



LONG BEACH K-9 OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

K9 COLLAR

Officer Bernardo Barajas and K-9 Chaco

After serving 5 years with Detective Jerry Carter, K-9 Chaco was responsible for many sniffs that led to the confiscation of drugs, drug-money and guns. Chaco was now being assigned to the Long Beach Police Drug Investigation Section. Chaco, the energetic Chesapeake Bay / Labrador mix, was now assigned to a new handler, Detective Bernardo Barajas.

My name is Bernardo Barajas and I'm currently assigned to the Long Beach Police Drug Investigation Section (DIS). On August 2012, I was selected to be the next Long Beach DIS K-9 handler and scheduled to attend the Long Beach Police K-9 handler school in early September 2012. The K-9 school was organized by veteran K-9 handler Officer Ernie Wolosewicz, with the assistance of Detective Jerry Carter.

After weeks of bonding with Chaco, weeks of training, and with the help of the Long Beach Police K-9 Unit, I successfully passed K-9 school and was certified with Chaco in late October 2012.

It did not take long for Chaco to showcase his abilities and talent to his new team. On 10/30/2012 at approximately 1500 hours, Chaco and I assisted the Long Beach DIS with the execution of a drug related search warrant. The information we received was that a male White, in his late 50's was selling heroin in the area of 10th Street and Martin Luther King Blvd, in the city of Long Beach, California.

Once the house was deemed secured and safe for Chaco to enter, I reached into my training that I

received from the Long Beach Police K-9 school and gave Chaco the order to sniff away. The house consisted of two bedrooms, one bath, a living room and a kitchen. Chaco instantaneously picked up odor of drugs and entered the master bedroom of the drug dealer. Chaco alerted to a black steel safe and to a glass jar located inside the master bedroom closet. The glass jar had marijuana and inside of the safe were 10 bags of heroin.

In the month of November, Long Beach DIS Detective received information of a marijuana grow at a residence in the 1000 block of Coronado Avenue in the city of Long Beach. Chaco and I assisted in a sniff. Chaco alerted to an exterior vent to the residence. A search warrant was written based on the sniff and other information. A search warrant was executed and a marijuana grow was located along with an AK-47 assault rifle.

Also, in the month of November, I was investigating a residence in the 300 block of 9th Street in the city of Long Beach, CA for drug sales. The drug dealer was a Crip gang member selling drugs a few feet from an elementary school. A search warrant was executed to the residence. Chaco sniffed the interior and located a large amount of marijuana, a revolver and a shotgun.

Lastly, in the month of November, while investigating a drug location in the 900 block of Olive Avenue, in the city of Long Beach, CA, we observed what appeared to be drug transaction between a vehicle and a subject. A patrol unit conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle.

Chaco conducted a sniff of the vehicle and alerted to the front driver's seat and the back area of the vehicle. In the front driver's seat, Officers located a large amount of methamphetamine, scale and baggies. In the back area of the vehicle Officers located a large amount of drug money.



K-9 Chaco

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Sergeant's Report

By Sergeant Marcus Hodge, Air Support and K-9 Units

The last several months have been full of challenges and successes for the Police Service Dog Unit (PSDU).

The Patrol PSDUs have continued to perform at their usual outstanding level. Numerous armed and dangerous felony suspects have been taken into custody with the assistance of the Patrol PSDUs. Their apprehension was substantially safer for officers as a result of using the PSDUs.

The Narcotics Detection PSDUs have been assisting various federal and local law enforcement agencies working in the city of Long Beach and the surrounding areas. Narcotic Detection PSDUs have been instrumental in locating substantial amounts of controlled substances concealed inside vehicles and residences.

The Explosive and Firearm Detection PSDUs have done explosive sweeps for various dignitaries that have visited the city of Long Beach and located several concealed firearms.

The skill level and knowledge that each handler possesses is a reflection of the pride and passion that each handler has for the PSDU. Their professionalism and commitment to excellence is a testament to the caliber of officers assigned to the PSDU. All of the K-9 handlers are to be commended for their outstanding work, tremendous dedication, and they are a credit to the Long Beach Police Department and the City of Long Beach.

Finally, we'd like to thank the members of the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association. We are humbled and deeply appreciate your dedication and support of the Long Beach Police Department's PSDU.

Regards,
Marcus

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is always the busiest time of the year as we prepare for our annual car show and K-9 demonstration. There is always so much to do as we plan out the food, music, opportunity drawings, location and logistics.

