



THE DOG EARED GAZETTE

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THE DOG EARED GAZETTE RETURNS

After several years in hibernation, "The Dog Eared Gazette" has returned. Former team member, Elizabeth Beall published the first copy of "The Dog Eared Gazette" in 2005 and sometime thereafter our very own Jenne Keller (Veterinary Technician, CSD 23) took over the responsibility of publishing the newsletter. Jenne has worked tirelessly for many years to produce a newsletter that promoted Chesapeake Search Dogs. Although the revived newsletter is in a slightly different format, we hope that it will serve us well, as we look to the future. The newsletter will be issued quarterly and will be available on the Chesarda website. Team members, other search teams and interested parties are encouraged to submit articles for consideration.

Chesarda Team Holiday Party



On Sunday, December 18, Lois and Jay King hosted the annual Chesarda Team Holiday Party at their residence. The annual event was well attended with members bringing an abundance and variety of good food and drink. A



fun time was had by all and attendees had an opportunity to relax amongst good friends, tell war stories and plan for 2012. We also welcomed our youngest member Zachary, CSD 35A.



Thanks Lois and Jay!

Dogs in the News

WASHINGTON— A four legged member of the Fairfax County Urban Search and Rescue Team wandered off from a training exercise in Bowie on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Vito a three-year-old German Shepherd search and rescue dog is believed to have chased after a fox during a training exercise. His owner, Sonjia Heritage was notified Saturday night that Vito was found unharmed by a local resident who has been taking care of him since his disappearance.

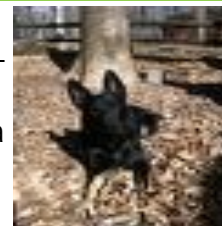


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CSD Participates in DNA Study

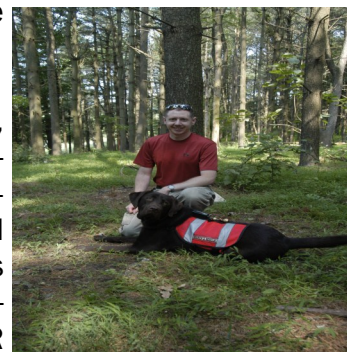
Dr. Cynthia Otto, an Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, has been conducting research on the health of the canines that searched the tons of debris, the result of the terrorist attack on the United States, on September 11, 2001. Her research has identified changes in the heart of those working dogs who responded. Chesapeake Search Dogs (CSD) is participating in Dr. Cynthia Otto's DNA Bank and Health registry research program. During a recent Saturday training, Dr. Otto and a large group of first-year veterinary students braved the wind and cold to draw blood from all of the search dogs at training. Dr. Otto has approximately 400 samples to date and plans to acquire 1000 samples from working dogs. It is believed that Dr. Otto's research will improve the health, breeding and performance of working dogs. The students also accompanied CSD handlers and flankers while searching for mock subjects in the wooded area of the Susquehanna State Park. During a lunch break, Dr. Otto presented some of her research findings and discussed the importance of proper weight management and stretching techniques for canines. Studies have indicated that overweight canines will reduce their life span by two years.



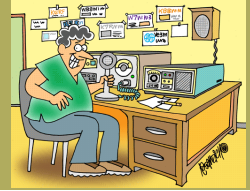
Members in the News

(HAVRE DE GRACE, MD) – Chesapeake Search Dogs (CSD) awards the coveted Red Hat to Jeff Leitch, from Parkville for becoming an Operational Search and Rescue dog handler with his K9 partner, Moscow.

On Saturday, December 17, 2011, Jeff and his Chocolate Labrador, Moscow successfully completed and passed the daytime 80 acre evaluation for two stationary subjects. The passage of the 80 acre evaluation is the final requirement for becoming an operational search and rescue dog handler with CSD. Jeff and Moscow had to pass numerous Team, State and National testing requirements before becoming operational. Some of the testing included passage of the following: NASAR SARTECH II Certification, NASAR Canine SARTECH III Certification, CSD 40 Acre K9 Night Evaluation, American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen Certificate, and Possession of K9 Pack and Recommended Contents.



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FCC NARROWBANDING MANDATE

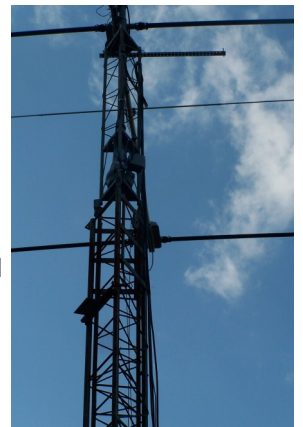
In an effort to promote greater spectrum efficiency, the FCC issued a Public Notice on December 11, 2009, requiring all Public Safety and Business licensees using 25 kHz VHF and UHF radio communications systems to migrate to a minimum of 12.5 kHz by January 1, 2013.

The FCC has made it clear there will be no waivers or extension of the deadline. After 1/1/13 the FCC will consider any 25 kHz radio to be operating in violation of FCC rules and subject to a monetary fine.

