

GLENDALE CITIZENS FOR LAW AND ORDER

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH INFORMATION BULLETIN



Sam



Yudy

Police canines (K-9s) are considered an essential asset in today's Law Enforcement environment. Effective deployment of a properly trained K-9 Team is a cost effective tool that serves to deter criminal activity, assist in the apprehension of dangerous suspects, protect property, and generally support the various functions of the Glendale Police Department. Even more importantly, K-9s enhance safety and can save the life of a citizen or an officer. Also, K-9 Teams are a valuable resource that can enhance relations between the Police Department and the Community that we serve.

K-9s are required to respond to emergency scenes any time of the day or night, and these scenes often occur during some of the more perilous scenarios that officers are forced to deal with. The Glendale Police have long been held as one of the premier Law Enforcement agencies in California, yet without an operative K-9 Program, the Department has had to rely upon outside agencies

to supply K-9 Teams for use during our field emergencies. This lack of self-sufficiency points to a whole host of critical problem issues including liability, tactical safety concerns, staffing inefficiency, and minimal control/reduced capabilities during a critical situation.

A long-term survey of the Burbank Police Department K-9 program learned that since its inception (in 1980), over 32,000 calls for canine services had been logged, or an average of 106 searches per month. It is important to note that Glendale is a city about twice as large as the city of Burbank.

While significant funding is necessary (see attached figures on last page) to establish a fully functional K-9 Program, it is our sincere belief that such costs will be far outweighed by the potential benefits as outlined below:

***Enhanced Officer Safety:** K-9s will search hazardous locations first, providing officers with timely alerts on concealed suspects.

***Enhanced Citizen Safety:** Use of K-9s reduce the amount of time that officers are deployed to an incident while also increasing the capture rate of suspects. K-9s keep criminals off our streets and put officers back on the beat.

***Enhanced Suspect Safety:** K-9s actually often cause less force to be used upon a suspect than if no K-9 had been deployed. The dogs are trained to 'find and bark' when dealing with unarmed suspects, and to 'find and bite' suspects who are brandishing weapons. Any bite sustained by a suspect usually represents a greatly decreased use of force over the alternative of an officer utilizing deadly force.

***Increased Efficiency on the War on Terror:** Cross-trained K-9s can serve as a valuable counter-terrorism tool, and they also increase drug seizure rates.

***Increased Crime Deterrence:** The mere presence of Police K-9s exert a notable impact upon crime suppression. High Law Enforcement visibility has always served as a deterrent to crime, K-9's especially so since criminals are apprehensive and fearful of K-9 Teams and their abilities (apprehension and bite).

***Enhanced Public Relations:** Interaction with the Community via demonstrations, site visits, orientations for schools and service clubs, and just daily public exposure is a proven effective way to form a tighter bond between Citizens and the Police. K-9s successfully cross all cultural and ethnic boundaries, increasing public support of Law Enforcement in general.

There are many specific examples of emergent situations that warranted the request of K-9 services, all of which had to be filled by outside agencies while Glendale officers remained inactive at the scene until they arrived. The several real-life incidents articulated below highlight the types of calls that Glendale Police Officers have recently been confronted with:

Stolen Car - Two Glendale Officers observed a stolen car in the area of Carr Park. The driver/suspect abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. An outside agency K-9 unit responded and tracked the suspect to an apartment. After a warrant was obtained, the suspect (who was also under investigation by another department for recently being in a stolen car where a loaded handgun was recovered) was located hiding inside a closet.

Felony assault - Seven suspects (6 adults and 1 juvenile) committed an assault with a deadly weapon upon a victim in the vicinity of the Galleria. A Glendale Officer went in foot pursuit, and 5 suspects were quickly captured. K-9s from two outside agencies were requested, but were unavailable. Another outside agency ultimately responded with several K-9 units, and the final 2 suspects were ultimately located by the dogs.

From the President.....

