



LONG BEACH K-9 OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

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Protecting the Dalai Lama
K-9 Kasia and Officer Ernie Wolosewicz K3

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is both the head of state and the spiritual leader of Tibet. He was born on 6 July 1935, to a farming family, in a small hamlet located in Taktser, Amdo, in northeastern Tibet. At the age of two, the child, who was named Lhamo Dhondup at that time, was recognized as the reincarnation of the 13th Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso. The Dalai Lamas are believed to be manifestations of Avalokiteshvara or Chenrezig, the Bodhisattva of Compassion and patron saint of Tibet. Bodhisattvas are enlightened beings who have postponed their own nirvana and chosen to take rebirth in order to serve humanity.

In 1950, His Holiness was called upon to assume full political power after China's invasion of Tibet in 1949. In 1954, he went to Beijing for peace talks with Mao Zedong and other Chinese leaders, including Deng Xiaoping and Chou Enlai. But finally, in 1959, with the brutal suppression of the Tibetan national uprising in Lhasa by Chinese troops, His Holiness was forced to escape into exile. Since then he has been living in Dharamsala, northern India, the seat of the Tibetan political administration in exile.

Since the Chinese invasion, His Holiness has appealed to the United Nations on the question of Tibet. The General Assembly adopted three resolutions on Tibet in 1959, 1961 and 1965. In his address to members of the United States Congress in Wash-

ington, D.C. on 21 September 1987, His Holiness proposed the following peace plan, which contains five basic components:

The Five Point Peace Plan

1. Transformation of the whole of Tibet into a zone of peace.
2. Abandonment of China's population transfer policy that threatens the very existence of the Tibetans as a people.
3. Respect for the Tibetan people's fundamental human rights and democratic freedoms.
4. Restoration and protection of Tibet's natural environment and the abandonment of China's use of Tibet for the production of nuclear weapons and dumping of nuclear waste.
5. Commencement of earnest negotiations on the future status of Tibet and of relations between the Tibetan and Chinese peoples.
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Because of the issues between China and Tibet, the Dalai Lama receives many credible threats and attempts on his life. When he comes to Long Beach, our police department is tasked to assist the State Department with his security.

Our Bomb Sniffing K-9's conduct all the searches requested by the State Department. It is a task involving many long hours of searching, including buildings, outside areas and motorcades, over several days.

On the Dalai Lama's last day he requested to meet the "Dogs". We were told the Dalai Lama is very fond of dogs and wanted to

meet the courageous and hard working K-9's that were there to protect him. It just so happened that Kasia was searching during his last function so she was the lucky K-9 to meet the Dalai Lama. The picture you see is one of Kasia just after the photo taken with the Dalai Lama. When I receive the official photo of Kasia and the Dalai Lama I will be sure to share it with you!



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Sergeant's Report

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

It seems like 2012 began only yesterday and here we are facing 2013. We hope all of you are well, and that in the New Year the road rises up to meet you and the wind is at your back .

During 2012 we had two Detection Handlers and their K-9 partners retire; Greg Roberts and his partner Floyd, and Detective Johnnie Williams and his partner Bennie-Rue. We wish them all the best, they've earned it.

The Detection and Patrol Police Service Dog Units have been very active training, apprehending felony suspects, locating hidden controlled substances, and assisting numerous other local, state, and federal agencies throughout the year. Their most recent high profile apprehension involved locating a suspect that fled into a residential neighborhood after he struck a California Highway Patrol motorcycle officer with his vehicle. They continuously do outstanding work, making it safer for officers in the performance of their duties and the citizens 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 Police Service Dog Unit.

Happy Holidays!

Marcus



K-9 Kasia getting into the holiday spirit!

K-9 Paco & Officer Joe Valenzuela

In November 2012, K-9 Paco and I were dispatched to assist Patrol on a search for a burglary suspect. When I got on scene I was told that the suspect was hiding within a five house area. After making announcements to give up, Paco and I started our search.

The first house was cleared and we moved to the next. After contacting the owner of the residence and making sure we were able to search with Paco, we moved to the back yard. Paco was clearing the yard when I noticed a fence connected to the garage. Next to the garage door was a window that was open and the screen was torn. I thought the suspect

was going to be in the garage. We moved to the garage and deployed Paco inside with no luck. After double checking the garage for the suspect we moved to the rear of the garage.

The rear of the garage was filled with cans and bags of recyclables. I placed Paco near the bags and his ears perked up. I let him go and he was jumping on top of the bags. His head snapped to the left and I could tell he was onto something. He went to the side of the garage, out of my sight, when I heard a voice say "I give up, come get your dog".

