

Stanislaus County **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

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Sheriff's Department Dedication Ceremony for Sheriff's K-9 Memorial

Modesto, CA-On Friday October 2nd, 2009 at 2pm the Sheriff's Department K-9 Association will be revealing its newly constructed Sheriff's K9 Memorial. The dedication will take place in front of the Sheriff's Main Office located at 250 E. Hackett Road in Modesto.

The K-9 Memorial will honor those canines that have passed after having served as a Sheriff's service canine since the K-9 Unit's introduction in 1981. The original handlers were Detective Lydell Wall and Sgt. Lloyd Allen, their respective canines were Si and Beau. Today the K-9 Unit is comprised of 8 patrol service canines, 4 narcotics detection canines and their handlers. "I'm very proud of the Sheriffs' K-9 Team", said Sheriff Adam Christianson, "Their service to the community is commendable and we appreciate the team memorializing that service". Each canine that has since passed will have a name plate on the memorial honoring them for their service to the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Stanislaus County. Fortunately no Stanislaus County Sheriff canine has been killed in the line of duty. The dedication is open to the public and the K-9 Unit will be there with their canines.

On Saturday October 3, 2009 the K-9 Unit will be hosting the Western States Police Canine Association trials for the 2nd time. The K-9 Trials are open to the public and will begin at 9am at the Ray Simon Regional Criminal Justice Training Center at 3805 Cornucopia Way in Modesto. K-9 Officers and their canine partners from around the region compete in areas of agility, protection, obedience and searching for drugs and suspects. The Criminal Justice Training Center is located off of Crows Landing Road near Service Road just south of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Main Office. Local businesses will be present with displays along with activities for families and children. The Delta Blood Bank will also be on-site from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM hosting a blood drive in partnership with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department K-9 Team.

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