

The Essex County Sheriff's Department Hosted the 2012 United States Police Canine Association Region Four's Canine Certification Trials



Sgt. Jen Walsh and K-9 Trouble during one of the many drills.

On Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, the Essex County Sheriff's Department hosted the 2012 United States Police Canine Association Region Four's Canine Certification Trials at Danvers High School. 27 K-9 units, including five of the Essex County Sheriff's Department's 18 teams, participated in last weekend's competition.

This was the Department's first time hosting the trials, and we are proud to announce that each of our five participating K-9 units achieved USPCA national certification. Hundreds packed the stands to watch K-9 teams from the states of New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and Massachusetts compete for certification and individual recognition.



Sgt. Stefanos Tsoukalas and K-9 Dozer begin pursuit.



Sgt. Donald Evans rushes in as K-9 Blitz holds the "bad guy."

We would like to applaud Sgt. Don Evans, Sgt. John Pickles and Lt. Tom Cote who were awarded trophies for exceptional performances. Many vendors attended and helped make this year's Region Four's Canine Certification Trials possible. The Danvers Kiwanis provided refreshments, and Squad Five supplied water for our competitors and visitors.

Congratulations to Captain Shane Ehlers and all of the ECSD teams who participated:

Lt. Tom Cote and K-9 Zack

Sgt. Don Evans and K-9 Blitz

Sgt. Jen Walsh and K-9 Trouble

Sgt. John Pickles and K-9 Ivan

Sgt. Stefanos Tsoukalas and K-9 Dozer

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