Paco had found the suspect hiding between the garage and the next door neighbor's fence.

When Paco leaped to bite the suspect, both he and the suspect broke through the fence and landed in the neighbor's yard!

Good capture Paco!



Long Beach Police Service Dog Unit

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Jhonny

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Brayen

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Kyra

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**Zerek, Kasia &
Kazik**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The State of the K-9 Officers Association for the Year 2012

As we set our sights on a new year, it is time to look back on our achievements in the past year. Our membership roster remains solid, and our financial position continues to be stronger than prior years. Loyal members, volunteers, dedicated Board members, the K-9 Detail (dogs and handlers), and all those who supported our fundraising efforts throughout 2012...**THANK YOU!** As a result of your time and generosity, we were able to accomplish the following during 2012:

K-9 Programs: In 2012, we paid **\$22,847** for the purchase of **Abby** and **Kyra**, two replacement K-9 service dogs and we disbursed **\$18,081** for needed veterinarian care and medicine for all the K-9 service dogs.

Cemetery/Cremation/Memorials: In 2012, Officer Ernie Wolosewicz lost his K-9 partner **Truda** due to age related illness. On this project, including cremation and headstone, we paid **\$291**.

Retired K-9's and Handlers: Detectives **Greg Roberts** and **Johnnie Williams** retired with their respective K-9's **Floyd** and **Bennie Rue**. Officer Vic Ortiz retired his K-9 partner **Ringo** and is currently handling K-9 **Trex**. After 33 years of service as a K-9 handler, **Corporal Robert Schroeder** retired from the K-9 Detail and currently works in the Traffic Detail downtown. His

K-9 **Egor** is now handled by Officer Jerry Carter as K-9 **Thor**.

Annual Car Show & K-9 Demo: Thanks to your amazing support in May 2012, we grossed **\$12,993** at this fun event, full of live music, food and drawings. We are especially thankful for the Sultans Car Club who sponsored the event again this year, which showcased beautiful automobiles, vendor exhibits, a race car, and a helicopter transport. The crowd is always delighted to observe the K-9's and their handlers put on a wonderful and exciting demonstration, with a special appearance by Fox, LBPD's helicopter.

Memorial Donations: Thanks to a generous public, donations totaling **\$473** were made in memory of **Arthur Stein** and **Alan Dassero**.

Other Events: The Association, or the K-9's and their handlers, attended several events this year, such as the car show mentioned above, and other public community walk and talks, where attendees can meet and greet and take photos. At many of these events, we receive donations in exchange for t-shirts, license plate frames, key chains, and trading cards. We also **wrote, published, and distributed 4 newsletters, and designed new t-shirts.**

Annual Volunteer Luncheon: None was held in 2012.

Major Contributor: The Association would like to pay special thanks to **The Evelyn M. Bauer Foundation** and **James (Retired LBPD Cmdr.) and Jean Ryals** for their significant contributions made this year. Thank you very, very much!

K-9 Unit Summary: At present, there are 11 handlers and 14 service and detection dogs in the K-9 detail. The association continues to be ready, willing, and able to support the LBPD K-9 unit when economic and budgetary constraints allow the unit to grow.

LBK90A Summary: By the end of 2012, the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association Board of Directors will have contributed almost **600 hours of volunteer service**, and will have made expenditures towards LBPD K-9 programs in excess of **\$55,000**, making this a very successful year.

Again, my sincerest thanks to all those who helped our Association grow, allowing us the opportunity to purchase and provide lifetime care for Long Beach Police Service Dogs, and to support the dedicated members of the LBPD K-9 Detail in their efforts to keep their fellow officers and our community safe!

Dan Kachel, President

Board of Directors

NEW TECHNOLOGY

Officer Ernie Wolosewicz K3 and K-9's Kasia & Kazik

The Long Beach Police K-9 detail is always looking for ways to improve the safety of patrol officers, SWAT team members, handlers and the dogs that do all the dangerous work. Recently our department was able to purchase two pieces of equipment that has greatly improved our directional searches and the ability to gather intelligence while the dog is on a search.

The laser has been around for a while and I had experimented with it before with Truda, my first bomb dog. We were successful in that I was able to mark a car with a laser from a distance and Truda would search the vehicle on her own while I stayed behind cover. The whole idea was that I could deploy Truda from a position of safety and she would conduct a search for explosives, thus increasing my chances of surviving an unexpected detonation.

