

## K9 Unit

The **K9 Unit** is comprised of four K9 Teams; Officer Mark Semerad & his K9 partner Kato, Officer Doug Linker & his K9 partner Jango, Officer John Valvardi & his K9 partner K9 Barr and Officer Thomas McDermott and his K9 partner Axel. The K9 Unit is supervised by the Patrol Division Watch Commanders.



The K9 Teams conduct monthly maintenance training which is indicated in the chart below. Officer John Valvardi is the lead trainer for the K9 Unit. The K9 Teams were able to utilize the former Stratford Friends School located at Llandillo & Darby Roads for most of their training. The HTPD K9 Unit has also been provided with the opportunity to work with and utilize the facilities of PennVet Working Dog Center in Philadelphia and the Valley Forge Military Academy & College in Radnor. This working relationship has provided many successful hours of training for our dogs and handlers. The hard work and diligence by our officers is evident in the success of the K9's in real-time incidents handled on a daily basis.

### 2019 Hours of K9 Training and Use

<b>K9 Team</b>	<b><u>Patrol Training</u></b>	<b><u>Patrol Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Narcotic Training</u></b>	<b><u>Narcotic Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Total Training</u></b>	<b><u>Total Usage</u></b>
Valvardi & K9 Barr	110.2	1437.3	97.7	14.3	207.96	1451.59
Linker & K9 Jango	124.3	1171.3	93.5	0.3	217.81	1171.56
Semerad & K9 Kato	196.9	1554.5	97.3	0.0	294.15	1554.50
McDermott & K9 Axel	141.0	1422.6	96.0	2.5	237.00	1425.10
<b>Unit Total</b>	<b>572.4</b>	<b>5585.7</b>	<b>384.5</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>956.9</b>	<b>5602.76</b>
<b>Unit Average</b>	<b>143.1</b>	<b>1396.4</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>239.2</b>	<b>1400.69</b>



# Delaware County Police K9 Competition

The Haverford Township Police Department hosted the 5th Annual Delaware County Police K9 Competition on Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> 2019. The competition featured ten different K9 Teams from across Delaware and surrounding counties. The teams competed in Obstacle Course, Closest Recall, and Focused Apprehension events. The HTPD K9 Teams were rewarded for all their hard work training during the year and received the following awards.



**Overall Top Dog Team - Ofc. James Zimmerman and his K9 "Dinero" Phila. PD**



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1st place - Ofc. Justin O'Brien & K9 "Maverick" - Phila. PD

2nd place- Ofc. James Zimmerman & K9 "Dinero" - Phila. PD

3rd place- Sgt. Robert Herzegovina & K9 "Remi" West Chester University PD / Ofc. Mark Semerad & K9 "Kato" Haverford PD

## Obstacle Course

1st place - Ofc. Justin O'Brien & K9 "Maverick" - Phila. PD

2nd place - Sgt. Robert Herzegovina & K9 "Remi" - West Chester University PD

3rd place - Ofc. James Zimmerman & K9 "Dinero" - Phila. PD

## Closest Recall

1st place - Ofc. Gene Mackey & K9 "Sarge" - Folcroft PD

2nd place - Ofc. Michael Cahill & K9 "Jax" - Phila. PD

3rd place - Ofc. James Zimmerman & K9 "Dinero" - Phila. PD

## Focused Apprehension

1st place - Ofc. Thomas McDermott & K9 "Axel" - Haverford PD

2nd place - Ofc. Gene Mackey & K9 "Sarge" - Folcroft PD

3rd place - Ofc. Michael Cahill & K9 "Jax" - Phila. PD