

Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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2019 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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

WLECHA
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Handler Name: DEPUTY ED. DREWITZ
K-9 Name: FRIDAY
Agency: RACINE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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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To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Racine County Sheriff's Office Deputy Ed Drewitz and his canine partner Friday for the 2019 WLECHA Handler of the Year Award. Deputy Drewitz is the gold standard for canine units within our agency as well as the county and state. Deputy Drewitz and Friday have given the last 8 years of their careers and dedication to the residents of Racine County, and epitomizes professionalism in all aspects of his job. Deputy Drewitz is a constant leader among our K-9 Units in every statistical category from deployments, to apprehensions, narcotics finds, as well as article and locating individuals. Deputy Drewitz also is a pillar in the community along with Friday, as displayed by when ever there is a K-9 Unit out in public the first thing we all hear is "is that Friday". Everyone in our community knows them from their solid work and relationships in the community. Deputy Drewitz also leads all of our trainings and is usually the first one there and last to leave. Deputy Drewitz is a positive ambassador to all K-9 programs and also is out in the community doing public relations as well as fundraising to sustain our K-9 program which now consists of 6 Units funded by fundraising and private donations.

Some of the great work done by Deputy Drewitz and K-9 Friday are as follows. In the past year, Deputy Drewitz had 161 K-9 Deployments which resulted in a total of 137 arrests which included 37 Felony arrests and 100 Misdemeanor arrests. Deputy Drewitz and Friday are responsible for 11 apprehensions in which in which parties were located and either had surrendered as well as 2 individuals that were apprehended by K-9 Friday. Deputy Drewitz through is good work with Friday located 3 firearms, 1533 Grams of THC, 7.6 Ounces of Cocaine, 2 Grams of Heroin , and 2.5 Lbs. of Methamphetamines, along with numerous various pills all from traffic stops and the deployments of his K-9. I would like to think that these stats are shocking but this is the consistent type of work Deputy Drewitz does day in and day out.

On August 13, 2018 at 10:43 am Deputy Drewitz while on a traffic stop observed a hand to hand narcotics transaction right in front of his traffic stop. Deputy Drewitz finished his traffic stop and then initiated a stop on the suspects vehicle. The suspects vehicle immediately fled running stop signs and then failed to yield and drove through the downtown Racine area on Main St. at a high rate of speed 70-75 mph in the posted 25 mph zone. The suspect's vehicle crashed into parked vehicles and the operator fled on foot into the back yard of a residence. Deputy Drewitz exited his squad with K-9 Friday and the suspect was apprehended in the back yard 75 feet from the crash scene. Suspect had 88.7 grams THC and prior drug charges.

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On May 18, 2019 at approximately 7.44 am Deputy Drewitz initiated a traffic stop on I-94 for a vehicle that was traveling 95 mph in a posted 60 mph construction zone. The vehicle then failed to pull over and tried to exit the interstate and stuck numerous barrels and then ran a stop sign and entered the Interstate again. Deputy Drewitz still in pursuit and speeds reached over 100 mph. The pursuit was terminated and Deputy Drewitz followed along the last known path. Deputy Drewitz was then flagged down 2 exits north of the initial area and observed his fleeing vehicle out into the grass as the operator lost control of the vehicle and was not out on foot running. Deputy Drewitz then began a foot pursuit and deployed the K-9 with his door popper and a short time later the suspect was apprehended. Suspect was a repeat owi and drug offense individual.

September 6, 2018 Deputy Drewitz located 2.25 pounds of Methamphetamines from a K-9 walk around on a traffic stop

April 27,2019 Deputy Drewitz located 226.6 Grams of THC Oil in 206 THC Vape Cartridges from his traffic stop that he initiated.

June 14,2019 Deputy Drewitz located 2.5 Lbs. of Edibles THC from his traffic stop he initiated.

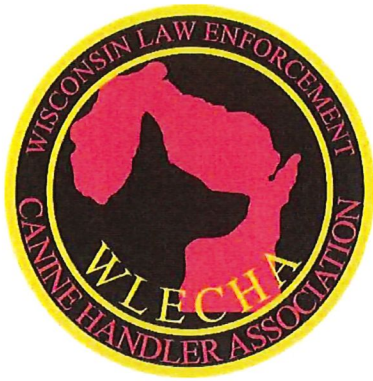
I can not think of a more deserving candidate for this award then Deputy Drewitz as he works hard every day at his craft and is all in when it comes to promoting and supporting the K-9 Units and Programs. If not for Deputy Drewitz our K-9 Unit would not be where it is at today which has grown from 1 to 6 teams since he has become a handler. For those reasons , I ask that you nominate Deputy Ed Drewitz and Canine Friday for Handler of the Year.

Thank you for your Consideration.


Sergeant Troy Ruffalo
Racine County Sheriff's

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Hello my name is Lt. David Kinservik and I am nominating Deputy Edward Drewitz and his K9 partner Friday for the Handler of the Year Award 2019.

Deputy Drewitz and his K9 Friday have been partnered since 05-12-2012. Deputy Drewitz has always been a very proactive officer during his career and when he was partnered with K9 Friday it only helped his high level of proactive police work he was able to do.

In 2018 alone, Deputy Drewitz and Friday were deployed on over 90 traffic stops for open air sniffs and 29 building searches. These searches led to the seizure of 3454.2 grams of THC, 19.7 grams of cocaine, .2 grams of Heroin, 78 narcotic pills, over 55 articles of drug paraphernalia, 2.5 pounds of Crystal Methamphetamine, Acid strips, and the seizure of \$13,220.00 in cash and several guns.

Drewitz and Friday were also involved in 16 person searches/tracks of suspects with 6 of those searches resulting in the capture of the suspect.

Deputy Drewitz and Friday are very active in the community and worked over 25 hours at the Racine County K9 booth at the Racine County Fair in 2018 doing demonstrations and talking about police work and the uses of the police canine. This was on top of the 22 other demonstrations they did through out 2018. Drewitz and Friday are always a crowd favorite when they arrive at demonstrations especially in schools. There are not many school kids in the western portion of Racine County that do not know who Friday is thanks to all their hard work doing demonstrations in the schools and working with specific classrooms when requested on school projects.

When they are not out fighting crime and doing demonstrations, Deputy Drewitz and Friday are hard at work training and helping the other K9 handlers of the Racine County Sheriff's Office K9 unit sharpen their skills.

Please consider awarding Deputy Drewitz and Friday the 2019 WLECHA Handler of the Year award.

Respectfully submitted.



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