

Thought a bit of an update was in order to let you know what K-9 Shay and I have been up to. We did two presentations at the Ready Set Grow Preschool in Sheridan a short time ago. No matter where we go, Shay is always a huge hit. He is absolutely amazing in everything he does. He has a real knack for winning hearts and loves the attention given by those we visit with. Most people are apprehensive when it comes to being around Police dogs but Shay proves time and time again he is far more than just a working Police dog. He loves his work as much as I do and when given the opportunity, fits in well with any situation that comes along. K-9 Social skills are imprinted at only a few weeks of age as are the many facets of obedience.

We are working on sponsoring a two day K-9 Decoy School here in Madison County in the very near future. If all goes well, one Master K-9 Instructor from the United States Forest Service will teach the class of six to ten K-9 Teams.

The Health Fair in Ennis is only a few weeks away. Shay and I, as well as others from the Sheriff's Office will be taking part in that event too.

I hope the support and desire I have for my job will kindle a following of others wanting to make a positive difference.

Our mission is fueled by a passion to give to our community. Realizing there will never be a shortage of things to accomplish, it's up to all of us to work together in order for everyone to have a better tomorrow. Rest assured, Sheriff Schenk and the entire Madison County Sheriff's Office continue to be progressive and not just reactive to the issues of the day.

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