



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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2021 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

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Handler Name: ARON BECHLER
K-9 Name: BRIX
Agency: GLENDALE PD

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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Membership must be current to be eligible for an award

All nominations must be postmarked or submitted by e-mail by August 15th, 2021 to be accepted

Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards.

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GLENDALÉ POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT
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WLECHA – Meritorious Track with Apprehension (Nomination)

We would like to nominate Police Officer Aron Bechler and his K-9 partner Brix for the 2021 WLECHA Meritorious Track with Apprehension award.

On Saturday, May 15, 2021, at approximately 2:06AM, Glendale squads were dispatched to 4848 N. Lydell Av., a large apartment complex on the southeast side of the city, for an entry to auto complaint. The caller stated there were approximately 5 individuals breaking into cars.

Mutual aid was requested from Whitefish Bay Police Department and a sergeant from WFBPD responded. The sergeant then advised that the subjects had gained entry to a vehicle and that vehicle had struck his squad. The suspects exited the vehicle and fled southwest across Lydell Av., west through an alley, and were last seen northbound in an alley.

A perimeter was set up and PO Bechler arrived with his K-9 partner Brix. PO Bechler gave 3 PA warnings for the suspects to give up, and received no response. PO Bechler began a track with Brix. Brix began tracking south along Lydell Av. until he reached the east/west alley just north of Hampton Av. Brix then tracked westbound until he reached the alley between N. Lydell Av. and N. Navajo Av. where he turned and began to track northbound. Brix tracked to 4864 N. Navajo Av. and turned west, going through the back yard and into the front yard where he again turned north and tracked to W. Marne Av. Brix turned west and tracked to the alley between N. Mohawk Av. and N. Iroquois Av. and turned to track southbound through the alley. Brix tracked south to 4917 N. Mohawk Av. and then west through the back yard into the front yard. Brix then turned north and tracked to N. Marne Av. Brix then turned and tracked south along N. Mohawk Av. until he reached W. Chateau Pl. where he turned to the west. Brix tracked west to the alley between N. Mohawk Av. and N. Iroquois Av. and turned south in the alley. Brix tracked south to 4822 N. Iroquois Av. where he turned to the west in the alley just south of 4822 N. Iroquois Av. Brix tracked west to N. Iroquois Av. and turned north. Brix tracked north to 4836 N. Iroquois Av. PO Bechler observed an open fence at the residence and was advised that the garage was unlocked. PO Bechler then had Brix conduct a building search to clear the garage.

After clearing the garage, Brix began to track again in a westerly direction. Brix reached 4829 N. Iroquois Av. and then began tracking towards the southwest through the front yard at 4829 N. Iroquois Av., reaching the back yard where that garage was found unsecured. PO Bechler had Brix conduct another building search to clear the garage.

After clearing the garage, Brix picked up the track again and tracked west across the alley between N. Iroquois Av. and N. Port Washington Rd. Brix tracked through the rear of 4830 N. Port Washington Rd. and along the south side of the 4830 building. As PO Bechler and Brix came out from between the buildings, PO Bechler observed 3 suspects walking westbound. PO Bechler announced himself and gave several warnings as the 3 subjects began to flee on foot. PO Bechler gave Brix the command to apprehend and released him. Brix was able to apprehend one of the suspects by biting his upper left arm and holding him. PO Bechler gave Brix the command to release and the suspect was taken into custody. The other 2 subjects ran across Interstate 43 into Lincoln Park. A perimeter was set up again and prior to even starting an area search, a second suspect gave up due to the presence of the K-9.

The track was about 4572 feet in length. It was 55 degrees with winds of 3 miles per hour out of the north. The track covered mainly hard surfaces (concrete and asphalt), but included grassy areas as well, and also included 2 building searches.

Due to the relentless pursuit and tracking abilities of PO Bechler and K-9 Brix, several subjects were taken into custody in this incident that most likely would have evaded arrest otherwise. We are proud to nominate them for the 2021 WLECHA Meritorious Track with Apprehension.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt. William Schieffer and Sgt. Eric Guse
Glendale PD K-9 Unit Supervisors