The FCC mandate will affect CHESARDA operations and those of our law enforcement partners. As of January 1, 2013, we will be required to transmit on a bandwidth of 12.4 KHz. We will also need to modify our FCC license to meet the 12.5 KHz spacing requirement. The Logistics Coordinators will address the license modification requirements in 2012. Logistics Coordinators are currently identifying replacement radios that will meet the FCC mandate and meet the ever changing needs of CHESARDA. We plan to purchase commercial portable and mobile radios that have a wide frequency range of 134 to 174 MHz so that we can continue to operate on the commercial frequency range of 150 through 174 MHz and the 2 meter amateur radio band frequencies.

CSD TO ACQUIRE 40' TILT-OVER ANTENNA MAST

Chesapeake Search Dogs is one step closer to having a 40 foot tilt-over antenna mast installed to enhance radio communications during search and rescue trainings at the Gunpowder State Park at Sweet Air. Over the past several months Dave Spitz, CSD 59 has been negotiating with the owner of the antenna mast to donate the mast to Chesapeake Search Dogs (CSD). The owner has agreed to donate the mast on the condition that CSD removes the structure from her yard. Within the next several weeks CSD will schedule the removal and transport the mast to its new home at Sweet Air. The Department of Natural Resources has given CSD permission to erect the antenna mast next to the CSD communication trailer. It is expected that the added height will enhance communication capabilities.



Baltimore Amateur Radio Club W3FT Offers Amateur License Testing

BARC will administer the Technician Class Amateur Radio test at their Reisterstown, Maryland clubhouse on the following dates:

Sat Feb 4, Sat Mar 3, Sun Apr 1, Sat May 5, Sat Jun 2,
Sun Jul 1, Sat Aug 4, Sat Sep 1, Sun Oct 7

Start Studying

2011 Searches								
Date	County	Requesting Agency	Managing Agency	Type of Search	Find Status	Man Hours	Travel Hours	
1/2/2011	Balto Co	Balto City	CSD	AS	Open			
1/4/2011	Balto City	Balto City	Balto PD	AS	Open			
1/5/2011	Frederick	NRP	NRP/MSP	HR		3	16.75	12.5
1/9/2011	Howard	Balto City	NRP/MSP	AS/HR	Open			
1/20/2011	Balto City	Balto City	Balto PD	HR	Open		85.45	28.5
1/28/2011	Anne Arundel	MSP	NRP/MSP	AS/HR		3	12.5	10
2/14/2011	Anne Arundel	NRP	NRP	AS	Open		0	0
2/15/2011	Anne Arundel	AA Co PD	AA Co PD	AS		2	1.56	18
2/17/2011	Carroll	MSP	MSP	AS		2	7.3	16
3/5/2011	Wicomico	NRP	NRP	AS		2	39.13	15
4/4/2011	Howard	Balto City	NRP	HR	Open		8.3	7
4/9/2011	Howard	Balto City	NRP		Open		101.11	21.5
6/1/2011	Carroll	MSP	MSP	AS/HR	Open		12.16	7
6/11/2011	Annr Arundel	AA Co PD	AA Co PD	AS/HR		3	34	19
6/14/2011	Balto City	Balto PD	Balto PD	AS		1	1.32	1
7/12/2011	Cecil	MSP	MSP/NRP	HR	Open		16.5	6
7/14/2011	Anne Arundel	AA Co PD	AA Co PD	HR	Open		4	5
7/20/2011	Lancaster	MSP	MSP	HR	Open		16.4	4
8/1/2011	Harford	Harford Co	Harford Co	AS		1	6.45	3.03
8/30/2011	Balto City	Balto PD	CSD	AS/HR	Open		6.3	2.3
9/10/2011	Carroll	MSP	CSD	AS/HR		3	32.45	13.45
9/11/2011	Lancaster	Manheim FD	CSD	HR		3	9.2	7.3
9/27/2011	PG	MSP	MSP	HR	Open		4.49	6
10/4/2011	Balto City	NRP	NRP	AS/HR		3	0.43	1.3
10/16/2011	Montgomery	MSP	Mont. Co PD	HR		3	52	21
10/18/2011	PG	MSP/NRP	MSP/NRP	HR	Open		47	18
10/20/2011		PSP	CSD	AS		1	4.1	1.4
11/3/2011	Anne Arundel	AA Co PD	AA Co PD	HR			0.3	1.3
11/13/2011	Balto Co	NRP	MSP	AS	Open		5	2
12/12/2011	Harford	Harford Co	Harford Co	AS		3	5	2
Totals						529.2	249.58	
Key		AS- Air Scent		HR-Human Remains				
Status 1 - Alive			Status 2 - Injured		Status 3 - Deceased			

