

Bite out of crime: State Police add 14 new canine teams

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State Police held a graduation ceremony today (Nov. 20) for 14 new canines and their handlers.

The 14 graduates will work in various state agencies and the Saugerties Police Department in Ulster County.

The canines and their handlers underwent 20 weeks of training at the State Police Canine Training Facility in Cooperstown.

State Police Canine Unit has 81 teams, including those who graduated today. The new ones will start patrols next week.

The canines are donated by breeders, private individuals and humane societies.

Here's the list of graduates, their canines and who they are named after. The canines are named after officers killed in the line of duty.

- Trooper James T Egan, SP Malone, Canine Leo – Troop A (Arthur L. Lacroix)
- Trooper Robert P. Turnbull, SP Owego, Canine Diff – Troop C (Arthur Diffendale)
- Trooper Jeffrey S. Kissock, SP Elbridge, Canine Ray – Troop D (Raymond A. Plunkett)
- Trooper Christopher B. Braun, SP Auburn, Canine Tre – Troop E (Tremain M. Hughes)
- Trooper Thomas J. McDonnell, SP Wayland, Canine Mic – Troop E (Charles M. McGinn)
- Trooper Kenneth R. Zeigler, SP Ellenville, Canine Reegen – Troop F (Stanley C. Greene)
- Trooper Casey E. Krul, SP Northway, Canine Frey – Troop G (John Frey)
- Trooper Anthony J. Santoro, SP Wilton, Canine Hurley – Troop G (William H. Curley)
- Trooper Ryan L. Edmundson, SP Livingston, Canine Lord – Troop K (John G. Lord)
- Trooper Meredith W. Govoni, SP Somers, Canine Lexy – Troop K (Alexander E. Boehm)
- Trooper William R. Canning, SP Brentwood, Canine E.J. – Troop L (Edward J. Sweeney)
- C.O. Louis J. Fedele, Canine Uris – NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (No namesake)
- Deputy Kevin S. Feola, Canine Marty – Madison County Sheriff's Office (No namesake)
- Officer Jeremy R. Rushkoski, Canine Miky – Saugerties Police Department (No namesake)

(State Police supplied photo is of Trooper Santoro, Canine Hurley)

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