

Bonzo and Narky Champion Vigorous Narcotics Detection Training Course and Certification Process

Do you remember Bonzo and Narky, the newest narcotics detection canine additions to the Countywide Services Division K-9 Team, presented in Sheriff's Good News Letter #9? Well, after six weeks of vigorous, daily training, they successfully adapted to the activities. Upon completion of an innovative focus-style training program, Bonzo and Narky were tested by an independent auditor and passed the certification process.

Bonzo and Narky were certified with the National Police Canine Association on July 2, 2014, at the Los Angeles Police Department K-9 facility. Chief of Countywide Services Division, James Hellmold; Countywide Services Division Commander Henry Romero; County Services Bureau Captain Charles Stringham; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Bureau Captain Jeffrey Perry; Countywide Services Division Headquarters staff; and Countywide Services Division K-9 Team Sergeant Mark Jennings attended the certification.

Bonzo and Narky are both one-year-old, male Springer Spaniels. These canines are assigned to handlers Deputy Danny Cassese and Deputy Guillermo Loza as the second in a two-dog team, consisting of an explosives detection and a narcotics detection canine. Having these two types of trained dogs deployed together is highly advantageous. It enables the deputies to better serve the nine community colleges, 177 County parks, six major County hospitals, and the communities in our patrol jurisdiction with quicker response times and effective detection.

When asked about the newly-certified members of the Countywide Services Division, Chief Hellmold said, "Bonzo and Narky are great additions to Countywide Services Division, and another step in continually strengthening the Sheriff's Department's level of service."

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Deputy Cassese and Bonzo during the certification process.



Deputy Loza and Narky, hot on a scent during the certification process.



Deputy Cassese with Bonzo, Captain Stringham, Chief Hellmold, and Deputy Loza with Narky.



Certification staff discussing the process with Captain Perry, Deputy Cassese, Chief Hellmold, Lieutenant Chris Cale, and Sergeant Jennings.

