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## **News Release**

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### **PCSO K9s Earn National Re-Certification**

**Pueblo, CO:** Give those dogs a bone.

The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office proudly announces that all four K9 and their handlers were recently awarded nationally recognized recertification from the American Law Enforcement Canine Association after completing the canine trials held November 20-22.

Recognized nationally are K9 Gunner and handler Lieutenant Josh Rude; K9 Edo and handler Sergeant Ben Martinez; K9 Zeus and handler Deputy Chris Carter and K9 Loki with handler Deputy David Weldon.

K9s – Gunner, Edo, Zeus and Loki – easily passed the narcotics detection portion of the trials. K9 Edo and Sgt. Ben Martinez recorded the fastest time among the 11 K9s in the trials. The agency's three apprehension K9s - Gunner, Edo and Zeus – also passed the protection and civil tracking trials.

The certification trials included such tasks as narcotic searches in buildings, bite work, recalling the dogs in the mid-chase, obedience and civil search without bite.

“We are extremely proud of our K9s and their handlers for the work they have done to maintain these prestigious certifications, which also enhances the credibility of our dogs,” said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. “Maintaining such a high level of performance from these dogs requires consistent training and practice. I commend the handlers for the excellent and ongoing work they put into training with their K9s and continually working to be the best that they can be.”

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