

New APD K9 Handler Chosen

The Arcata Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Greg Pope has been chosen as their new patrol service dog handler. He and his family are very excited about this new position, and in the spring of 2009, the dog will be purchased and the training completed. APD will hopefully have this new K9 team working in the community by the beginning of April.

Officer Pope is a lifetime resident of Humboldt County. He graduated from the College of the Redwoods Police Academy and started his law enforcement career with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department where he rose to the level of Detective. His career path then took him to the Humboldt State University Police Department for two years. Officer Pope wanted to be part of a special assignment, and if possible, specifically to become a patrol service dog handler. He joined the APD 2 ½ years ago, and will now be fulfilling that long range goal.

The K9 Trust Fund volunteers wish to thank all of those who have donated toward the new patrol service K9. There are still efforts underway to complete the fund raising needs to pay for this new dog. Anyone wishing to contribute can send their donations to the K9 Trust Fund, APD, 726 F. St., Arcata, CA 95521.