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Lock 3 K-9 Challenge this Saturday

Competition Focuses on Obedience, Agility, and Criminal Apprehension

Akron, Ohio (May 16, 2012) - Teams of sleek, lean, highly-trained law enforcement personnel will take-over Lock 3 in Downtown Akron Saturday, May 19, demonstrating their methods for attacking the bad guys, and some of them don't even eat Kibbles 'N Bits.

Akron's 2nd Annual "K-9 Challenge" is being sponsored by the Akron Police Department, and will include fifteen teams of dogs and handlers from Summit, Stark, Tuscarawas and Wayne Counties.

The Olympic-style competitions begin at 10 am, and will continue until completed - about 2 pm, at Lock 3, 200 S. Main Street. Parking is free in the State Street parking deck. It is open to the public and admission is free.

“The purpose of the K-9 Challenge is to let the public see the benefits of using dogs in specialized law enforcement tasks,” says Sgt. Dale Dorn, the Akron Police Department’s K-9 Commander. “We all train together, and usually, only the Police Olympics have dog team events. Our handlers like the competition, and this is a way for us to have some fun at the same time.”

Dogs will be judged on obedience, agility and criminal apprehension - following criteria used in state certification tests. In addition to trophies being awarded in various categories, there will be one “Top Dog” award given to the K-9 team that scores the most points.

There will be a \$5 pancake breakfast from 9 am – 11:30am. Proceeds from the sale of pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee will be donated to the Akron Police Department’s K-9 unit. Lock 3 will offer food and beverages for sale through the lunch hour. Pet-related products will also be available for purchase. PAWSibilities, the Summit County Humane Society, will also have a demonstration area at Lock 3, and will be showing dogs available for adoption.

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