2011 Training Hours - 2,908											
Top 6 Members Attending Training											
Unit	Member	Position	#	Unit	Member	Position	#	Unit	Member	Position	#
CSD11	Dennis Ciesla	K-9 Handler	63	CSD27	Paula Brainard	K-9 Handler	60	CSD42	Mitch Jaspan	Comms	60
CSD12	Ed Thayer	K-9 Handler	57	CSD38	Jeff Leitch	K-9 Handler	53	CSD41	Jason Schmidt	K-9 Handler	53

2011 CSD FINDS



January 28, 2011 – Anne Arundel County, MD

On Friday, January 28, 2011, the Maryland State Police requested Chesapeake Search Dogs to assist in locating Antonio Seskes, a 32 year old male who was reported missing from his residence by family members two days earlier. CSD dispatched four handlers (Dennis Ciesla – K9 Niko, Ed Thayer – K9 Twist, Nancy Markey – K9 Cooper, and Ann Hughes – without K9) and one flanker (Jeff Leitch). At approximately 0905 Hrs, Handler Markey working Cooper, located an area of interest and requested law enforcement to respond. At approximately 1038 Hrs the subject was located status 3 (deceased).

June 10, 2011 – Anne Arundel County, MD

On Friday, June 10, 2011, the Anne Arundel County Police department requested Chesapeake Search Dogs to assist in locating Bruce Blakeney, a 26 year old male who was reported missing on or about June 3. CSD dispatched five handlers (Ed Thayer– K9 Twist, Ann Hughes–K9 Torie, Nancy Markey –K9 Cooper, Jay King –K9 Sammy, and Dennis Ciesla–K9s Bailey and Niko), two flankers (Jason Schmidt and Scott Spector) and one communications specialist (Dave Spitz) to the search. While working in the area of the power lines, Handler Thayer detected a strong decomposition odor and K9 Twist alerted on Mr. Blakeney, finding him status 3 (deceased).

September 11, 2011 – Manheim, PA

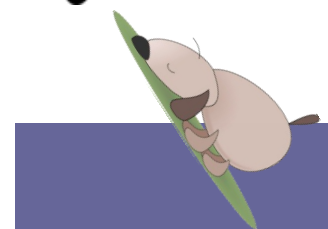
On Sunday, September 11, 2011 the Manheim Fire Department requested Chesapeake Search Dogs to assist in locating Mark Geib, a 53 year old male who was believed to have drowned due to the rising flood waters of Chickies Creek, days earlier. CSD dispatched two handlers (Ed Thayer – K-9 Twist and Dennis Ciesla – K9 Niko). During the search Handler Thayer working Twist, identified an area of interest at a strainer. Fire department personnel were brought in and began to hand search the area of interest by removing storm debris from the strainer. The body of Mr. Geib was located status 3 (deceased).

CSD Presents Demo to Dundalk Woman’s Club

Operations Director Ed Thayer and his partner Twist assisted by Sheli Engles presented an exciting search and rescue demonstration to the Dundalk Woman’s Club on Monday, January 9. Approximately 25 members were in attendance and everyone had a great time.



Found Ya!



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Chesapeake Search Dogs is a 100% volunteer, non-profit search dog organization dedicated to ensuring that a 24 hour, 7 day per week, professionally trained, canine search team is available to law enforcement, fire services, natural resource authorities, and emergency management agencies, at no cost, within the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Pennsylvania Regions to search for lost or missing persons.

Support Us

Chesapeake Search Dogs is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Maryland and subsists solely on the generosity of our benefactors. NO salaries or wages are paid. This includes board members, management, handlers, and support personnel. All of our funding comes from private donations and grants.

All donations are tax deductible. 100% of every dollar goes directly to the expenses of meeting our mission of finding the lost and missing.

Donations may be sent to: Chesapeake Search Dogs, PO Box 36188,
Baltimore, MD 21286



MSP K-9 GRADUATIONS



Sykesville, MD) – Maryland State Police will graduate six K-9's, two of which will work with allied police agencies. Sysco, Kacy, Blitz, and Ares will graduate and remain working for the Maryland State Police at barracks across the state. Two Bloodhounds, both named Bella, will graduate and work for two allied police agencies. Both the Prince George's County Police Department and the Baltimore County Police Department will welcome the new Bloodhounds upon graduation. Two K-9 handlers and their respective dogs, Sysco and Kacy, will graduate after completing fourteen weeks of rigorous training in Narcotic Detection School. Two K-9 handlers and their dogs, Blitz and Ares will graduate after completing sixteen weeks of Explosive Detection School. And the two K-9 handlers, trained for the allied police departments, will graduate their Bloodhounds after ten weeks of Bloodhound School.



Sysco will be assigned to the Princess Anne Barrack. Kacy and Ares will be assigned to the Frederick Barrack. Blitz will be assigned to the Rockville Barrack.

The Maryland State Police K-9 Unit celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year. Since 1961, K-9's have assisted law enforcement in drug detection, search and rescue missions, and in the apprehension of suspected criminals. Currently, there are 33 handlers and 41 K-9's assigned to the Maryland State Police throughout the state.

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