We have a lot of groups to be thankful for the support they provide. The Sultans Car Club of Long Beach hosts the show, the Long

Beach Police Officers Association provides the park and BBQ for the car show, the Police Academy allows the use for the demo, the Long Beach Grand Prix donates the grandstand for the demo, the Explorers provide help with parking and security, and the K-9 and Air Support Units put on one heck of a show! Without all their support, we would not be able to provide a quality day of family entertainment and fun.

I hope you can all make it and I look forward to seeing you all there! Thank you for your contributions, support and donations. Your funds are spent well supporting the Long Beach K-9 Detail!

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Dog Unit**

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Jhonny

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Kyra

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Drago & Thor

Officer Phil Golia
Nala

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Det. Bernardo
Barajas
Chaco

In Memoriam: K9 Floyd

Handler:	Det. Greg Roberts, Narcotics
Dates of Service:	11-10-2006 to 12-29-2011
Date of Birth:	Unknown (approx 2002)
Date of Death:	2-7-2013
Cause of Death:	Cancer

Floyd came to serve with the Long Beach Police Department by an unusual route. The Narcotics Section decided to expand the drug detection K-9's by adding an additional K-9, and I was selected to be the new dog handler. The search for funding for a new dog began, and I was contacted by Sgt. Jeff Garcia, who told me of a semi-trained German Shepherd that someone was looking to donate. This led me to a meeting with "Lamb" Lambert of All States K-9. Lamb told me that the dog had washed out of patrol K-9 training, but had been trained to find drugs along the way. I was told that he was 4 years old and I decided to give him a try. Lamb officially donated the dog to the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association. I took delivery of Floyd on November 10, 2006, and we would be partners for the next 6 years.

I was somewhat bothered by the name "Floyd", as it was not very impressive sounding. But the dog answered to it, and for a drug dog, the association with

the band, Pink Floyd, seemed to work. We began training with Ernie Wolosewicz and Floyd started on his LBPD career. I would also like to give thanks to all of the other K-9 Officers from that time, for their valuable insights into helping me become an effective dog handler. I would not have made it without a lot of help.

Floyd was certified as a drug detection dog on 5-5-2007, by Darryl DiSanto of Scenturion K-9 consulting. (The celebration was held at Joe Jost's). During the next months, Floyd continued to improve with all of the searches we were continuously called to do. I was amazed at how good he was becoming at finding drug odor, especially on parcels and car stops. Floyd was "probable cause on four paws," and my fellow Detectives and I were able to make many cases happen, just because of Floyd's alert. Floyd became a regular fixture at the LBPD Police Station, and even got to visit the Long Beach Courthouse on a

few occasions. Floyd was not a "friendly" dog, but he was not aggressive either, and people were thrilled to watch him work and train. After over 5 years of service, Floyd's nose led to the following seizures:

Cocaine: Over 53 lbs.

Methamphetamine: Over 192 lbs.

Marijuana: Over 461 lbs.

Heroin: Over 2 lbs.

US Currency: \$1,081,176

I retired from the LBPD at the end of 2011, and Floyd retired with me. He never did adjust to retirement; he was a working dog. I took Floyd to the vet on Monday, 2-4-2013, because he had been acting sick. The Vet told me it looked like a form of cancer called Hemangiosarcoma. Following the bad news, I had a couple of good days with Floyd, and he seemed to be improving. But Floyd suddenly passed away on Thursday, 2-7-2013, at 6:30 in the evening.

I am grateful to the members of the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association, the Long Beach Police Department, and so many others who gave me the opportunity to work with an incredible "best friend".





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CRIME CRUSHERS

Corporal Greg Manis and K-9 Jhonny

At times our K-9 detail is requested by outside agencies that do not have, or have limited K-9 resources, to provide them assistance. I know over the years I personally have assisted local police agencies with my K-9. Agencies like Signal Hill, Seal Beach, Cypress, Westminster, Torrance, Inglewood, and Hawaiian Gardens, when they had their own Police Department, are just a few. I have also been asked to assist the CHP when they come into our city or a neighboring city after a car chase has gone to foot pursuit.

Such was the case a few months back when a CHP motor Officer crashed his motorcycle while in pursuit and was seriously injured. CHP was chasing an erratic driver who was at some points driving in the opposing lanes of traffic at high rates of speed. At the termination of the pursuit a collision occurred with the suspect and an innocent driver, and a second chain reaction collision with a citizen and the CHP motor. It was also later determined by the wallet left on the driver's seat that he was a Parolee at large, [meaning he was a wanted felon]. The suspect left the scene and fled into the neighborhood to hide.

