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“PATROL DOG” K-9 TEAMS GRADUATION

**Location: Connecticut State Police K-9 Training Center
294 Colony Street, Building #3
Meriden, CT**

Date: Thursday, June 16th, 2005

Time: 10:30 a.m.

The Connecticut State Police Canine Training Unit announces the Graduation Ceremony of the **115th “Patrol Dog” Canine Training Troop**, to be held this Thursday- June 16th, 2005 at 10:30 A.M..

This graduation will mark the culmination of the 13 week training course which began on March 21, 2005 for **5 teams (Trooper/Police Officer/Corrections Officer and their assigned canine)**.

All graduates with assigned K-9's will appear on stage during this graduation ceremony. Each team will receive a certificate of completion from the Connecticut State Police.

Graduates and their assignments:

- from the Connecticut State Police

Trooper David MATTIOLI and K-9 VISAR from Troop D, Danielson
Trooper James O'DONNELL and K-9 AREK from Troop C, Tolland

- from the Milford Police Department

Officer Matthew LIMA and K-9 JUDGE

- from the UCONN Police Department

Officer Hector GONZALEZ and K-9 ARKO

- from the Department of Corrections

Corrections Officer Henry GASIOREK and K-9 CHIRAC

*****IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING FORMER K-9 HANDLERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED DURING THIS EVENT FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO THE PROGRAM AND TO MARK THE RECENT RETIREMENT OF THEIR K-9 PARTNERS*****

- **Sgt. Kevin ALBANESE Troop A K-9's IRA and DUFF**
- **TFC Donna TADIELLO PIO HQ K-9 CHARLIE**
- **Tpr. Dan SLIBY Troop L K-9 YORK**

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