



## News Release

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### **Saratoga Springs Police Department Adds New K-9 Rico**

Saratoga Springs – The Saratoga Springs Police Department added a new face to the force which has already resulted in multiple narcotic finds and arrests. K-9 Officer Rico, a Belgian Malinois, joined the force in January after being certified by the Utah POST K-9 program for narcotics. Rico is trained in the detection of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, ecstasy and mushrooms. Rico is replacing the department's previous K-9 Monty who was retired from active service due to health issues.

"We are very appreciative of the support from the National Police Dog Foundation to bring Rico to the Saratoga Springs Police Department," said Officer Derek Dalton, Rico's handler. "Rico has a great personality and work ethic and will be an asset for Saratoga Springs and Utah County for years to come."

Rico was purchased from Right Hand K-9 in Ogden through a grant from the National Police Dog Foundation. The National Police Dog Foundation ([www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org](http://www.nationalpolicedogfoundation.org)) is an organization that has helped police departments offset the cost of purchasing a K-9 officer through public donations since 2004.

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