



K-9 Presentation

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Police K-9 Program

Southern Shores Police have made over 100 drug arrest within the past 3 ½ years. A substantial amount of these drugs come through our community on a weekly basis. While we have made some significant drug arrests, many go undetected due to the lack of an available K9. Many times, if there is a K9 on duty it may be too far away to be able to respond in the acceptable timeframe. We also experience a significant number of B&E's (breaking & entering) of vacant rental homes in the off seasons. We have also experienced an increase in missing persons over the last few years. These missing person reports include young children, and older adults with Dementia/Alzheimer's. These include both local residents as well as vacationers. Having a trained narcotics, tracking, and article search K9 would be a tremendous asset to the citizens and visitors of our community. ***A comprehensive Policy & Procedure will be in place.**

Budget: "estimated"

One-time expenses: K9/prisoner vehicle Insert	\$3500.00
" " " Bailout system/hotdog	\$1500.00
" " " outdoor kennel 2dr	\$ 150.00
" " " Patrol Harness/Vest	\$1500.00
" " " Misc.(bowls, leash/leads etc.	\$ 500.00
Total one-time =	<u>\$7150.00</u>
On-going Exp. Food	\$1200.00 yr.
" " Vet.	\$1500.00 yr.
" " Train/Cert	\$ 600.00 yr.
Misc;	\$2500.00 yr
Total=====	<u>\$5800.00 yr</u>

1 Hour off per workday to care for K9 (Garcia)

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Narcotics detection- a trained narcotics K9 is a great asset to a County that sees a continuous amount of heroin charges and overdoses. We also see lots of cocaine possession charges. With Fentanyl on the rise and methamphetamines making a fast come back a Police K9 is a great tool to limit Officer exposure while searching a vehicle. As we know a human cannot sniff out illegal drugs other than marijuana, a K9 has up to 300 million olfactory receptors in their noses while humans have about 6 million. With a large summer population, we can imagine the influx of narcotics that come into our town or pass-through heading to Corolla. I believe our Officers do a great job in trying to combat that problem but without the ability of a K9 imagine how many drugs we possibly miss because we can't smell them. Yes, there are other PDs in the County with Police K9's but 99% of the time the response time doesn't allow you to utilize them if they are even out working. While case law does not allow you to prolong your traffic stop to wait for a Police K9. With KDHPD having 1 K9 he may not be working or on a call and NHPD is just too far unless you have probable cause for a detention to allow you to wait for a K9 to respond. All Towns in Dare County have people who use, abuse, and sell illegal narcotics. The end goal is providing a safe and comfortable environment for our community to grow and thrive in.

Tracking- with a large elderly and summertime population, the use of a K9 that can track a lost or missing person is another great asset. It is common as I have been on many calls for an elderly person who has wandered off from their home or rental home due to Dementia or Alzheimer's. We know that time is very pressing in a situation like that. Our community is very wooded, and it is easy for a person suffering from Dementia or Alzheimer's to wonder off in the woods and become lost or stumble and hurt themselves. With the ability to utilize a K9 in such a time sensitive matter it could be the difference between a serious life-threatening matter or a quick search and rescue.

Another example could be a vehicle chase jump and run or foot chase from a call where the suspect gets away or outruns the Officer. It is nice to know that you can have a K9 at the ready to assist in tracking the suspect to be able to arrest the offender.

A great example is earlier this year Officers were dispatched to a female stating her husband was threatening to kill himself. The family called Police after not being able to locate the male. After several hours of Chief, Deputy Chief, Sgt. Cooke, Cpl. Brickhouse and myself looking through the woods, along with approximately 15-20 SSVFD personal driving in SSVFD vehicles, Chief Kole located the male several hundred yards in the woods with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Due to the thick wooded area which makes up most of our town, it is very hard to walk and find someone unless you almost stumble upon them. In this instance having a tracking K9 would have saved us hours and manpower to locate this male. The Drone wouldn't have worked due to the thick overhead canopy.

Community Policing- what a great tool to bridge the gap between the community and Police Officers. It is not often that you will encounter someone who does not like a dog. There is a reason for the saying a dog is a man's best friend. The K9 could be used in so many ways to help bridge that gap and ill name just a few. School walks, we as Officers love the kids in our community and at KHES, taking the dog inside of the school where the kids could pet it, ask questions or maybe it helps that shy kid come up and talk with the Officer and feel comfortable. I know when I have a bad day getting to see my dog can make all the difference, maybe you brighten a kid's day who's been having a hard day. While riding in the neighborhood and you see kids out playing in the yard, how great would it be to pull over and let the kids ask questions about the K9 while you let them pet the K9. K9 demonstrations- holding demonstrations for the KHES students, attending DARE days with Officer Tracey, and doing a show and tell to talk about the dogs' abilities and the gear used. Doing demonstrations at the Churches for the children or preschool events. I believe the use for a dog in community policing is such a great tool and in my opinion one of the best uses for the dog. Everyone loves dogs and what better way to build a bond then over the topic of a K9 who is also a Police Officer.