CHP requested the help of Long Beach Police patrol officers to help set up a containment, and the use of our Air unit "Fox", and our K-9's. An overlap in

shifts meant we had numerous K-9's to help. Long Beach at that time became the primary agency to search for the suspect. We quickly locked down the area and got Fox's help from above. As per our policy, numerous announcements were given out over our public address "PA" system for him to give up.

After there was no response from the suspect, we began our search using two arrest teams doing two searches at back-to-back yards at one time, moving down the block in a slow systematic fashion. About an hour and a half since the collision, we were coming to one of the last houses on the block. This yard would prove to be difficult as it was a deep lot and full of junk, a couple of broken down cars, an old travel trailer, and grass up to our knees. My partner Jhonny quickly worked his way to the opposite corner of the house and began to alert at the crawl space leading under the house. I pulled the wood cover off and with my flashlight I scanned the crawl space but it was way too deep as it was a large house, and I could not see anyone hiding. Jhonny was eager to search under the house. I gave one more announcement for the suspect to give up before I would send in the dog. I didn't get a response so I sent Jhonny in. Within 30 seconds Jhonny contacted the suspect and I heard this voice saying he wants to give up now. I call Jhonny back to me outside

the crawlspace and order him out. I said if he did not crawl out Jhonny was coming back in to visit. He quickly said he was coming out. CHP positively identified our guy and they took him to jail.

At the end of the day the bad guy was arrested and although the CHP officer was seriously hurt, I was told later that he would fully recover. This is an example of how Law Enforcement can work together in a safe and quick manner with the help of the K-9 unit.



Kyra hits the Lotto!

By Officer Mike Parcels



Officer Parcels and Kyra

We were working patrol one night when we got a call to assist Orange County Sheriff's Department, with a Narcotics Search in our city.

Kyra and I responded to the Westside, where I met the Orange County Sheriff's Deputy. He told me that they had gotten information that people were selling narcotics from a house in our city. He also told me that they stopped a car coming from that house and they located a kilo of cocaine. He said that they were in the process of writing a search warrant for the house and wanted to use a narcotics K-9 to search the house.

After the search warrant was signed, we drove back to the residence and served the warrant. After all the subjects were detained inside, I got Kyra out of the car and brought her into the house. I asked the subjects if there were any more narcotics inside the house. They stated, "No, we never had any drugs here."

I gave Kyra her search command, and she was off. Searching every little crease and crevasse inside the house. As we were searching in the bedroom, Kyra alerted to something inside the dresser. I advised my spotter of the alert, and advised him to check the dresser. He opened the dresser and recovered a small locked safe. I asked him to

take the safe into another area of the house to see if I could confirm the alert on the safe. He placed the safe in another room, on the floor next to a dresser. As Kyra started to search that room, she came to the safe and alerted to the odor of narcotics again.

We continued through the house, and then we moved out to the garage. As we were searching the garage, Kyra's head came up and she started alerting high. I looked up and noticed that a portion of the drywall had been cut.

I told my spotter to check up in the ceiling where the drywall was cut. He got a ladder and climbed up and moved the drywall. He looked up into the attic and saw what appeared to be another kilo of cocaine. He reached into the attic and recovered the package, which was confirmed to be cocaine.

Without Kyra's keen nose, there would have been no way we would have located the 2nd Kilo. As I was walking her back to the police car, the deputy advised me that they were able to open the safe which contained \$60,000 in cash.

CRIME CRUSHERS

Officer Jerry Carter and K-9's Thor & Drago

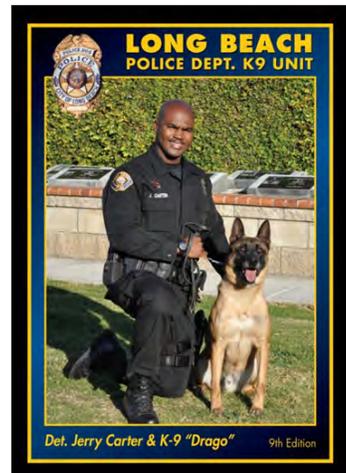
On Tuesday March 5, 2013, Officer Carter and K-9 Thor, with the assistance of Officer Golia and K9 Nala, conducted searches at Jordan High School for narcotics and weapons. The school administrators contacted the school resource officer regarding the smell of marijuana in the restrooms and around campus. The campus officer contacted Officer Carter regarding their concerns of narcotics on the campus and scheduled a K-9 search.

