



**Northland Law Enforcement  
K-9 Foundation**

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**NorthlandK9.org**



*Northland K9 Foundation*

**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**

### **Sixth annual Operation K-9 is June 13 at new location - UWS Raises funds for area law enforcement K-9 teams**

It's been a bittersweet year for law enforcement K-9 teams in our region. There have been many successes as K-9s helped apprehend armed suspects wanted for serious crimes, and sniffed out narcotics and critical evidence that led to convictions in burglary, assault and drug cases. But the year also included the shooting death of Duluth Police K-9 Haas during a standoff with an armed man.

Operation K-9 will be held Thursday, June 13, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., and will highlight the work of K-9s from five area law enforcement agencies, while also paying tribute to K-9 Haas and other recently retired K-9s. The sixth annual event is moving to a new location this year – the University of Wisconsin-Superior football field on Belknap Avenue – to better accommodate the continued growth in attendance.

Operation K-9 is presented by the AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation. 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. In addition to K-9 demonstrations, Operation K-9 includes 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. 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.”

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