



Santa Rosa Police Department K9 Program Update

Public Safety Subcommittee Meeting
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K9 Program Overview

- Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) has had a K9 program for approximately 20 years
- 4 K9 teams
 - Officer Berg and Kane
 - Officer Vercelli and Enzo
 - Officer Adams and Ace
 - Officer Gonzales and Ghost
- 2 teams work Monday – Thursday
- 2 teams work Friday – Sunday

K9 Use

- Building searches
- Person tracking
- Drug detection
- Article location

K9 training

- Initial 6-week training for K9 and the handler to begin working together and article detection training.
- Additional 6-week training for drug detection (heroin, methamphetamine, cocaine).
- Additional 5-week training for subject tracking/detection.

New K9 use

- Our newest K9, Ghost, will not be trained in drug detection
- Instead, Ghost will be trained in firearm detection
- This is in line with SRPD's commitment to combat violent crime

Our newest K9 Team

- Officer Aaron Gonzalez has been with SRPD for 7 ½ years
- Assisted K9 team with training for 2 years
- Was selected to the K9 team in July of 2022
- Is currently in his initial training with his K9 partner Ghost

Newest K9

Ghost is a 19-month-old
Belgian Malinois



Questions?