



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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2020 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and submit with your nomination letter to (email preferred):

WLECHA
c/o Award Nominations
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Handler Name: BRANDON CHRISTIANSON
K-9 Name: ACE
Agency: WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Category (Please circle one per form)

Handler of the Year - Rookie Handler of the Year - Meritorious Apprehension - Meritorious Article Find
Meritorious Track with Apprehension - Meritorious Track - Meritorious Narcotics Find

Nominator: LT. ERIC MARTEN
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Membership must be current to be eligible for an award

All nominations must be postmarked or submitted by e-mail by August 15th, 2020 to be accepted

Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards.

Please submit separate nominations for each category.



WOOD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



SHAWN BECKER, SHERIFF

August 8, 2020

To: WLECHA Awards Committee:

I would like to nominate Wood County Sheriff's Department Deputy Brandon Christianson and his canine partner Ace for the 2020 WLECHA Meritorious Track with Apprehension Award.

On January 7, 2020 the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department received a complaint of a missing 72 year old female with dementia. Call was received a 2:05 am and Wisconsin Rapids Officers responded to residence and began checking area. Officers had check near residence, and drove around immediate area with no luck locating missing female. Officers then began searching a larger grid area and checking nearby Wisconsin River. Wood County Deputy Christianson was asked to assist with K9 partner Ace. Deputy Christianson and Ace arrived at approximately 2:54 am. Temperature was 21 degrees and there was hard snow cover at the time.

Deputy Christianson had deployed Ace to track missing female and started at front door of residence. Track immediately led down concrete side walk and through several yards of residences nearby. Deputy Christianson observed Ace tracking and showing interest in several yards near residence. After observing Ace circle around residence for several hundred yards, Deputy Christianson placed Ace back into patrol vehicle for a short period of rest.

After a short period of rest Deputy Christianson started a second track from the same front door of residence. Again Ace led Deputy Christianson down concrete sidewalk, through yards, across pavement roadway, between houses, and through snow. Deputy Christianson observed Ace show a very strong change of behavior after a short period of time and led Deputy Christianson down a concrete sidewalk, up a set of stairs to a residence, back down those stairs, and continued to another sidewalk near the roadway. Deputy Christianson had Ace on an approximately 10 feet of leash and heard backup officer tell them to stop. Deputy Christianson had immediately observed that Ace was leading him to a female kneeling down in the snow. Deputy Christianson remained with Ace as officers made contact with female. Female had sustained several injuries to her face and other parts of body. With females medical conditions she was unable to speak, and Ambulance was dispatched for medical care.

With the very cold weather and injuries sustained to missing female this incident would have only gotten worse if it wasn't for the great work from Deputy Christianson and K9 Ace. This was a very difficult task completed by Ace with the cold temperatures, hard pavement, and total time that female had been missing. For these reasons I nominate Deputy Christianson and Ace for Meritorious K9 Track with Apprehension.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Paul Marten
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