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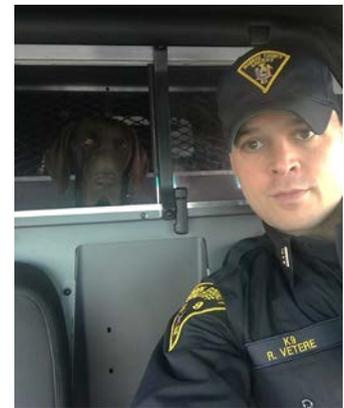
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The Monroe County Sheriff's Office Introduces Its First Jail Bureau K-9

The Expansion of the K9 Program is Facilitated through Partnerships with Doyle Security Systems and the Crime Stoppers K-9 Fund

Rochester, NY (**February 6, 2019**) –The Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), in partnership with Doyle Security Systems and Crime Stoppers K-9 Fund, is proud to welcome K-9 Doyle (a narcotics canine) as the newest member of the MCSO K-9 Unit, assigned to the Jail Bureau. K-9 Doyle is utilized to search for contraband and detect narcotics along the perimeters and inside areas of the Monroe County Jail (MCJ) and the Monroe Correctional Facility (MCF). Doyle began active duty on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 with his partner and handler, Jail Deputy Robert Vetere. The addition of Doyle to the K-9 Unit was made possible thanks to a substantial donation, provided to the MCSO's Sheriff's Foundation by Doyle Security Systems, slated specifically for the purchase of a canine trained for use inside MCSO's detention facilities. An additional donation to facilitate the purchase was provided to the Sheriff's Foundation by the Crime Stoppers K-9 Fund.



Background

In June 2018, Monroe County Sheriff Todd K. Baxter approved the research to purchase a Jail K-9. Special Operations Lt. Paul Vadas and MCSO K-9 Unit Commander Sgt. Shawn Edwards conducted the research, and collectively, a decision was made to purchase a German Shorthaired Pointer Narcotics Canine from Shadow Creek Kennels in Sharpville, PA. The Jail K-9 handler selection process began soon after, and on October 31, 2018, Deputy Robert Vetere, an eight-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office, was selected among his peers to be the first Jail Bureau member of the MCSO K-9 Unit. Deputy Vetere's favorable work ethic and commitment to the 24/7 care of his K-9 partner makes Deputy Vetere a perfect fit for the Unit. He has successfully completed Basic K-9 training and has met the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (NYSDCJS) training standards.



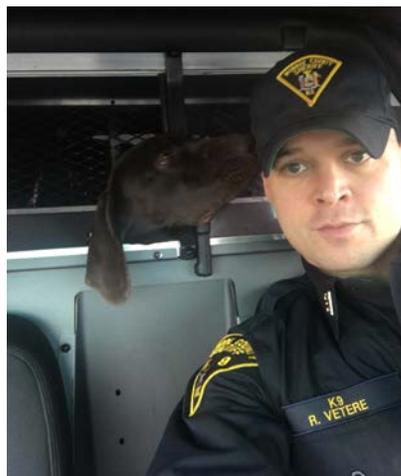
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In November 2018, Deputy Vetere devoted two weeks to learning the basics of K-9 handling at Shallow Creek Kennels. There he was introduced to his one year-old canine partner, Doyle (so named in appreciation to Doyle Security Systems for its sponsorship). Doyle understands his commands in both Dutch and English. Doyle was taught to give Deputy Vetere an alert, or a trained response, when he detects the odor of a particular narcotic or marijuana. K-9 Doyle has met the minimum standards set forth by NYSDCJS. Deputy Vetere has worked vigorously to build trust and understanding between he and his new partner. The two have become well acclimated and are in continuous development and training.

K9 Doyle's Impact is Immediate

Monroe County Sheriff's jail deputies discovered illegal drugs inside of the jail or prevented illegal drugs from entering the jail numerous times in 2018. As impressive as those efforts are, Doyle's enhanced sense of smell can detect what machines and people miss. When Doyle detects the odor of a drug, he will sit. The use of Doyle is less intrusive than a pat search or use of a body scan machine.



Since Doyle began active duty a little more than a month ago, Sheriff Baxter has noted that Deputy Vetere and K-9 Doyle's proactive searches have improved security inside the jail.

"The addition of K-9 Doyle to our K-9 family has already proven to be an effective tool in finding illegal drugs inside our jails and keep them from entering our facilities" said Sheriff Todd K. Baxter. "In a month's time, Doyle's alerts to his handler, Deputy Vetere, have led to five arrests, with his first arrest occurring only nine days on the job. Any reduction in drug contraband inside the jail is great news for jail staff because we recognize that illicit drug abuse among inmates increases violence, threatens security, and negatively impacts the health of the inmates. Opiate abuse is a problem both inside and outside the confines of the jail. We do not want incarcerated individuals experiencing an overdose while in jail. My responsibility to the people of this community is to make sure we use every resource available to keep illegal drugs out of our jails."

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office could not perform to the level of service this community deserves



without the support of its community partners. We sincerely thank Doyle Security Systems and the Crime Stoppers K-9 Fund for their generosity, and for sharing in our excitement in welcoming K-9 Doyle to the MCSO family.

“Doyle Security Systems couldn’t be more happy and excited for the opportunity to help sponsor K-9 Doyle,” said Doyle Security Systems Chief Operating Officer Kevin J. Stone. “It’s an honor to be able to assist the officers of the MCSO who perform such important and vital roles day in and day out for the citizens of our community. We have no doubt K-9 Doyle will be an invaluable addition to their team and will provide many years of service.”

“The entire Crime Stoppers Board of Directors is very proud to be a partner with Doyle Securities in its wonderful donation of this K-9” said Crime Stoppers Board Chairman Paul Hawkins. “We have been the beneficiary of Doyle Security Systems’ generosity ever since Kevin Stone joined our board many years ago. We share with them a commitment of helping law enforcement and today this means we get to help Doyle Securities Systems fund the donation of the latest K-9 for the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office. I know this K-9 Officer will provide a special talent in the service of the Jail Bureau that will significantly reduce the amount of contraband within the jail. We think it is money well spent.”

MCSO is thankful to all members of the MCSO K-9 Unit who dedicate their time 24/7 to care for our K-9 law enforcement partners. With the support of the K-9 handlers and their families, who share in the commitment, our K-9 Unit can continue the work of helping to keep this community safe.

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