

SHERIFF'S OFFICE K9 RAMBO LAID TO REST

Monday afternoon June 11th, members of the Henry County Sheriff's Office and the Henry County Police Department paid their final respects to retired K9 Deputy Rambo.



As the 911 dispatcher broadcast the "last call" for K9 Deputy Rambo over the Sheriff's Office radios, his remains were placed, with rendered honors, in a marked K9 vehicle for his final law enforcement ride. He was escorted in a small but respectful precession by motorcycle units of both the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department, members of the Sheriff's Office Command staff, and his human family.

Deputy Rambo had an active and interesting relationship with law enforcement. As a puppy in 2004 he was the pet of a Georgia State Trooper. By the age of two Trooper Posse recognized the potential Rambo had and was sent to South Georgia K9 Training to be trained as a Narcotics Detection dog.

In 2007 Rambo was acquired by the Henry County Police Department for their narcotics Unit. Near the end of 2009 Rambo was transferred over to the Sheriff's Office and partnered up with Deputy Jodey Powell. Deputy Powell and Rambo attended training together and became a certified Narcotics Detention team in 2010.

After Sheriff McBrayer accepted responsibility for the School Resource Officers at Henry County public high schools, the Board of Education saw the benefit to having a narcotics detection dog for the safety and wellbeing of their students and educators. Deputy Powell and Rambo were assigned to the SRO Unit where Rambo served from 2010 until his medical retirement in 2012.

During his SRO service Rambo performed over 250 sweeps of Henry County schools and performed other law enforcement duties such as jail searches. He was friendly with children and was popular at community events such as National Night Out, Shop with A Deputy, School Career Days and the Sheriff's Summer Camps.

Rambo's career came to an end abruptly when he was diagnosed with chronic arthritis in his front legs and spine and was retired in 2012. Deputy Powell and his family welcomed Rambo into their "forever home" where he lived out his life as a well-loved pet.



Sergeant Powell continues his duties as commander of the Sheriff's Office K9 Unit with his K9 partner Deputy Darci. Together they continue the tradition started with K9 Deputy Rambo to help protect the students and residents of Henry County.