

K9 Officer Jawaak - Biography



K9 Officer Jawaak, a Belgian Malinois (pronounced Mal-En-Wah), joined the Hilliard Division of Police in October of 2017. He is the agency's sixth dog to serve in the Division since the program was established in June of 2005.

He was born and raised in France and obeys commands spoken in French. He weighs about 68 pounds and he is approximately 3 years old.

Like all agency K9s, Officer Jawaak is considered a "dual purpose" dog, meaning he is trained in criminal apprehension, tracking, article searches and narcotic detection. A K9's reward is praise from his handler, and his special toy. K9 Jawaak loves his purple rubber ball.

K9 Jawaak and his handler, Officer Dustin Kaiser, trained at Storm Dog Tactical in Sunbury, Ohio. The team is one of three currently serving the City of Hilliard. They join K9 Oz and handler Officer Jim Large, and K9 Kane and handler Officer Tony LaRosa.

On average, the Division's K9 unit assists in 60 arrests per year, per team. Each team is used about 150 times per year, mostly for narcotic detection. The unit is often called upon by other law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio for assistance, and works closely with Hilliard City Schools in its dedication to keeping the buildings drug-free.

K9 Jawaak loves treats, head rubs and his big rescue dog brother at home, Vinny. He has been partnered with Officer Kaiser since October of 2017.