



**Northland Law Enforcement
K-9 Foundation**

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**A non-profit organization
to support the K-9 units of
the following agencies:**

Douglas County
Sheriff's Office



Duluth Police
Department



Hermantown Police
Department



St. Louis County
Sheriff's Office



Superior Police
Department



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NEWS RELEASE

Fifth annual Operation K-9 is June 7 Raises funds for area law enforcement K-9 teams

Law enforcement K-9s in our region, just in the last year, helped apprehend armed suspects wanted for serious crimes, found missing, vulnerable citizens, and sniffed out critical evidence that's led to convictions on charges including burglary, assault and drug dealing.

On Thursday, June 7, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., at AMSOIL Center in Superior, 1101 Susquehanna Avenue, K-9 teams from five area law enforcement agencies – the Duluth, Hermantown and Superior Police Departments and St. Louis County and Douglas County Sheriff's Offices – will join forces; demonstrating their impressive abilities as part of the fifth annual Operation K-9. This year's event will be the largest to date, with 14 K-9 teams planning to participate. Operation K-9 is presented by the AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation, and will be held rain or shine.

Operation K-9 features K-9 demonstrations and the opportunity to meet the K-9s from the agencies supported by the Foundation. There will also be law enforcement vehicles and equipment to tour, plus other family-friendly activities. The event is free and open to the public, however donations are encouraged. Food and beverages and K-9 souvenirs will be available for purchase with proceeds going to the K-9 Foundation. There will also be a silent auction.

“K-9s are an amazing resource for law enforcement. With their powerful sense of smell, their speed and sometimes just their presence, they help us do our jobs better while keeping our officers and others in the community safe,” said St. Louis County Sheriff's Lt. Jason Akerson. “But they're expensive to purchase and train, and as our agencies are constantly trying to trim costs, we appreciate all the help we can get from the public to support our K-9 programs.”

The AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit. The Foundation has helped fund the purchase of seven K-9s in the last three years.

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