

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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K9 Deputies Graduate Tomorrow with New Partners

Onondaga County, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the 2021 spring canine graduation ceremony to be held tomorrow morning at 11:00 am.

Jeff Neal, a deputy in the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit, and his new canine partner, Searles, a 23 month-old male Dutch Shepherd mix from Hungary, as well as Deputy Robert Renaud and his canine partner, Yello, a German Shepherd from Holland, will graduate tomorrow from the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Spring Canine Academy. In addition to Deputies Neal and Renaud's graduation, four other canine handlers from police agencies across New York will also graduate at the ceremony, which will take place at the Sheriff's Office Police Support Building located at 3301 Cessna Drive in the Town of Camillus.

- Deputy Nickolas Yates and K9 Tomi of Wayne County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Jacob Slobe and K9 Pitt, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office
- Deputy Philipp Gomm with K9 Jarno, Columbia County Sheriff's Office
- Officer William Arpei and K9 Vas, Saratoga Springs Police Department

The Academy, which was instructed by Onondaga County Sheriff's Sergeant Craig Belcher, began on April 12th, 2021 and consisted of 400 hours of various training methods to include patrol tracking, building searches, obedience, agility and officer protection training. Eventually, the canine handlers along with their partners will attend an additional six-week school in the fall that will certify them in either explosive or narcotics detection.

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