

Great Game Huddle Notes

August 15th, 2017

Bob Cirtin welcomed the attendees to the huddle this morning and introduced us to Corporal James Craigmyle and Lor.

Corporal Craigmyle and Lor are part of the Greene County Sheriff's K9 team. The K9 program started in 2009 and is funded by private donations only. Our K9 program currently has two Dutch Shepard dogs in service, Lor and Athos. The dogs are dual purpose which means they are able to help apprehend lawbreakers and detect hidden narcotics. Each dog goes through a 10 week training to prepare them for everyday work.

Lor has been hurt in the line of duty. From a lost tooth to being punched by a person being apprehended. One of the questions from an attendee: Are there any charges against the persons who hurt a K9 dog? In the state of Missouri, it is only a misdemeanor to assault a police dog, even if they are killed in the line of duty. Charges of assault have been filed, but typically they are dismissed.

The K9 team has been asked to help assist other municipalities within the County and agencies outside of the County.

After serving the County since 2011, Lor is going to retire sometime in the spring of 2018.

If you are interested in supporting the K9 program, there is an upcoming "Pancakes for Paws" fundraiser on September 16th. To learn more about the event [click here](#).