Article searching- the last but not the least great capability of a Police K9 is the ability to track lost or stolen items. This ability is a great one to have with all the vehicle breaking and entering's that occur in the county. If someone is to break into a house or vehicle and gets into a vehicle and leave you won't be able to track but only to the spot where the suspect was picked up. But if the suspect threw or hid items nearby with the hopes to come back later and retrieve such items as money, a purse, jewelry, or a weapon you would be able to retrieve those items before the individual returned and give them back to the victim. We know with the summer population and visitors seeming to always leave their vehicles unlocked this would be a great tool to recover any items that may have been discarded after the vehicle break in.

What a great deterrent a Police K9 would be. You have a marked Southern Shores Police vehicle riding around our neighborhoods and business with Police K-9 on the rear side glass windows. Sometimes the presence of something alone is enough to deter any crime.

These are just a few examples listed under the capabilities that the Police K9 would be able to perform in.

Submitted by Officer Zach Eanes at the request of Chief Kole

Potential \$\$ Funding Opportunities



* We have requested a grant of \$30,000 for a K9 Including handler/dog training, associated certifications and equipment.

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Grant Application Questions

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Potential \$\$ Funding Opportunities



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

We requested \$30,000 grant for K9 & training/Equipment/certs.

Grant Information

Since 2001, NACOP has assisted police departments throughout the United States with their K-9 programs. The K-9 Partnership program has proven to be one of our most successful and rewarding programs.

Unfortunately, many police agencies do not have the funding to maintain a police canine program. Many of these are small to midsize departments that simply do not have the budget to include this service. In many cases these small communities have become a haven for drug traffickers. These criminals know that the police do not have the resources to adequately protect the public from them. For most of these communities, it would only take one dog, one trained police canine to help rid the community of this criminal element.





Governor's Crime Commission Grant

We have applied for \$18,475 for a K9 to include training/certification for K9 and Handler, and associated equipment.





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AK9I Training Academy

General Information

Mission Statement

The mission of the AK9I Training Academy (AK9ITA) is to educate and prepare students as working dog handlers and trainers for the professional deployment of trained working dogs in Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Military, contracted security provider, and other client roles.

History and Development of the School

American K9 Interdiction, LLC, (AK9ITA) formed in 2001, is a privately held Service-Disabled, Veteran Owned small business, with a singular and exclusive focus on canines and their use as force multipliers for detection, tracking and controlled aggression missions conducted by the military, law enforcement and private security contractors. Under numerous contracts with Department of Defense (DOD), federal agencies, Law Enforcement (LE) entities and corporate clients, AK9ITA has trained over a thousand canines and handlers to perform life-saving missions such as IED (roadside bomb) detection; the tracking, pursuit and apprehension of persons of high interest; and, the security of emplaced compounds overseas. AK9ITA also works with dozens of LE personnel from local and out-of-state departments, providing trained dogs and handler training for these law enforcement professionals to enable them to properly and safely conduct their assigned duties such as roadside seizures and criminal tracking, apprehension and control.

Consistency of Purpose

AK9ITA will extend the reach of its talented trainers and instructors to Service-Disabled and non-Service Disabled Military Veterans, Law Enforcement and civilian clientele interested in obtaining the professional training necessary for the pursuit of a career in the K9 world as a private security professional, within an agency or department such as the Department of State, with a policing organization, or a sport enthusiast, eager to learn and embrace the proper training methodologies to build a superior working dog. Within these units, K9 assignments are a premiere role (as with SWAT assignments), requiring a strong foundation and continuous education and training. The most viable and sought-after candidates for K9 positions are those with US Military training and experience. Individuals who attend the AK9ITA can initiate the basis for their career by selecting from one of several tracks, consistent with any prior training or experience they may have. The basis for the development of the majority of our Training Academy courses is the canine training curricula offered by the Department of Defense, which has been tested and proven over more than 50 years. AK9ITA has refined and fine-tuned a number of these methodologies and has been enormously successful in providing canine training to inexperienced candidates who are molded into canine professionals under our guidance.

