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## MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INTRODUCES ITS FIRST BLOODHOUND K9; FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND IN RECENT MONROE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

*Meet 'Peak'*

**Rochester, NY (December 23, 2019)** – On December 17, 2019, under the leadership of Sheriff Todd K. Baxter, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office welcomed its first Bloodhound K9. The 8-week old female Bloodhound, named 'Peak,' is the first-of-its kind in recent Monroe County law Enforcement history. Peak's handler, Deputy Michael Ottley, a 16-year law enforcement officer, eight of which serving with MCSO, gladly took on the assignment and responsibility of training and caring for 'Peak.' The addition of a Bloodhound K9 to the MCSO family is a priority and of importance to Sheriff Baxter, allowing to aid deputies in finding individuals who may be lost, missing (in cases involving Autism, Alzheimer's Disease, or Dementia), runaways, or those evading law enforcement.



*"Bloodhounds do one thing better than any other creature; find people who are lost, missing, or hiding," said Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. "We are excited to welcome 'Peak' to our trained team of deputies, using her highly active energy and intelligence, coupled with her keen sense of smell, to assist MCSO in cases of missing persons and search and rescue."*



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‘Peak’ is currently involved in four to six weeks of ‘Socialized Obedience’ Training, intertwined with and followed by several weeks of ‘Hide and Seek’ or ‘Puppy Trails’ training. This allows ‘Peak’ to hone and perfect her sense of smell skills, learn and be socialized, as well as involve her in creative play as part of positive training. ‘Peak’ lives with Deputy Ottley, his wife and two children and comes to work with Deputy Ottley daily.

**Background:**

- 8-week old female red Bloodhound
- Current Weight: 12 lbs.
- Born in Westport, NY
- American Kennel Club (AKC) certified
- ‘Peak’ – named after the High Peaks Wilderness area of the Adirondack region where she was born, and Deputy Ottley’s love for climbing high peaks in the Adirondacks



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