



Hanover County Sheriff's Office
Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff



News Release

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The Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the graduation of two of our newest "officers" from their basic academy. "Jax" and "Dino," both three-year-old German Shepherds, just graduated from the Virginia State Police Canine School on December 19th, 2003.

"Jax" and "Dino," and all of their related equipment were purchased using grant funding from the Department of Justice Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. Both dogs completed the 13-week academy with their handlers, Deputy James Carter and Deputy Joe Crowder. Deputy Carter has been with the Sheriff's Office since 2002 and was recently assigned as a K-9 Officer. "Jax" is his first dog. Deputy Crowder is a nine-year veteran of the department and "Dino" is his third partner. Both of his other partners have been retired.

With this grant funding we were able to increase our K-9 program from one dog team to three, which better enables the department to respond to calls in a more timely manner where a patrol dog would be helpful. They now join "Kramer," a four year old German Shepherd that is assigned to Deputy Jeff Macy, who has been with the Sheriff's Office for six years.

All three dogs are trained for general patrol use are tasked with locating missing persons, tracking wanted felons, and locating items involved in a criminal investigation. The dogs are assigned to these dedicated officers who not only work with them, but also take care of the dogs at their homes to insure that they are healthy, well fed, and well rested.

"We are very appreciative of the Department of Justice for making this enhancement of our services possible without a cost to our citizens," said Colonel V. Stuart Cook, Sheriff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on Lt. Doug Goodman at 365-6312.

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Sheriff