We are half way there! The GPD has two trained canines who joined the department in October. Two more canines will be aboard early 2006. With the help of the community and city of Glendale and matching funds, the Canine Unit is almost complete. The dogs are the most tangible measure of progress. With them comes the need for special patrol cars, care and maintenance. Canine funding is GCLO's main goal for 2006. An exciting fundraising event is planned for Spring along with fundraising solicitation. GCLO maintains a special Canine account for this purpose. Your donations are tax-deductible and very much appreciated. You may send your check to GCLO/ Canine Fund, C/O GCLO, P.O. Box 10142 Glendale, 91209. GCLO welcomes two new board members: Paula Devine and Robert Tyler.

Ken Doty

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Robbery - A liquor store in the 1900 block of W. Glenoaks was robbed at gunpoint by a masked man who fired one bullet in the floor to intimidate the shop owner. The suspect fled on foot, and arriving Glendale Officers requested a K-9. However, no K-9 ever showed. The officers subsequently learned that the deputy they had spoken to had forgotten to make the request. The suspect managed to elude capture, and was not apprehended.

Foot Pursuit - While responding to the area of a vehicle pursuit, two Glendale Officers observed a gang member abandon a car in the middle of the street and run away. The officers gave chase on foot but lost sight of the suspect. Inside the car (which turned out to be stolen), burglary tools and narcotics were located. An outside agency K-9 managed to locate the suspect, who had concealed himself up inside the wheel-well of a large vehicle.

Vehicle Pursuit - at 3:21am, two Glendale Officers went in pursuit (100 MPH) of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Lowell/Honolulu. The suspect threw items from the car before crashing and then fleeing on foot into the hills. Officers recovered 2 handguns (one already reported stolen), jewelry, and narcotics at the scene. Paperwork inside the car led to the discovery of a Glendale resident who was the victim of a burglary just the day prior. Outside agencies respond with K-9s, and the search began at 0509hrs. The suspect was located behind a residence at 0550hrs, and after another short foot pursuit, he was finally apprehended.

Wanted Suspect - In the early morning hours, a Glendale Officer observed a wanted suspect (parolee-at-large with a record for narcotics and gun possession) in the area of Verdugo/Hilldale. After a brief chase, the suspect abandoned his car and ran away. A perimeter was established but calls to outside agencies could not secure a K-9 because no teams were available. The suspect managed to escape, and was not apprehended.

Barricaded Suspect - Glendale Officers served a warrant on a house occupied by wanted Gang members. One suspect surrendered immediately, but the second suspect barricaded himself inside the home. All attempts to convince him to exit were unsuccessful. An outside agency responded with a K-9 unit, and upon being notified that a dog was going to be sent in, the suspect gave himself up and was taken into custody without further incident.

Glendale currently has two K-9s (German shepards) in training out in Ventura County: 1 female (Judy) and 1 male (Sam). Judy has been assigned to Officer Maribel Ortega-Summer, and Sam is being handled by Officer Shawn Sholtis. They are scheduled to complete their training on 10/26/05, and should be appearing on the streets of Glendale in early November!

All of us at the Glendale Police Department wish to express our deepest gratitude for all the support that this Community so generously continues to provide to us.

K-9 Addendum: Cost Estimates

- Canine Purchase: \$6,000 per dog Basic Training: \$4,000 per dog
- Supplemental Training Skills: (narcotics) \$3,000 per dog (explosives) \$4,000 per dog
- Yearly Maintenance Training: \$1,000 per dog
- Yearly Health and Equipment Maintenance: \$1,100 per dog (this can easily go higher)
- Police K-9 unit (fully equipped): \$45,000 per unit

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REMINDER

If theres an asterisk on your newsletter mailing label, your membership is current.

