

Fur Cops Fund

Sangamon County Sheriff's K-9

SHG Brave Club Fundraiser

It takes a special person to work in law enforcement, but it takes real dedication to be a K-9 handler. These officers spend countless hours, day and night working with the Unsung Heroes of Sangamon County Sheriff's Department. The canine dogs work just as hard in training, and once they graduate they are more than eager to help these officers fight crime, search, and assist in so many ways protecting and serving our community. Training never stops for these officers and their K-9 partners.

Drew Dickason is one of our local K-9 officers that works continuously with great effort in training. Finding a dog with the right temperament is crucial because it ensures the dog will have the stamina and attention to get the job done. Then the dog will undergo training in a 15-week academy for nine hours a day for five days a week. The dog learns training through a reward system. Law enforcement will place different drug odors throughout a room and is rewarded when the dog finds the odor.

These K-9 dogs have many jobs in addition to drug detection. They are trained to track people, such as lost children, lost elderly, and of course criminals. They can find people hiding in all kinds of places. They are also used to recover evidence from crime scenes or police chases, and to break up street disturbances that attract crowds. They bravely enter crime scenes placing their life in jeopardy to protect and defend the officers they work diligently with. Because of the time devoted, the bond between officer and canine is incredible.

Many of the local schools have had the pleasure viewing demonstrations with the Officers and their k-9 friends. These dogs also visit the high schools keeping them safe with routine searches.

Unfortunately, there is just not enough funding for this program.

There are many expenses with the K-9 unit. Beginning with the purchase of the canine, training and maintenance, equipping/structural vehicles for transporting on duty, the cost of K-9 home care, equipment, training clothes, suits and sleeves, veterinary care, food for the canines, and required fees including yearly certifications and animal licensing.

Currently, the equipment that is used is over 10 years old and in need of replacement.

We believe that these Officers and their hard working Canine partners deserve the attention and appreciation from our Community.

When people are in trouble they will call the Police, but when the Police need help, they call in the K-9 Unit!



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SANGAMON COUNTY K-9 UNIT
TO BUY NEW TRAINING EQUIPMENT

