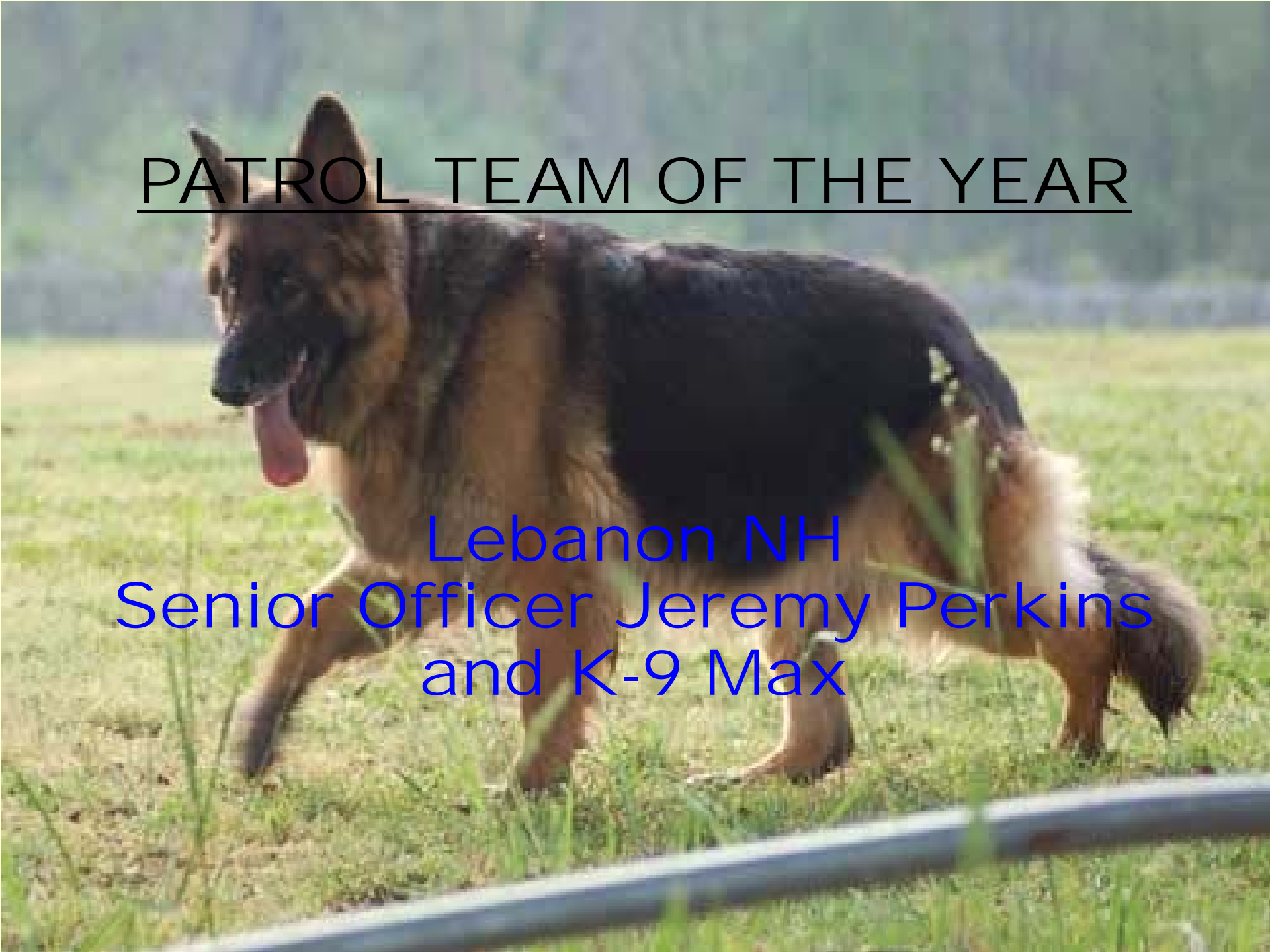
Awarded to the k-9 patrol team who exhibits outstanding k-9 patrol skills and who excels in protection work, command presence and deterrence both on duty and in training.

PATROL TEAM OF THE YEAR

For your January 3, 2013 K-9 apprehension of an armed robbery suspect who refused to comply with commands and showed furtive movements while hiding in a closet; your April 23, 2013 tracking find of over 2 1/2 miles of a suspect who had crashed a vehicle and gave up immediately upon hearing a K-9 while he was hiding in the woods; and your numerous high risk tracking finds and assists of suspects wanted for serious crimes, including the apprehension of the year, along with your outstanding on-duty command presence and deterrence.

