

Press Release

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ONALASKA POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANNING 6TH ANNUAL DOG DAY DUFFERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

In 2009 Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic decided that it was past time for the department to have a K-9 Unit. Knowing that budgets were tight he implemented a strategy with the assistance of others to raise the funds necessary to acquire, train and maintain a Police K-9 and in April 2009 the first "Dog Day Duffers" Golf Tournament and Silent Auction was held at the Golf Club at Cedar Creek.

"That first year we had 19 teams," said Trotnic, "the tournament was a huge success and the numbers have grown every year. Local merchants have been consistently generous in donating items for our silent auction and sponsoring holes in the tournament. This tournament has allowed us to keep the K-9 Unit funded without impacting the City's budget. Last year we fielded 31 teams, every year the tournament gets bigger and better."

Officer Dan McCluskey, the Onalaska K-9 handler, will be hitting the streets drumming up support for the tournament.

"The people of this community have proven exceptionally generous," said Officer McCluskey, "with many businesses

purchasing hole sponsorships, fielding golf teams or donating items or gift certificates for the Silent Auction. It's all the community support that enables us to keep the K-9 Unit funded." The tournament will tee off on April 30th at the Cedar Creek Course. To donate a Silent Auction Item, sponsor a hole at the Tournament or make a donation to the K-9 Unit please contact Pam Sharp at (608)392-0275. Contributions to the K-9 Unit are tax deductible.