

K9 Officer Mark Stebbins and K-9 Apollo

K9 Apollo was born October 18th 2002 as Soprano of My Bodyguard. Apollo's Sire (Father) was a champion German Shepherd Show Dog by the name of "Kodiak" DL858259/03 and the Dam (Mother) was a pure black German Shepherd Dog by the name of "Nina" of My Bodyguard. From the same litter, there were three Dogs that were selected and served as Police K9's. Apollo was purchased on February 15th, 2004 by the Sparta Police Department. I was sent to My Bodyguard Kennels in Union Illinois to select a K9 Partner from several candidates. I worked with an examined approximately 5 outstanding K9's before Apollo (Soprano) was brought out to me. I was seated in a chair when they brought him in off leash. The dog walked up to my chair and stared at me for a short time before putting his paws up on my chest and looked at me even closer. The dog then began licking my face and pinched my ear with his teeth. I worked the dog on basic obedience and protection work for a short time and quickly decided he and I were destined to be a team. I chose this dog and brought him home that day. I began



K-9 Apollo (10/18/2002 – 02/02/2013)

training with Apollo at the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in late February of 2004. I attended training 40 hours per week until June 2004 when Apollo and I graduated from the Ramsey County Sheriff's K9 Academy in basic patrol operations trained in accordance with the United States Police Canine Association. Apollo and I were trained in Basic Obedience, Agility, Handler Protection, Tracking, Evidence recovery, Building Search, Criminal Apprehension, Tactical Obedience, and other Patrol related trainings. In December of 2004, K9 Apollo and I went back to Ramsey County for Narcotics training until we graduated in March 2005. K9 Apollo and I were partnered on a night shift for the City of Sparta. In his time of service with the Sparta Police Department, K9 Apollo made numerous drug arrests, several criminal apprehensions, missing person tracks, criminal tracks, evidence recovery and building searches. K9 Apollo was given letters of commendation for his service and quickly gained the respect of his co-workers. K9 Apollo and I left the Sparta Police Department in 2005 and joined the Vernon County Sheriff's Office in a part time capacity. K9 Apollo began service for the Sheriff's Department in September of 2006. During the time of service with Vernon County, Apollo made countless drug arrests, many criminal tracks, several missing person tracks, many school searches, and was a vital tool for public relations. K9 Apollo loved to display his abilities for anyone that was willing to watch and would often impress younger children when he would run to his squad car and open his own door and get into his squad car and wait for me to give him a command. K9 Apollo was well known and well liked within the Department and the community. K9 Apollo and Deputy Mark Stebbins left the Vernon County Sheriff's Office in December of 2009. K9 Apollo and Officer Stebbins stayed in the Vernon County area where they work part-time for the City of Hillsboro.

Larz is a German Shepherd who was born in May of 2010 in Chile. He was imported to the U.S in March of 2011 to begin his career as a police working dog. Vernon County Sheriff's Office purchased Larz from his owner in November of 2011 to start his training. Larz is a dual-purpose trained K-9, which means he is trained in narcotics detection, and patrol operations. Larz is a very sociable, and enjoys playing fetch to burn off his energy. Deputy Brian James is his handler, who was with the Sheriff's Office from August of 2011 until August 2015.



Brian and Larz

My name is Deputy Adam Malin and my K9 partner is Myk. I grew up on a Dairy farm near Genoa, WI and I attended Desoto High School. I then enrolled in College at Western Technical and studied in the Fire Fighting Program at WTC.

After a few years I decided to do something different and went into Law Enforcement. I have worked for the Cashton Police Department, Westby Police Department, and the Vernon County Sheriff's Department part time before being hired full time by the Vernon County Sheriff's Department. I have been employed full time since August of 2011.

I have resigned from the Vernon County Sheriff's Office as of January 6, 2017.



Adam and Myk - 2012

Myk is a German Shepard Sable who was born on April 26th 2010. Myk started training at 6 weeks old in Germany before being imported to the U.S. in April of 2012.

Myk is trained as a dual purpose K-9, certified in patrol work including narcotics, tracking/ searching, obedience and apprehension. Myk is able to locate drugs (marijuana, heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and methamphetamine), find lost children, or protect me if needed while out on patrol. Myk is a true companion. Myk and his partner Deputy Adam Malin, have been working together since July 2012.