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MEDIA RELEASES & UPDATES

Friday, October 16, 2020

SPD K-9 Unit Retires Argo & Czar, Introduces New K-9s Axl & Ace



Czar



Czar & Ofc Herman, Argo & Ofc Mitchell
January 2017



Argo

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Sadly, Czar passed away earlier this year, but his many years of service and partnership with Officer Herman always reflected how much he loved his job and he was truly one of the best. We wish Argo a well deserved and relaxing retirement at home with Officer Mitchell and are proud of his accomplishments during his time with the Statesville PD K-9 Unit.

STATESVILLE PD K-9 UNIT'S NEW K-9s AXL AND ACE



Ace

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After extensive training during the summer and fall of 2019, Axl and Ace certified with their handlers in obedience, article search, area search, narcotics, tracking and apprehension. After being officially certified in December 2019, they joined patrol with fellow K-9s Edo, paired with Officer

Findley, and Diezel, paired with Officer Berens. Axl and Ace have shown quite an aptitude for the job during their 10 months in service and have already made several successful tracks and drug/money seizures while on duty, and recently completed their annual certification.

The Statesville PD K-9 Unit hosted the United Police Working Dog Association’s annual workshop last week, which, in addition to a variety of training sessions, offers annual certifications for the various accreditations required for each K-9 team.

Statesville PD would like to recognize the incredible dedication and work ethic shown by our K-9 Unit who not only works the road with the patrol squads they are assigned to, but also puts in hundreds of additional hours of training, education and community demonstrations each year to maintain and progress their partnerships and effectiveness in helping to lower crime in our community.



Axl and Officer Mitchell



Ace and Officer Herman



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