



# DEWEY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: All Interested Parties  
From: Chief Constance Speake  
Subject: Progress report of our K-9 Unit launch

As most of you know I currently have Corporal Carl Kurten attending K-9 training with his new partner K-9 SMOKE at Tarheel K-9 training center in North Carolina. They will be hitting the street in the next few weeks!

However, I now have some great news on our latest K-9 Unit development. In early September I was made aware of a private grant for a fully trained narcotics detection/trailing/article search k-9, and two weeks of training for the selected handler.

This grant is being provided by Highland Police K-9 Training Center out of Highland North Carolina. They received an 8 month old male German shepherd as a turn in. They evaluated the dog for working viability and found that he had a very high prey drive which translates into having the drive and nose to locate items that are imprinted on the dog. The grant application noted that the fully trained dog was narcotics trained only because of his sweet, friendly, goofy personality! He loves people, large groups and other dogs. K-9 JASPER is now one year old, and ready to be partnered with his human handler.

Taking this to heart I felt that this sweet guy "K-9 JASPER" would be the perfect fit as our second dog for the Dewey Beach Police Department. He would serve as a Canine crime fighter locating PCP, MDMA, Cocaine, Methamphetamine, and Heroin. Additionally he is trained in trailing, article searches and both on/off lead obedience. And, when not conducting drug scans he would be the perfect K-9 ambassador for our Police Department.

So, I wrote a different kind of grant application, one that focused on everything Dewey Beach had to offer K-9 JASPER, and how we would think "outside the box" in his use and deployment. We were notified this past week that the grant was awarded to us over the seven other finalists!



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I will be using LESO money to purchase any needed equipment, and will be transforming a current cruiser for use as a K-9 car. PFC. Dylan Ebke has been selected to be K-9 JASPER handler, and will be going down to North Carolina next week to begin his grant expense paid training with his new partner.

I have included a small excerpt of the grant essay to give everybody a better picture of how I envision our new team will be utilized.

ESSAY:

Why should K-9 JASPER come to beautiful Dewey Beach Delaware?

Hi! My name is Constance Speake, I'm the Chief of Police of a very small beach town on the Southern Delaware coast. I've been here as Chief for just over seven months. One of the plans I highlighted for improvement of the agency was the addition of a K-9 Unit. Although we are well on our way to making this come to fruition, our long term goal was to ultimately have two K-9 teams patrolling our beautiful town.

Why JASPER? Why Dewey Beach? Well for a lot of really good reasons! Dewey Beach is a one mile long by two block wide resort town that is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Delaware Bay on the west. We have a town population of just over 400 full time residents during the off season, between the months of March and October our population can swell to over 30,000 people!!

In twenty two blocks we have twenty business establishments that sell alcohol. Bars, concert venues, restaurants, hotels, floating Tiki Bars! Our town is a destination for people to relax, beach, listen to great music, and escape their work and worries...

Honestly, we have a dire need for a well-trained Narcotics Detection Canine, but may be just as important we need K-9 JASPER equally as much for his sweet and goofy personality!!

You see we would utilize his sweet and friendly disposition every day, but even more during the busy summer evenings. Dewey Beach because of its size is more walkable than drivable. K-9 JASPER and his human partner would spend large portions of their tour of duty on foot, meeting, greeting and educating our citizens and visitors about our town. Often times it's a normal summer night to have 10-15,000 people on foot walking from restaurant to bar to mini golf to beach enjoying our town. What better place for JASPER to police than a beach town where he can play ball on the beach, swim in the bay, and get all the scratches and pets any sweet lovable GSD could possibly want? Our town is so dog friendly that we host events such as "Doodles on the Beach" and the Easter Dog Parade on the bayside



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beach. Imagine the friends JASPER would make! But more importantly the impact he would have on our community as a four legged crime fighter.

You see, I envision JASPER not only being one of my crime fighters and force multipliers, but also being my very best community relations officer. Not only will my agency utilize his amazing nose and prey drive to locate illegal narcotics and remove them from our streets. I will also deploy this sweet lovable boy to make memorable connections with our visitors, citizens, business owners and other law enforcement agencies. Photos will be snapped, paws given, backs scratched, ears rubbed and smiles aplenty, JASPER will be well known, not just for his community engagement but also for his skill and acumen as a crime fighter!!

I can assure you that my town and my department is tailor made for JASPER! I will have K-9 trading cards made up for him to hand out. During his daily community contacts his handsome face will be photographed and placed on our Facebook page to make him famous and make people smile. JASPER's quality of life will be the envy of every other K-9 at Highland Canine! During the "quiet months" he'll visit the local schools for demonstrations and assist our local drug task force.

This is a match made in Coastal Delaware heaven! Thank you so much for the opportunity to compete to have this magnificent animal work for us, we cross our fingers in anticipation for you selecting Dewey Beach Police department for his assignment as a Canine Crime Fighter

Definitions:

Article searches:

Lost items, tools or weapons used in crimes, dropped evidence, pieces of clothing, guns etc.

Trailing:

Tracking Dogs – follow a specific subject's footsteps. They are oriented to the mixture of human scent and ground disturbance where the person walked. Trailing Dogs – are oriented to the scent cones, which have fallen to the ground along the specific subject's route.