The laser I purchased was one I bought at Radio Shack, but it was not powerful enough and I could barely see it in daylight. The new Lasers we bought are very powerful and can easily be seen in daylight. I started training both Kasia (my bomb dog) and Kazik (my patrol dog) on responding to the laser. Both dogs are responding well but Kazik seems to have a greater desire to chase the laser.

I have been successfully using the laser on patrol searches inside of buildings to direct Kazik to specific doors. If I saw a door I wanted him to check or recheck I would point at it with the laser and Kazik would go to it and sniff it again. Having the ability to redirect Kazik from a position of cover has greatly increased my safety and efficiency during searches.

Searching with the SWAT team is a different environment and requires more control of the K-9 with limited penetration on your searches. The team constantly requires the dog

to deploy into specific areas, checking small portions of the house or building at a time. I have been using the laser on SWAT training days with great success. The training days helped the team see how the laser was used and its limitations. I used the laser on three live SWAT deployments and it worked perfectly. I was able to direct Kazik to every specific location the team needed checked.

The second piece of equipment we obtained was a dog mounted video camera. The battery operated video camera mounts on the back of the K-9. It attaches to a Velcro pad and snaps onto our Eagle vest that was built to receive camera systems. The live video is then transmitted to a handheld monitor to the handler.

I have been training with the camera system mounted on Kazik's vest since the beginning of the year. He grew accustomed to the odd weight and soon forgot it was attached to him. I use it on almost every patrol search in the field. The intelligence I get back from seeing him conduct his search is priceless. I am able to get a layout of the building, I can see if he is conducting a proper search, and I can immediately identify hazards. The camera has proved so useful that I started integrating it on my SWAT searches. The camera has given the SWAT team another advantage in a dangerous environment. (The attached photo shows Kazik with the SWAT team, the camera is the black thing on his back).

Kazik is currently the only K-9 on our team deploying with this technology, so he is the test case for the team. Hopefully with his continued success we will be able to perform greater and safer tasks. Kazik has the perfect temperament for this work and accepts the equipment well. He puts up well with all the abuse I put him through. He is a great dog!!!



Jhonny's First Contact Corporal Greg Manis & K-9 Jhonny

One of the great things about being a police officer is that at any moment anything can happen. On a very quiet Tuesday morning a North Patrol unit got on the air and said he was following a vehicle that was at a high rate of speed northbound on Myrtle from Atlantic. Wow, I'm right there on Atlantic coming up on South Street. As I got to Myrtle and South all I saw was the now pursuing unit turning west on Harding and after numerous turns in an attempt to lose the patrol officer, the officer says on the radio that the suspect had crashed into a parked vehicle, got out, and started running east into the neighborhood.

Now on scene, I help in getting a perimeter set up as the original pursuing unit runs the plate. It was determined that a "cold" plate, or a plate from another car, was attached to the vehicle attempting to conceal that it was stolen. Multiple units arrive as well as our helicopter, "Fox".

One of our detective units knew of a car thief that he had arrested twice in the last six months who lived within our perimeter and matched the description. After getting a copy of his driver's license photo, the pursuing officer con-

firmed that this was the person who ran from the stolen vehicle. At least now we know who we are looking for. We tried by P/A to convince the suspect to give up or a K-9 would be used to find him, but there was no response. I started searching with my K-9 partner Jhonny and after several houses came up empty. We did know that the next house we would search would be that of our suspect. Again we tried calling him out by name, even getting his father involved, but again there was no response.

Now it becomes even more dangerous for all involved. He is now possibly in his own house or garage, possibly barricaded, and will have the advantage of knowing all the hiding spots to see us from, and may have weapons at his disposal. The police K-9 becomes the most logical tool because of his searching techniques [nose] and if need be, apprehend the suspect and allow us officers to approach safely.

We determined that his room is the garage according to his father, so we go there and again try to call him out, knowing by now the helicopter has been circling over head for the last hour and he knows that we are near. What

has taken well over an hour is now over in the next 15 seconds as I hear a loud commotion of boxes falling over and a male voice yelling to get my dog. We safely entered the garage and took the suspect into custody, for the third time in six months.

Weeks later he pled guilty in court and is awaiting sentencing. Maybe next time this guy will think before he steals another car in Long Beach, knowing Jhonny may be watching and thinking he can run but cannot hide.



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for more information regarding our activities.

