

K9 MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The K9 Memorial emphasizes that the King County Sheriff's Office does not forget our honored deputies and service dogs.

Creation of the King County Sheriff's Office K9 memorial began in October of 2017. It involved many hours of research to identify past handlers and their dogs.

The task of identifying and building a suitable memorial to honor their past service came next.

Prior to this memorial, 28 ground-markers were originally placed at the former Precinct 2 location in Kenmore. They were then moved to the Communications Center in 2012 when KCSO moved out of the Kenmore property.

The memorial could only be completed with help from our community partners, active and retired K9 handlers, Communication Specialists, and support from the Sheriff's Office Administration. It is an important and respectful way to pay tribute to the years of service provided by these specialized teams.

Honoring The
Years Of Service Of
Our K9 Partners

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



*The King County Sheriff's Office recognizes
the following individuals and community
partners for their support:*

Sheriff Mitzi G. Johanknecht	Sheriff John Urquhart (Ret.)
Undersheriff Scott A. Somers	Deputy Mick D'Orazio
Captain Greg Thomas	Amanda Guarascio
Sergeant Randy Potter	Deputy Randy Houser (Ret.)
Dispatcher Alex Thomas	Deputy Pete Sheridan (Ret.)
Deputy Ed Christian	Sergeant DB Gates (Ret.)
Deputy Fred Didway	Sergeant Sally Mendel (Ret.)
Deputy Rich Dosio	KC Councilmember Reagan Dunn
Deputy Roland Gervacio	KC Facilities Management Div.
Deputy Jim Nelson	Impressive Trophies & Awards
Deputy Chris West	Orca Granite & Stone
Micki Christensen	Western Graphics

King County Sheriff's Office
K9 Memorial
3511 NE 2nd St,
Renton WA 98056

SHERIFF

KING COUNTY

K9 Memorial
Dedicated
Tuesday April 16th, 2019



Wall Plaques:

#	Name	Start	End	Handler
1	Duke	1977	1978	Bill Dickinson
2	Watson	1978	1980	Dwight Holmes
3	Shadow	1980	1982	Tim Burns
4	Hawk	1982	1983	Rick Bell
5	Bandit	1986	1987	Randy Houser
6	Chaser	1986	1987	Mel Miller
7	Coogan	1991	1992	Chuck Waggener
8	Tyler	1992	1994	Chuck Waggener
9	Banjo	1993	1995	Chuck Waggener
10	Glory	1990	1996	Chris Young
11	Rusty	1992	1997	Mike Griffith
12	Varic	1995	2001	Bill Harm
13	Zed	1997	2003	Ed Christian
14	Thunder	2001	2005	Zbig Kasprzyk
15	Quincy	1999	2006	John Decker
16	Apollo	1998	2007	Randy Potter
17	Quax	2002	2007	Chris West
18	Jones	2006	2007	John Decker
19	Scout	2001	2010	Randy Houser
20	Mace	2003	2010	Chuck Waggener
21	Jet	2003	2011	Pete Sheridan
22	Copper	2005	2011	Mel Miller
23	Wylie	2003	2012	Ed Christian
24	Reicher	2001	2013	Bill Harm
25	Caz	2007	2013	Chris West
26	Browning	2008	2013	Troy Chaffee
27	Sabre	2005	2014	Zbig Kasprzyk
28	Panzer	2007	2014	Randy Potter
29	Jimmy	2015	2015	Travis Brunner
30	Kuva	2011	2015	Kristi Bridgman
31	Steve	2006	2012	Tim Morgan
32	Ace	2010	2014	Randy Houser
33	Misti	2006	2007	Larry Canary
34	Luky	2014	2019	Devon Stratton
35	Rio	2011	2017	Joe Merclich
36	Avo	2011	2016	John Grose

K9 Prayer

I will lay down my life for you and expect nothing but love in return. I protect all officers with my life, and would gladly take a bullet in their place. I am sent in to find lost children and fugitives on the run. I find drugs and weapons and even bombs. I am the first sent in and often the last to leave. I am the nose and ears of the officers. I protect and serve them. I would die for any and all officers. I only ask for your love and care.

The King County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit was started in March of 1977 by Gary Davis and Bill Dickinson. In those days, the King County Department of Public Safety sent out news announcements asking for people to donate pure bred German Shepherd puppies, with a phone number to call. So Gary and Bill would take those calls and go to look at the dogs that met their criteria. Later in the Unit's history, they developed the Puppy Program, where they would use dogs that weren't fit for service as breeding stock, which led to several father-son legacies in the unit.



Ground Markers:

#	Name:	Start	End	Handler
1	Kam	1978	1980	Scott Kummerfeldt
2	Satan	1981	1982	Gary Davis
3	J.J.	1977	1983	Gary Davis
4	Jake	1978	1984	Kevin O'Shaughnessy
5	Sarge	1978	1985	Ken Wardstrom
6	Radar	1978	1985	William Dickinson
7	K.C.	1978	1986	Scott Kummerfeldt
8	Zach	1984	1988	Randy Gehrke
9	Sombra	1987	1989	Bill Frost
10	Sam	1983	1989	Randy Houser
11	Magnum	1983	1990	Rick Bell
12	Heidi	1989	1991	Bill Frost
13	Murphy	1983	1991	Kevin P. Klason
14	Coffee	1985	1991	Ken Wardstrom
15	Joker	1985	1991	Bonnie Soule
16	Luke	1986	1992	Steve Wandel
17	Shumba	1986	1993	Zbig Kasprzyk
18	Sneaker	1989	1994	Pete Sheridan
19	Trapper	1989	1997	Randy Houser
20	Tracer	1989	2000	Bill Frost
21	Riggs	1995	2001	Randy Houser
22	Myrdock	1989	2002	Ed Christian
23	Sniper	1993	2001	Zbig Kasprzyk
24	Yogi	1993	2003	Peter Sheridan
25	Maverick	1989	2004	Rick Bell
26	Hombre	1993	2001	Steve Wandel
27	Vader	1995	2003	Chuck Waggener
28	Tex	1997	2005	Mel Miller

*64 dogs total recognized on the memorial
16 Active duty dogs between Tracking,
Explosives, & Narcotics;
(no active Arson dogs)
16 dogs in retirement*

*Dogs passed have accounted for
a total of 358 years of service*