

MEDIA RELEASE

Eureka Police Department's newest K9 team is certified and ready to hit the streets. K9 Maggie and her handler, Officer Ed Wilson, recently passed their certification requirements and will begin putting those skills to work for the citizens of Eureka as a narcotics detection canine.

Maggie, a nearly two year old Black Labrador Retriever, was purchased and trained through a generous donation drive spearheaded by Hopkins Fine Portraiture and Ginger Campbell. Officer Wilson, a 14 year veteran of local law enforcement, credits Maggie with, "working her tail off" for the annual certification, which was held at the California Highway Patrol Academy this past weekend.

Wilson couldn't be more proud of his new partner, and Maggie's wagging tail and bounding enthusiasm are a good indication that she feels the same about Officer Wilson. They will be available to assist EPD patrol officers, the Problem Oriented Policing (POP) unit, and neighboring allied agencies upon request.

E.P.D.'s K9 handlers work a regular beat, just as any other officer, and handle their canine partners in addition to their regular duties. Handlers train with their dogs every day, unless one of them is sick. They also get together with handlers from the Arcata and Fortuna Police Departments for group training twice a month.

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