PATROL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Lebanon NH
Senior Officer Jeremy Perkins
and K-9 Max



DETECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the drug or black powder certified k-9 team that demonstrates outstanding detection skills in training and on-duty deployments, and applies these skills to “on the road” high quality finds.

CO-DETECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

For your outstanding year of drug detection to include 6 high quality finds resulting in \$76,765 in suspected drug money, 48 pounds of marijuana and 11,465 bags of heroin being confiscated. Additionally, you reached a career milestone of over 500 drug finds and became the 1st team in program history to win this award 4 times.

CO-DETECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

A German Shepherd dog is sitting in a snowy field, looking directly at the camera with its tongue hanging out. The dog has a tan and black coat. The background is a vast, flat, snow-covered landscape under a cloudy sky.

Burlington Police
**Corporal Wade Labrecque
and K- 9 Andre**

CO-DETECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

For your outstanding year of drug detection to include 11 high quality finds resulting in over \$27,000 in suspected drug money and over 3 pounds of marijuana being confiscated.

CO-DETECTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

A German Shepherd dog is sitting in a snowy field, looking directly at the camera with its tongue hanging out. The dog has a black and tan coat. The background is a vast, open snowy landscape under a cloudy sky.

Vermont State Police
Trooper Richard Slusser
and K-9 Drager

K-9 TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is the top yearly award given. It is awarded to the k-9 team that exhibits overall proficiency in all phases of the K-9 Program in both training and on-duty deployments and possesses outstanding dedication towards the betterment of the program.

Co - K-9 Team of the Year

For your outstanding overall year to include over \$68,000 in suspected drug money and over 4,000 bags of heroin confiscated; 5 difficult, hard-surface tracking finds; 2 evidence finds (gun and knife) and a k-9 apprehension of a dangerous suspect found hiding.

CO -VT. POLICE K-9 TEAM OF THE YEAR

A German Shepherd dog is captured in a side profile, running through a green grassy field. The dog's mouth is open, and its tongue is hanging out, suggesting it is happy or excited. The background is a blurred landscape with green hills and a clear sky. The text "CO -VT. POLICE K-9 TEAM OF THE YEAR" is overlaid at the top in black, and "Burlington PD Cpl. Trent Martin and K-9 Capone" is overlaid at the bottom in blue.

Burlington PD
Cpl. Trent Martin
and K-9 Capone

Co - K-9 Team of the Year

For your outstanding overall year in both training and on-duty deployments to include a 3 1\2 hour old search and rescue tracking find of a deaf female with Down's syndrome, a positive assist track of a 12 year old missing in a snowstorm, 11 high quality drug finds and exceptional discipline in the area of patrol and obedience training.

CO -VT. POLICE K-9 TEAM OF THE YEAR

Vermont State Police
Trooper Richard Slusser
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6th Annual
Vt. Police K-9
Cross Training Course

Cross-training principles

1. Increases on-duty stamina
2. Improves obedience under stress
3. Challenges handlers decision-making skills
4. Challenges K-9s ability multi-task

Rules of Engagement

1. Follow Directions on sign or given by instructor
2. Complete Each Task
3. Stay on the Course
4. Work Hard
5. Deploy like it's REAL
6. HAVE FUN!!

The 2014 Course

1. K-9 HOF Field – 1 min. out sight stay - *start location #1*
2. K-9 HOF Field – Sitwatch
3. K-9 HOF Field – 10x10s
4. K9 HOF Field – Drugs (Scent board)
5. West Field – Apprehension – *start location #2*
6. West Field – Evidence (1 find – gun)
7. West Field – Vehicle Clearance
8. North Lot – Stopping Halfway - *start location #3*
9. North Lot – Area Search
10. Agility Course – Agility - *start location #4
11. Ravine – K9 Carry
12. Ravine - Scenario #1 – Send\No Send – Apprehension\Recall
13. Ravine – Tactical Advancing
14. K9 House – Scenario #2 – Building Search\Drugs- *start location #5

16 Different Tasks over a 1 mile course

START LOCATIONS

Start #1 – **K9 Hall of Fame\Out sight stay**

Start #2 – **West Field\Apprehension**

Start #3 – **North Lot\Stop Halfway**

Start #4 – **Agility Course**

Start #5 – **K9 House\Scenario**

GOALS

HAVE FUN

GET A GOOD WORKOUT

**TEST YOUR DOG'S ON-DUTY
READINESS**