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CRIME CRUSHERS

Detective Jerry Carter and K-9 Thor



On Tuesday 11/27/12, Detective J. Carter was assigned to Wilson High School as the School Resource Officer. Detective Carter was informed by the school's administration regarding the ongoing battle they have been fighting with the marijuana usage on campus by the students. On the above date Carter and his K-9 Partner Thor, searched the hall lockers and the girls' locker room. After searching approximately three hundred lockers, K-9 Thor alerted on a locker in the girls' locker room. When the locker was opened, I could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the clothes that were hanging in the locker.

After our search was complete, the administration was able to identify the student by her assigned locker number. The administration will now pay close attention to the student and conduct searches of her backpack for illegal items that are prohibited on campus.

On Thursday 11/29/12, Detective Carter assisted the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in a multi-

jurisdiction search warrant in Inglewood, CA. Long Beach Police K-9 Officers Ernest Wolosewicz, Victor Ortiz, Mike Parcels and Sgt. Marcus Hodge were also involved in the operation. Detective Carter and his K-9 partner Thor were assigned to a search team to assist with locating narcotics. Detective Carter deployed K-9 Thor to search a residence located in Los Angeles, CA. During the search, K-9 Thor alerted on a leather chair that was part of a dining room set. The searching Deputy noticed that the chair was a lot heavier than the other chairs. The way the chairs were constructed and wrapped in leather, it would be easy to build a hidden compartment to hide contraband. When the deputy turned the chair upside down, we noticed a metal door approximately 18"x18" with hinges on it. When the door was opened, you could smell the strong odor of marijuana emanating from the hidden compartment.

The Adventures of Basco Officer Mike Wooldridge

Hi everyone, I hope this letter finds everyone well and getting ready for the holidays. November was a busy month for the K-9 detail. Basco got to catch a few bad guys and even saved a bad guy's life. This time of year people have a hard time dealing with the holidays. This one gentleman had been drinking and was feeling very depressed. He was standing in the alley and when patrol officers arrived he asked them to "shoot him". The patrol officer started to negotiate with the subject. I heard the call and responded to the scene. The subject had pulled out a very large knife and held it to his own throat. Once I got there, I got a team together and we started to try to talk the subject into dropping the knife.

We used some less lethal rubber bullets on him to try and get him to drop the knife. Those rubber bullets didn't affect

him. The subject moved further away from the officer and now was standing about 40 feet away from us. The subject sat on a small brick planter with the knife still up to his throat. We had a plan to try to get him to drop the knife. A few more rubber bullets were fired and the subject went down to the ground. The subject was still next to the knife and was yelling for us to shoot him. I sent Basco to try to make contact with the subject and pull him away from the knife. Basco did make contact and started to pull the subject away from the knife and I moved the team up to arrest him. As I got close to the subject I kicked the knife away and the subject was arrested.

While in the hospital the subject continued to thank us for "not shooting" him, letting him be able to see his kids again. Everything on this call worked out for

the best. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you all next year.



K-9 Kyra and Officer Mike Parcels

As I was on patrol in West Division, I heard a unit come on the air and advise that he was in pursuit of a stolen vehicle, which was headed Eastbound Willow approaching Long Beach Blvd. The pursuit was headed straight toward my direction. Suddenly, the stolen vehicle turned Southbound on Long Beach Blvd, as I was sitting at the intersection. I was now number #3 in the pursuit. The pursuit continued all throughout the West Division. As the suspect vehicle pulled into the alley, I heard a unit say that he was in foot pursuit after the suspect. I quickly grabbed Kyra out of the car and when I came around the corner, the suspect was running across Long Beach Blvd. I gave an announcement for the suspect to stop, and then sent Kyra on a directed apprehension. As Kyra was closing on the suspect, he quickly jumped the fence which separates Long Beach Blvd. Kyra jumped up and barely missed the suspect. The suspect continued to flee across Long Beach Blvd, and went into the

neighborhood on the south side of the street.

As I caught up to Kyra and helped her over the fence, she immediately started a detailed search of every little crevasse where someone could hide. As we moved down the block, I thought to myself, "this guy may have gotten out of our perimeter", but we were so close! We came to the last yard on the block. As I opened the gate to the yard, it looked as if no one had cut the grass for a year. The entire yard was overgrown with weeds, bushes and buried lawn furniture. I made a K-9 announcement, and released Kyra into the yard. It was almost funny watching her jump in and out of the weeds. As she worked her way to the back of the yard, I saw her go into a laundry room. Seconds later, we could hear screaming coming from the laundry room. As we moved up to the door, I saw the suspect. Kyra was biting him on the lower leg. I told the suspect to show his hands. The suspect

reached out, and I immediately called Kyra back to me. My search team then moved up and handcuffed the felony suspect. It turns out that the suspect was also on Parole and had another felony warrant for armed robbery. If not for the use of a Police K-9, we would have never found this suspect.

