

Before becoming K-9 Myk's handler with the Vernon County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Bellacero worked part-time patrol for 13 years. Deputy Bellacero grew up in Phoenix, Arizona. Attended Peoria High School and majored in Criminal Justice at Western Technical College in LaCrosse. I have been in law enforcement since 2001, and have been with the Vernon County since 2003 as a patrol deputy. November of 2016 I was able to live a dream of mine as an officer, I became the K-9 Handler for K-9 Myk. Being a handler has far been one of the best things I have been able to do and am thankful for the opportunity the Sheriff's Office has given me. I love my job and K-9 Myk, and am a father of two wonderful children. We are all thankful to have Myk as part of our family and as my partner.



Myk is a German Shephard Sable who was born on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Myk started training at 6 weeks old in Germany before being imported to the U.S. in April of 2012 by Steinig Tal K-9 Academy. Myk is trained as a dual purpose K-9, certified in patrol work including narcotics, tracking/searching, obedience, and apprehension. Myk can alert on the following drugs: (marijuana, heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and methamphetamine), and its derivatives. Myk can track missing persons and to protect me if needed while on patrol. K-9 Myk was assigned to Deputy Bellacero in October of 2016, after Handler Deputy Sheriff Adam Malin was no longer able to be Myk's handler. Deputy Bellacero attended K-9 Handler training at Steinig Tal K-9 Academy in November of 2016 and has since been hired full-time with the Vernon County Sheriff's Office as of December, 2016, as a Patrol officer and K-9 Handler for K-9 Myk.

Deputy Sheriff

Mark Bellacero