Many of these individuals go forward into public service positions and have told us of their advantage over others competing for the same position because of the training they received from AK9ITA. AK9ITA will serve as a vehicle for continuing and expanding the reach of this advantage.

AK9I Training Academy

General Description of Available Space, Equipment, and Facilities

The two AK9ITA training campuses consist of a combined 177 acres and 19 free-standing buildings. Dedicated training buildings include a double-isolated 5,000 SF building specifically designated for canine aggression and detection training, designed to emulate a residence. The indoor training area is an additional, separated, classroom/training building of approximately 6,500 SF. An obstacle course is positioned on the perimeter of the eighth-mile running/jogging track. In addition, the Zuni training facility consists of a 7,000 SF warehouse, 3,500 SF cafeteria, and three additional training buildings totaling 9,000 SF, an outdoor swimming pool and four student dormitories. Off-site training can be conducted at a multitude of locations including open areas encompassing more than 10,000 acres, numerous buildings of all sizes and purpose, vehicle lots, and active warehouses. Formal agreements for AK9ITA use of the property are held with each of the property owners. The explosive storage magazine is on-site and holds all high explosives and oxidizers in compliance with ATF and local regulations. Schedule 1 and 2 narcotics/drugs are held on-site in a secure vault compliant with DEA and local regulations. Pseudo-explosive and drug odors (e.g., Scent Logix brand) are also utilized for certain scenarios; they are also essential for maintaining scent recognition in areas where the actual odor cannot be used for refresher training. The dog kennel runs are indoors and are "Mason" brand; they are installed on concrete, with controlled access to adjoining airing yards. The main kennel building of almost 20,000 SF has capacity for 200 dogs in individual runs. An additional and separate kennel building for isolation/special purposes can house another 26 dogs. The entire facility is fenced in accordance with DOD specifications and situated in a rural area. There is ample parking for students and employees. AK9ITA has four classrooms. The first class room is in the administration building. This class room is purpose built and accommodates ten students. The second classroom is located within the Virginia Department of Transportation warehouse. It is purpose built and can accommodate 30 students. The third classroom is located within the administrative building foyer. It has been used to host conferences and can comfortably accommodate 50 students. The fourth classroom is located in the Zuni cafeteria and can be used for conferences and can comfortably accommodate 100 students.

AK9ITA will provide all necessary training equipment, including a pre-vetted qualified canine. It can also provide recommendations for additional "dog gear" purchases to round out a Handler's kit.

We applied for a K9 Scholarship through AK9I in early January 2022



February 17, 2022 we received notification from AK9I that their board reviewed our essay application and has offered the Southern Shores Police Department a FULL scholarship for their 8-week program. Normal cost for said program is \$19,600.00. This includes the dog, training our officer/handler and basic equipment and state/national certifications. While we had hoped for a Labrador, unfortunately AK9I does not have any Labs available through this current scholarship program. No matter the breed, our dog would not be an apprehension/bite dog.



AK9I Training Academy

Tuition, Fees and Refunds

Schedule of Fees

The following table illustrates our schedule of fees for attendance at a training course.

Program Description	Course Hours	Admin Fee	Tuition (** NOTE BELOW)
AK9ITA-001 Detector Dog Handler	200 5	\$100	\$17,500.00
AK9ITA-005 Patrol/Detector Dog Handler	320 2	\$100	\$19,600.00
AK9ITA-006 Patrol/Detector Dog Trainer	520 13	\$100	\$24,100.00
AK9ITA-009 Airline Cargo Inspection Dog Handler	320 8	\$100	\$19,600.00
AK9ITA-010 Law Enforcement Patrol/Detector Dog Handler	240 4	\$100	\$18,500.00

****NOTE: Canine and equipment provided courtesy of AK9ITA****

Canine

Paying Students may choose from the following breeds: Belgian Malinois, Dutch Shepherd, German Shepherd or Labrador Retriever

Canine Equipment

The following basic canine and training equipment will be provided:

Equipment Gear Bag	Dog Waste Bags
Leather 6' Lead	Notepad & AK9I pen
Nylon Tracking Lead 33' L	AK9I cap
ASAT Collar 20", 1 1/2" Wide	Short or Long sleeved t-shirt
Two Gappay Balls on String	USB thumb drive containing
Self-Cleaning Slicker Brush	Training Manual
Nail Clippers	Training Forms
Nylon Harness	Student Handbook
Treat/Reward pouch	Student Forms

**February 24, 2022 we
received this photo of the
dog that would be awarded
to SSPD. He is a 2 ½ year
old German
Shepard/Belgian Malinois
Mix**