Kyra and I personally want to say "Thank You" to each and every person who donates to the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association. Without your kind donations, the Long Beach Police Department would not have a K-9 program.



Kyra Does It Again!

As I was sitting in our nightly briefing, listening to the Sergeant giving crime updates, suddenly I heard an officer come on the radio saying he was in pursuit of a stolen vehicle. Quickly I stood up and excused myself from the meeting and headed up to assist in the pursuit.

I was driving Northbound on the 710 freeway and the officers in pursuit were giving updates that the speeds were reaching 80 MPH, and the suspect was blowing red lights without regard for anybody on the road. As I was exiting the freeway, the primary unit came on the air and stated that the suspect vehicle just crashed and the suspect had fled into the nature center at Deforest and Chestnut.

I arrived on scene and saw the suspect

vehicle up against the fence, leading into the nature center. I contacted the officer who was chasing the suspect and he told me that the suspect drove up on the sidewalk going about 60 MPH, crashed into the fence, and ran down into the nature trail.

If you have never been to this area in North Long Beach, let me paint you a picture. The nature trail looks like an overgrown forest that has never been touched. Trees are over 100 feet tall and there are small trails that lead through bamboo fields, with wild plants over 6 feet tall. I thought to myself, there is no way we are going to find this guy.

I requested the assistance of our police helicopter to help search the area with their FLIR system. As the helicopter

circled around our perimeter of the nature center, the pilot advised that that could not see anything due to the thickness of the trees and bushes.

I looked at the Sergeant and told him we have two options. One, we can just walk away, or two, we can use my Police K-9 Kyra to search for him. The Sergeant without hesitation said, "Go get your dog."

We made several announcements around the nature center, asking the suspect to surrender or we were going to use a police dog to find him.

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After waiting approximately 15 minutes, it was clear that this suspect was not going to give up. So I went to my patrol car and got Kyra out. I placed a glow collar around her neck so I could keep an eye on her as she searched.

We assembled a search team where we had last seen the suspect and I deployed Kyra into the darkness. As she went into the thick overgrowth I could see glimpses of her glow collar. Slowly we conducted a systematic search of the area. After about an hour of searching, I was starting to think to myself that we were never going to find this guy, but Kyra kept bounding out, searching every little area.

Suddenly Kyra's head came up, and I could tell by her change of behavior that she had something. She was looking high into the trees and suddenly she dove into a large bush and I heard the suspect scream out. Kyra had found him!

The Sergeant pulled me aside and told me these dogs are amazing, that without them we would have never found this suspect.

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Long Beach Police Academy Welcomes Young Visitors

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On Thursday, July 26th a different group of trainees occupied the grounds of the Long Beach Police Academy: approximately 12 kids, ages 1 - 10. The young group visited the Academy to meet Corporal Greg Manis and his K-9, Jhonny. The meet and greet was arranged by resourceful mom Kaitlin Musser, a member of the Meetup group SoCal Supermommas. The kids in attendance were group members, friends and family.

Corporal Greg Manis has been with the Long Beach Police Department for 25 years and has been a K-9 Handler for 20. His 4-year-old Belgian Malinois, Jhonny,

is his 5th K-9 with the department and they have been partners for about 1 year. Corporal Manis informed the group that Jhonny is a trained patrol dog. Other dogs with the department are trained to identify guns, drugs or bombs. Rarely are dogs trained in multiple disciplines as it can cause confusion for the dog and the officer. Police dogs are typically trained young and ready to work by age 2 and often retire by age 10.

The K-9 training yard doubled as a playground for some of the excited preschoolers prior to Johnny's introduction. But the agile Malinois showed the kids what the ladders, ramps and walls were really used for. He

then waited patiently while the kids took turns meeting him up close and petting him. The LBPD puts on K-9 demonstrations at the Benefit Car Show every year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Proceeds from the event go to the Long Beach K-9 Officers Association which helps fund the purchase of these vital additions to the police department.

The K-9 meet and greet was a great display of the Long Beach Police Department's willingness to interact with and educate our communities youth and a big thank you is extended to Corporal Manis, Jhonny and the LBPD.

For more information or to make a donation, contact the Long Beach Police Department K-9 Unit at <http://lbk9oa.org/>



Corporal Manis and K-9 Jhonny of the Long Beach Police Department.