The Glendale Citizens for Law & Order Newsletter
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From the Sheriff's Academy Class #343

Surrounded by family and friends 15 new Police Officer Recruits were sworn in as Glendale Police Officers in November. Also sworn in was Officer Juan Giraldo, a former Reserve Deputy from the Orange County Sheriff's Department. We salute and congratulate all of you for your commitment to the protection of our great city. Their badges read, Officer:

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| Jose Barajas | Ryan Gunn | Jacob Postajian |
| Travis Cena | Kelly Kramer | Eric Saavedra |
| Luis De Haro | Michael Lizarraga | Jorge Saucedo- Chaidez |
| Enmanuel Flores | Damian Magana | Michael Woolher |
| Travis Goodrean | Jonathan Owen | Juan Giraldo |

THESE OFFICERS SERVE WHO OFTEN SIT, STAY AND OBEY!



Shawn & Sam

Glendale Police Officers Sumner and Sholtis were two of many officers interviewed by a four- person panel to determine who would go to canine training school. Sumner and Sholtis were chosen to receive the special training necessary to become a canine handler at a training school in Ventura County. The officers met their new partners and the four attended classes daily for a period of four weeks. It's also a "getting to know you" time. This training enables the canine to learn commands necessary for patrol work as well as to learn to work as a team with their handler and vice versa. It is also a time for bonding which will continue for several months. Remember the four just met.

The canines, Sam and Yudy, actually received their basic training in Germany where they were born. They learned their commands in German, and in turn, the handlers learn commands in German. Next April the foursome will return to training school for what is called "cross-training". Yudy, for example, will be

trained to sniff out six different narcotic odors.

Officer Shawn Sholtis is the handler for 19 month old, German Shepherd, Sam. Officer Maribel Ortega-Sumner is the handler for 18 month old, German Shepherd, Yudy.

Ofc. Sumner and I spoke briefly about her newly enhanced career. She has been with GPD for over twelve years, but this will be her first time as a canine handler, and she appreciates this opportunity. Ofc. Sumner has had dogs since she was a small child and presently has two German Shepherds of her own who occupy a separate yard while Yudy has her own kennel area on another level of the yard. Ofc. Sumner says the first things to take care of after work are feeding



Maribel & Yudy

Yudy, cleaning the kennel area, and grooming her.

Patience and understanding are important ingredients in their relationship. She is obviously used to giving both. Ofc. Sumner describes Yudy as an Alpha dog. Given the training they go through one would guess Canines are all Alpha personalities. They are given high stress, high maintenance diets to sustain their good condition. Eighteen months to two years is the optimum age range to train a Canine for patrol. Ofcs. Sholtis and Sumner take their Canines to work each day where kennels are provided for each animal. When duty calls, they are there and ready to serve the community.



Shawn, Sam, Maribel & Yudy

Attesting to her love of these animals and their loyalty and capabilities, Ofc. Sumner says she would like to have Canine duty the rest of her career.

Last month 15 new men and women were sworn in as GPD officers with friends and family in attendance. Also sworn in were the department's new Canines. Chief Adams presented them with police badges for their collars and read their sworn oath. For everyone's benefit, it is reproduced below.

A WORKING DOG'S OATH

*I will lay down my life for you and expect nothing but love in return.
 I protect my officer with my life, and would gladly take a bullet in his place.
 I am sent in to find lost children and fugitives on the run.
 I find drugs and weapons and even bombs.
 I am the first sent in and sometimes the last to leave.
 I am the nose and ears of my officer
 I will protect and serve him.
 I would die for him and for you.
 I only ask for compassion and a kind word.*



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Assist. Chief	\$250	A ride-along with a police officer, license plate frame, coffee mug, police pin, home window decal and GCLO newsletter.
Captain	\$150	License plate frame, coffee mug, police pin, home window decal and GCLO newsletter.
Lieutenant	\$100	Coffee mug, police pin, home window decal and GCLO newsletter.
Sergeant	\$ 50	Police pin, window decal and GCLO newsletter.
Officer	\$ 25	Home window decal and GCLO newsletter.

Yes, I want to support the Glendale Police Department in its efforts to keep Glendale one of the safest cities in California through Glendale Citizens for Law & Order! I am enclosing my check, payable to GCLO.

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