



# ELECTRONIC DEVICE DETECTION & THERAPY K9



A local family has generously donated to Operation Underground Railroad (O.U.R.) to support an EDD K9 for Law Enforcement in the Madison area.

O.U.R. helps lead the fight in the U.S. and worldwide against child sexual exploitation and human trafficking. They offer invaluable resources and support to law enforcement, as well as offering trauma-informed person-centered aftercare for survivors.





The TVRCFL, partnered with Madison PD, supports Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement, including Internet Crimes Against Children and Violent Crime Task Forces, with scene searches throughout the Tennessee Valley Region.



## About Us

- Last year the Tennessee Valley Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory Task Force supported more than 22 on-site searches.





"WHAT HAVE WE MISSED?"

"DID WE FIND THAT CRUCIAL PIECE OF EVIDENCE?"

**ELIMINATE THE CHANCE OF MISSING KEY ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE**



# Financials



	Budget Year	One Time Cost	Annual Cost
<b>Prepaid From O.U.R. Grant/Donation</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase of Canine</li> <li>Initial Training Certification</li> </ul>	2024	<b>\$15,000</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial Training Certification</li> </ul>	2024	<b>\$500</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training Lodging and travel</li> </ul>	Annually	<b>\$1900</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Recertification</li> </ul>	Annually		<b>\$300</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collars, Leashes, Harness, other equipment</li> </ul>		<b>\$350</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kennel (Portable, includes vehicle transport)</li> <li>Vehicle Heat Alarm (<i>Separate Grant</i>)</li> </ul>	2024	<b>\$800</b> <b>\$3000</b>	
<b>Totals of Covered Costs</b>		<b>~ \$21550</b>	<b>~ \$300</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vet Services</li> </ul>	Annually		\$300
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food</li> </ul>	Annually		\$400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training Lodging (3 Day Recert)</li> </ul>	Annually		\$220
<b>Total Expenses</b>		~	<b>~ \$920</b>

# TRAINING

JORDAN DETECTION K9 – INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
RECOGNIZED AS THE NATION'S PREMIERE  
ESD K9 PROGRAM.

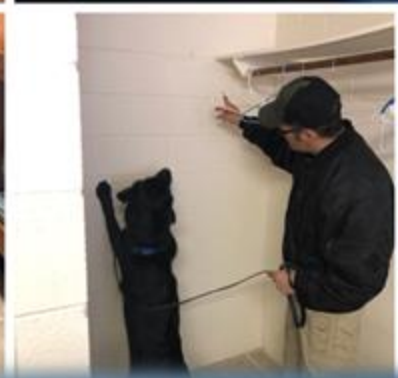




## WHAT SETS US APART

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Our K9s are ready to work prior to being placed with a handler. Todd Jordan's experience as a K9 handler and close working relationship with local agencies provides us the opportunity to train our dogs in situations they will experience in the field. Because our K9s are thoroughly trained, the new handler will not have to attend months of training in order to begin utilizing the new dog. Our K9s are taught to methodically search an area, whether large or small, using the same technique and manner each time. This method of training ensures your K9 will complete searches the same way, each time, no matter the situation they are placed in.







## CORE VALUES

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Our K9s are hand-picked, based on their willingness to please and their willingness to work. Most of our K9s are second-career, choice-assistance dogs. We also work closely with several Labrador rescues, in order to give good dogs a chance at a fulfilling life. We believe the Labrador Retriever is the best dog to be utilized for this type of work. Therefore, that is the only breed available through our company. Given the sensitivity of the nature of the search warrants, we are also finding the Labrador to be a wonderful breed when it is utilized around children involved in cases. The Labrador is a friendly breed that has proven to be an asset in the de-escalation of situations involving children during warrant and questioning situations.

We select dogs with high energy and hunt drives. We believe that much like humans, dogs have very individual personalities. We believe it is of high importance to match our K9's personalities with their handler's personalities. This is imperative to form the bond that a handler needs to have, in order to allow their K9 partner to perform at a high level. We individually screen each handler to make sure we place the proper K9 with you the first time.



## Some of the Electronic Detection K9's 2023 Stats...



Agency	State	K9	# of Warrants Deployed	# of Survivors Rescued	# of Arrests
Woods Cross Police Department	UT	Flash	24	72	19
Kentucky State Police	KY	May/Cam	17	9	15
Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General	PN	Emery	14	1	10
Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office	NC	Mac	13	3	12
Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office	VA	Pixel	17	1	7
Chesapeake Police Department	VA	Quincy	15	2	13





## DEPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to providing you and your organization with a K9 that is exceptional at the detection of electronic storage media, we work with each handler and agency to support other mission deployments such as de-escalation, workplace therapy and victim disclosures. Specifically, and in cooperation with other ICAC investigators, we believe that our K9s can be used to diffuse volatile, emotional, or otherwise stressful situations created by the execution of a search warrant. When tensions are high and families are faced with the uncertainty of what is transpiring, our K9s can be deployed as a calming mechanism to assist in de-escalating an otherwise intense scene.



Additionally, we understand that it is the goal of each investigation to obtain a statement from possible child victims at the scene. Often times, these children are distraught, scared, or otherwise emotionally unable to cooperate with investigators at the scene. There has already been an abundance of studies conducted that show the impact a dog can have in calming a child victim, and they are often used in child forensic interviews or courtroom testimony. We believe this can extend to the field and have an even greater impact on child victim disclosures of sexual abuse, when present.



Dually trained as Therapy K9, the program will support Officers Wellness and Peer Support program. Prioritizing Officer and Professional Staff wellness, as well as providing support for trauma and domestic violence victims.

# Therapy K9

## Ideal for Police/Community Interactions

### Contributing to Health and Wellness in the Department



In the department, Charlie, Finn, and Maxie perform another important job: supporting the health, wellness and job satisfaction of officers and civilian staff.

Said Hawkins, "The original impetus for developing this program was actually the officer health and wellness benefits. There were a lot of negative things going on in the country at the time, and we were seeing a high level of stress in our workplace. So we were looking for innovative strategies to boost morale for our administrative and sworn staff."

Before starting the program, Hawkins asked for volunteers to create a committee to discuss whether a therapy dog program would work and how to set one up. Fourteen employees, sworn and non-sworn, from units across the agency volunteered.

"We saw comfort dogs being used in courts, airports, and other high-stress locations to relieve anxiety and reduce tension. And after doing some research, we realized that they could reduce stress and create a congenial atmosphere in our own workplace.

"They're now at roll calls, in office space, and other places. Just hanging out in our stationhouses helps de-stress the environment and provide comfort to our people. You can see the professional staff light up when they come into their workspace. They create a healthy ambience and relax people."

[City of Hope research](#) has shown that the presence of therapy animals can lower blood pressure and decrease anxiety. Just petting a dog can improve a person's mood and increase their feeling of well-being, which can lead to better relationships within the department. Additionally, dogs can act as icebreakers in tense situations, creating a sense of safety that enables people to open up.

Said Meehan, "When we started out, the program got pushback from some of the rank and file. Officers can be hesitant to change, but now they are our biggest fans. They even carry treats in their pockets. Charlie and Maxie won over a lot of people."



# THANK YOU

For Your Consideration