



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and submit with your nomination letter to:

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Handler Name: Officer Holly McManus

K-9 Name: BANE

Agency: St Francis Police

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

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Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards. Please submit separate nominations for each category.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thomas A. Dietrich

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To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Officer Holly McManus and her canine partner Bane for the meritorious track and apprehension of the year. Through their involvement two suspects were taken into custody after driving in a stolen vehicle and fleeing from the police.

On 08/12/2016 at 0127 hours, St. Francis Officer Holly McManus and K9 Bane were requested by a neighboring jurisdiction to assist in tracking three suspects who fled from a possible stolen vehicle after it crashed on the Milwaukee Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital Grounds near Miller Park. It was a hot and humid August night with the temperature approaching 80 degrees and 90% humidity. A thunderstorm system rapidly approaching and lightening was visible to the west. The wind speed at the time of the track was about 4 mph. The suspects were last observed fleeing eastbound through the grass and then they jumped over a tall chain link fence that surrounded a concrete culvert.

Officer McManus arrived and deployed K9 Bane utilizing the front seat of the vehicle for scent and the starting point for the track. K9 Bane began tracking in the direction the suspects were last observed fleeing. Officers quickly realized it was too dangerous to go inside the culvert due to steep sides and moving water, so K9 Bane tracked along the fence line with one officer inside the culvert. About 300 feet down, it appeared the suspects may have gotten out of the water and crossed to the north. Officer McManus restarted the track on the north side of the culvert. The terrain was a mix of mowed grass and tall brush.

As K9 Bane approached a portion of the fence that had fallen and was wound up among thick brush and trees, his behavior changed. His tracking speed intensified and his body posture stiffened. His tail began to wag slightly and he focused specifically on the area where the fence was damaged. He began to pull Officer McManus toward the brush. Officer McManus recognized that K9 Bane was "in odor" and began to make a K9 announcement. Familiar with K9 behavior, the backup officers recognized this change as well and began shining their flashlights in this area. As K9 Bane was trying to get through the damaged fence, the officer that was walking along the inside of the culvert located one of the suspects hiding underneath the brush. The suspect complied with officers' commands and was arrested without incident.

As officers were arresting this subject, K9 Bane began to pull tight on his lead toward Officer McManus' other side. He was now facing directly east of the first suspect and was wagging his tail slowly and his body posture stiffened. When Officer McManus shined her flashlight in the direction of K9 Bane's indication, she located the second suspect hiding facedown among the shrubs about ten feet away from their current location. This subject also complied with orders and was arrested without incident.

After apprehension of these two suspects, K9 Bane continued to track for approximately 1/3 of a mile along the eastern and southern tree line of the VA Grounds in an attempt to locate the third suspect. The track surfaces consisted of a mix of mowed grass, blacktop and gravel. During the track, officers were advised that a subject matching the description of the third suspect was observed on DOT cameras running across the Miller Park Way Bridge about one half hour prior to the start of the track. K9 Bane had maintained the track in the direction towards this bridge. Based on the new information, officers decided to terminate the track, about 600-800 feet west of the bridge.



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Later on in the investigation, Officer McManus learned that the vehicle the suspects were driving was confirmed stolen with the Kenosha Police Department. One of the arrested subjects already had a felony record for operating without consent. Both subjects were criminally charged for this incident.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas A. Dietrich".

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