

The *Vision* of the Grove City Division of Police is to “*Create a safe and secure environment where people and businesses can prosper.*” Drugs and drug related criminal activity adversely impact our Vision from becoming a reality in our community. The Division of Police is committed to making this Vision a reality. The K9 Unit is another tool that enhances criminal detection and enforcement as well as provides an educational component for our residents.

Grove City Police K9 Max began his Police Career in July 2015. He maintains a dual certification through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission & the Office of the Attorney General in 'Patrol Related Tactics' and 'Special Purpose' activities. His specialties include narcotic detection, criminal apprehension, human tracking, article searches & handler protection.

Max is an intelligent, intense, & high-energy professionally trained working class dog. Prior to his official Police Officer status, Max competed at various levels in the French Ring Sport in Europe before being trained by 'Storm Dog K9 Training L.L.C.', (Delaware, Ohio). He is currently assigned to the Special Operations Bureau along with his handler, Officer Kitko.

While a Police Officer in Grove City, Max has been deployed over 661 times. He averages about 20-25 deployments per month. From these deployments, Max has assisted Patrol, SRT, Detectives and Special Operations with 340 arrests.

The types of calls where K9 Max is deployed include:

1. Area searches / Tracking (i.e. missing children, missing adults; subject & suspect tracking)
2. Home & building searches
3. Exterior vehicle scenting (majority of deployments; 55-65%)
4. Parcel & luggage sniffs
5. Search Warrant executions & containment
6. Mutual Aid with other law enforcement agencies (i.e. jail & school sniffs, tracking escaped convicts, & tracking robbery & burglary suspects)

In his 2 year career, K9 Max has detected many illegal drugs including Carfentanil, Cocaine, Crack, Crystal Meth, Fentanyl, Hashish, Heroin, Marijuana, MDMA, Methamphetamine, Oxycodone, Prescription Pills (illegally obtained), and variations of Synthetic drugs. He has also been directly involved in a number of seized weapons, money, and other evidence.

## **K9 Max**

**Height 2'2"**  
**Weight 63lbs**  
**Speed 35-40+MPH**  
**DOB 04/28/2013**