



HUGO

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ANOTHER TOP-LEVEL TEAM AT K9 TRIALS

Recently, the Washington County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit attended the United States Police Canine Association national patrol dog trials in Bradenton, Fla. They joined 69 other K9 teams from around the country in this annual competition. As they have in past years, WCSO's K9 Unit performed at an excellent level, bringing home several awards. These include:

2nd place team — Pictured from left are Deputy Nate Thienes with K9 Goose, Deputy Brandon Yetter with K9 Huck, Deputy Dave Peters with K9 Red, and Deputy Josh Liebenow with K9 Viking.

Deputy Brandon Yetter — 2nd place overall and 3rd place in suspect search and evidence recovery.

Deputy Nate Thienes — 5th place overall and 1st place in criminal apprehension.

Deputy Dave Peters — 19th place overall.

Congratulations to the WCSO K9 team and their trainers for another successful nationals trial! We're fortunate to have these skilled teams helping to keep our communities safe.



NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

270

TRAFFIC STOPS

160

CITATIONS

43



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VEHICLE TAMPERING

15XXX FARNHAM AVENUE N

Just before 3pm on Nov. 24, a deputy responded to a report of an in-progress vehicle tampering, where the residents described the suspect's car as a black sedan and provided a partial license plate. The callers reported that they were outside their home when they saw the car park north of their residence. The driver, who they described as a man wearing a black hoodie and face covering, jumped out of his car and into the callers' parked pickup truck. The suspect quickly got out of the truck and back into his car, fleeing south. The callers said nothing was stolen or damaged, just that their truck was entered without permission while they were watching. They provided video of the car arriving and leaving quickly, but the deputy couldn't see the driver's face or get a full license plate number. During the original dispatch, a Woodbury Police officer had heard the description of the car and the partial license plate number and called to let the deputy know it had been involved in one of their active investigations. All information from the Hugo incident was forwarded to Woodbury Police.

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

This month I'm proud to tell you about the North Starrys, a hockey team made up of first responders including Sheriff's Office staff as well as police officers, firefighters and EMS from departments throughout Washington County. We're gearing up to join other teams from around the state at the 8th annual Big Bear Hockey Classic in April.

This event began as a way to honor Brooklyn Park Officer Andy "Big Bear" Suerth, who died suddenly in 2017. The first Big Bear Hockey Classic was held in 2019, and to date the event has raised \$92,000 for first-responders and their families in need of financial support as they face medical battles or deal with family loss.

Our own Deputy Chris Majeski has been chosen as the beneficiary of the 2026 Big Bear Hockey Classic. Deputy Majeski continues to battle metastatic oropharynx, or throat cancer. This condition is considered incurable but can be treated with various options to manage symptoms and improve quality of life. Deputy Majeski, who has been with Washington County Sheriff's Office since 2003 in various roles — including stints as the Scandia contract deputy, a K9 handler and a dive team member — continues to work on patrol as a field training officer despite his health challenges. We greatly admire his determination and dedication, as well as the example he sets for his fellow deputies.

Besides the Big Bear tournament, the North Starrys also play non-competitive pick-up games throughout Washington County, typically bi-weekly. If you're a first responder or know one who might be interested in joining the North Starrys to help support Deputy Majeski, please [email Deputy Jake Anderson](#). And to learn more about the Big Bear organization and how to donate or volunteer, [visit their website](#). We appreciate your support for Deputy Majeski and his family.



In service,

Dan Starry

Sheriff Dan Starry