



## K-9 Program

The department has two police dogs that are highly trained in the detection and apprehension of dangerous suspects, narcotics and items of evidence. The canine's keen sense of smell helps officers conduct searches in a safer and much more efficient manner.



The police officers selected to be dog handlers undergo a lengthy training course with their partners before they undergo the duties of patrolling the city. Our canine teams also participate in weekly training sessions to maintain their highly developed skills. The patrol cars used by the Canine Unit have been specifically modified for the dog. The removal of the rear seats provide room for a flat platform that the dogs can comfortably lay on. Additionally, the officer can automatically open the rear door via remote control allowing his partner to exit the car at anytime.

Officers take their dog home at the end of each shift and they become part of the family. This helps ensure the dog is capable of being around people other than its handler.



Officer Alex Leavitt and "Roxy"



Officer Trujillo and "Leo"