CITY OF COLUMBUS
K-9 UNIT

It takes not only a specially qualified dog to perform a variety of tasks such as; chasing down a criminal, sniffing out drugs in a car or searching for a missing person, but it also takes the right handler. All of our K-9 officers are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our K-9 teams train two workdays a month, and throughout their shift. The canine teams help to deter and prevent crime throughout the city. We also help strengthen a positive relationship with our citizens by doing activities such as community demonstrations, CPD and ME, as well as demonstrations for all of the D.A.R.E. students.

COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
K-9 UNIT

- Please pledge your support to help the Columbus Police Departments K-9 Unit.
- All donations are tax deductible and are accepted at the Columbus Police Department.
- Please make checks payable to the City of Columbus or the Columbus Police Department. All donations benefit CPD’s K-9 Unit.
- Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase a third K-9 and fund our program through donations.
- Thanks for your support!
COST TO OPERATE THE K-9 UNIT:

- Purchasing the dog- (Covers initial training, lodging, dual purpose dog and handler training) $13,000
- Annual Vet Bills- $1,000.00
- Food- $700
- Kennel at the officers residence- $600

Total start-up costs: $15,300

Annual maintenance: $1,700

USE OF THE DOGS:

- Narcotics
- Tracking
- Suspect Apprehension
- Article Search/Recovery
- Handler Protection
- Searches for missing/endangered persons
- Public Relations
- S.W.A.T assistance

STATISTICS: (2012)

- 47 tracks
- 23 drug seizures
- 21 community demonstrations
- 42 arrests with the presence of the K-9’s