



**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



Eveleth Police
Department



Hermantown Police
Department



Hibbing Police
Department



St. Louis County
Sheriff's Office



Superior Police
Department



Virginia Police
Department



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NEWS RELEASE

The annual summer event showcasing the talent and skills of area law enforcement K-9s is back for its 11th year. Operation K-9 2025 promises all the impressive K-9 demonstrations and free family fun that has made the event a popular tradition for the entire region. The event will be Thursday, August 14, from 4:30 to 8 p.m., at the old UWS track next to Wessman Arena, 2701 Catlin Avenue in Superior.

Operation K-9 highlights the K-9 talents of the eight law enforcement agencies that the Foundation serves, including Duluth, Eveleth, Hermantown, Hibbing, Superior and Virginia Police Departments and the St. Louis County and Douglas County Sheriff's Offices. It is expected that at least 17 K-9 teams will take part in this year's event.

Operation K-9 is presented by the AMSOIL Northland Law Enforcement K-9 Foundation and gives the public a chance to see area K-9 teams in action. The event is free to attend and features K-9 demonstrations and an opportunity to meet the K-9s from the agencies supported by the Foundation. Attendees also can tour law enforcement vehicles and equipment on display, plus take part in other family-friendly activities. There will be a silent auction, along with food and beverages and K-9 souvenirs available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the K-9 Foundation to support the K-9 programs of area law enforcement agencies.

"K-9s do amazing work to keep our communities safe. They protect their human partners and help them work more efficiently and effectively" said Robbin Champaigne, president of the K-9 Foundation. "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."

Law enforcement K-9s in our region in the last year have helped apprehend armed suspects wanted for serious crimes, and sniffed out critical evidence as part of investigations of assaults and drug dealing. They've sniffed through entire school buildings after threats have led to evacuations, enabling children and teachers to safely and confidently return to classrooms. And they've helped protect their human partners through countless dangerous situations.

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