Officer Carter searched three classrooms and approximately 120 back packs. K-9 Thor alerted on a back pack that contained a small amount of marijuana and a marijuana crusher. Further investigation revealed the student to be in possession of a folding locking blade knife. The student was identified and arrested for a felony.

On Monday, March 25, 2013, Officer Carter was dispatched to assist north patrol officers who needed the assistance of a gun dog. Officer Carter was further advised that a subject in a vehicle was seen shooting out of his car while he was driving and was being detained by officers. Upon arrival to

the scene Officer Carter contacted the handling unit who advised him the suspects who were being detained denied being involved in the incident. I was told the the subjects being detained gave Officers permission to search the vehicle. Officer Carter deployed K-9 Drago on an exterior search of the vehicle. K-9 Drago showed a lot of interest on the driver's door handle. When Officer Carter deployed Drago on the inside of the vehicle, he immediately alerted under the driver's seat and on top of the driver's seat.

When the vehicle was searched we were unable to locate a gun. I was later told by the sergeant who observed the vehicle in the alley, that when he first observed the vehicle it was parked rear of an apartment complex and the only person who was in the car was the passenger. The driver was walking from the rear of an apartment complex back to the car. Officer Carter believed that the suspect dropped the gun off to a friend or relative before officers arrived on scene.



SWAT DEPLOYMENT

By Officer Ernie Wolosewicz

Kazik had a capture during a SWAT deployment a while ago but I was not able to tell you about it because of the ongoing investigation. I was told that if I don't give too many specific details I could write a brief narrative of the incident.

Without giving the time and date of the incident, the SWAT team was called to assist with a suspect who was shooting out of his house at police and other city officials. The suspect was a hoarder and had filled his house and front yard full of "stuff". The neighbors became concerned about the health and safety of the suspect and called code enforcement to check on the suspect's residence. Code enforcement responded and visited the house a couple of times and advised the suspect he needed to clean his house or the city would come in and take action. On this day the code enforcement officer, accompanied by patrol officers, was visiting the house to serve him with a notice.

The patrol officers and the code enforcement officers approached the door of the suspect's house when suddenly they were fired upon from inside the house. The code enforcement officer was hit in the head but it was not a life threatening injury. The officers backed away to a position of cover and called for back-up.

The SWAT team responded and we set up a perimeter around the location. We placed an armored truck in front

of his house with an arrest team and then evacuated his neighbors. The SWAT K-9's were deployed on perimeter locations. I was assigned to the arrest team in front of the house behind the armored car.

The suspect continued to shoot out of his residence and was apparently aiming at official vehicles. Officer Parcels was on a perimeter position behind a code enforcement vehicle and the suspect shot out the window of the vehicle. The suspect was putting the entire community and his neighbors in harm's way, carelessly shooting out of his house. We also received information that the suspect was known to possess a handgun and a grenade.

The SWAT team could not make a safe approach because of all the clutter in the front yard. We called for the use of an armored "BOBCAT" that had a long boom arm with a claw (see photos) this piece of machinery was able to clear all of the items from the front yard as well as deploy gas into the house. While the BOBCAT worked in front of the suspect's house, the suspect would randomly fire at it attempting to stop it. The BOBCAT was able to clear a path and deploy gas into the house. The gas had no effect on the suspect so the plan was to breach the front door with the BOBCAT and deploy more gas into a hopefully more open area.

The BOBCAT pulled the front door off its hinges and the suspect was standing in the doorway just inside the house.

The operator of the BOBCAT deployed the gas immediately which engulfed the suspect. The suspect walked out to the curb towards us to get away from the gas, but he was not complying with our commands. The suspect began to walk along the sidewalk away from us and towards another residence. We could not see if the suspect was armed, and we feared he would harm innocent neighbors by taking hostages or indiscriminately firing upon civilians. We could not allow him to leave as he presented an imminent threat to the public.

We decided to deploy less than lethal soft rubber projectiles and send a K-9 at the same time to subdue the suspect. The less than lethal rounds were fired and K-9 Kazik was deployed. Kazik made contact and was able to stop the suspect and distract him long enough for the arrest team to take him safely into custody.

In this case the K-9 potentially saved the life of the suspect who was non-compliant and placing himself in a lethal force situation. The SWAT team showed great concern for all victims and suspect alike, resolving the matter safely. Kazik and the K-9 detail again showed great courage in the face of danger and gunfire. Kazik apprehended the suspect who could have easily shot him. Kazik, without concern for his own life gave the SWAT team time to make an approach and safely end a potentially deadly situation.



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