

**The United States Police Canine Association, Inc.**

**2009 National Field Trials**

**Des Moines, IA**

**HOST PLAQUE – CITY OF DES MOINES, IA, PD**

**TED HIRSCH MEMORIAL AWARD**

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**TOP CASE OF 2008**

**OFFICER JOE MERCER & K9 JENS, RALEIGH, NC, PD**

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On July 26, 2008, at approximately 10:30 a.m., Officer Joe Mercer and K-9 Jens responded to assist district patrol officers in locating a suspect from a prior carjacking of a blue Nissan. The police had information that the suspect was possibly inside a house on Johnsdale Road. Patrol units advised Officer Mercer that a black Nissan with tags from the carjacked vehicle was

in front of the house. Surveillance was set up, and Officer Mercer stood by in his car for several hours, but there was no movement at the house.

Additional information was developed that the suspect might be at an apartment. A unit went there and found a blue Nissan with a bullet hole in the windshield. This matched the description of the carjacked Nissan. The tags on the blue Nissan came back listed to the Johnsdale house where units had surveillance.

Officer Mercer went to the apartment location with other units. Again, surveillance was set up. A unit saw a black male, matching the description of the carjack suspect, cut through the woods away from the lot with the parked Nissan. Officer Mercer and the unit circulated the area, looking for the suspect. While Officer Mercer was several blocks away, a surveillance officer advised a black male approached and entered the Nissan. Officers attempted to stop the car, but the driver drove around them and fled.

Officer Mercer saw the car traveling at a high speed and leaving the area. Officer Mercer turned on his emergency equipment and pursued. After a lengthy high-speed chase, where the Nissan's driver was very reckless, the Nissan turned into a cul-de-sac. The suspect jumped out while the car was

still moving. The other officers involved in the surveillance drove unmarked cars and were unable to keep up with Officer Mercer and the suspect.

Officer Mercer was on his own when the suspect fled on foot. Based on the following facts:

- The suspect had used a firearm in the carjacking and most likely was still armed.
- The suspect had fired the gun during the carjacking and showed willingness to use it.
- The suspect was actively fleeing and attempting to avoid arrest.

Officer Mercer deployed K-9 Jens to apprehend the suspect. Officer Mercer twice shouted a K-9 warning for the suspect to stop. The suspect ignored the warnings. Officer Mercer released and commanded K-9 Jens to apprehend the suspect. K-9 Jens gave chase. The suspect turned behind a building with Jens closing. When Officer Mercer got to the corner, he saw the suspect going into the woods with K-9 Jens getting closer. The suspect slipped, and K-9 Jens apprehended the suspect in the lower left leg. During the foot chase, Officer Mercer lost his radio and could not communicate with other units. Officer Mercer and K-9 Jens approached the suspect with his gun drawn. Officer Mercer began giving commands to the suspect. The suspect

ignored the commands and was pushing at K-9 Jens. Officer Mercer continued shouting commands that were ignored. Officer Mercer holstered his pistol to go “hands on” with the suspect.

Before Officer Mercer was able to get his hands on the suspect, the suspect began to stand up, with K-9 Jens still holding on to his leg. Officer Mercer thought the suspect was going to try and run. He decided to use his taser. As Officer Mercer reached for the taser, the suspect turned to him in a bladed position with his right side away. Officer Mercer saw the suspect reaching back to his right hip with his right hand, trying to grab something in his waistband under his shirt. Officer Mercer felt the suspect was trying to get a gun and was going to shoot Mercer with it. Mercer drew his pistol and pointed it at the suspect. The suspect’s hand was outside the shirt, but Mercer felt he was grabbing a pistol grip. Officer Mercer commanded the suspect to get on the ground and get his hands away from his sides. The suspect ignored him and kept reaching at his hip.

Officer Mercer immediately tackled the suspect to the ground to immobilize the suspect’s arms. The suspect went face down with Mercer on top and K-9 Jens still biting the suspect’s leg. The suspect’s left arm was outstretched but his right arm was underneath him. Mercer covered him with his gun and told

the suspect not to move. The suspect kept trying to pull out his right arm.

Mercer kept his body weight on the suspect and kept him covered.

As the suspect continued struggling, Officer Mercer reached under the suspect and felt a gun in the suspect's right hand. Officer Mercer again told the suspect not to move or he would get shot.

At that time, back up officers arrived. With their help, the suspect was disarmed and handcuffed. Once secured, Officer Mercer tactically removed K-9 Jens from the suspect's leg.

Once the suspect was in a transport car, Officer Mercer called for medical assistance. During the struggle, K-9 Jens had engaged both of the suspect's legs, and both had puncture wounds. The suspect refused medical treatment.

The suspect was charged with multiple offenses. The recovered weapon was a stolen 9mm and in addition to the carjacking, it had been used in a homicide.

The deployment of K-9 Jens gave Officer Mercer a clear tactical advantage in apprehending a violent and desperate criminal from an almost certain deadly force situation.

**Obedience Places**  
**Top Five**  
**120 possible points**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Randy Rickard	Charief	Pensacola PD, FL	<b>118.83</b>
<b>2</b>	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland PD, FL	<b>118.67</b>
<b>3</b>	Steven Redmond	Bart	Tangipahoa Parish SO, LA	<b>118.00</b>
<b>4</b>	Wayne Rothschild	Danz	NYPD Transit, NY	<b>117.83</b>
<b>5</b>	Aaron Compton	Sting	Franklin PD, TN	<b>117.33</b>

**Agility Place**  
**Top Five**  
**60 possible points**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>1</b>	Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake PD, FL	<b>60.00</b>
<b>1</b>	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland PD, FL	<b>60.00</b>
<b>1</b>	John Lee	Ric	Miami Shores PD, FL	<b>60.00</b>
<b>1</b>	Wayne Gulsby	Miso	Escambi CO SO, FL	<b>60.00</b>
<b>1</b>	Calvin Jeffcoat	Leah	Department of Energy, SC	<b>60.00</b>
<b>2</b>	James Kaelin	Brutus	Gloucester Township, NJ	<b>59.83</b>
<b>2</b>	Jason Sykora	Doc	St. Croix CO.SO, WI	<b>59.83</b>
<b>2</b>	David Pavlak	Chico	St Paul PD, MN	<b>59.83</b>
<b>3</b>	Matt Holten	Ghost	Austin PD, MN	<b>59.50</b>
<b>3</b>	Rob Vetsch	Charlie	St Paul PD, MN	<b>59.50</b>
<b>3</b>	Scott Miller	Bismark	NYPD Transit, NY	<b>59.50</b>
<b>3</b>	Aaron Compton	Sting	Franklin PD, TN	<b>59.50</b>
<b>4</b>	Lori Van Roekel	Remco	Sioux City PD, IA	<b>59.33</b>
<b>4</b>	Jason Thomas	Bobbi	Evansville PD, IN	<b>59.33</b>
<b>4</b>	Dale Hager	Recon	Lino Lakes PD, MN	<b>59.33</b>
<b>4</b>	Jay Fleckenstein	Eik	Sioux City PD, IA	<b>59.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Harry Barraclough	Justus	Pensacola PD, FL	<b>59.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Jeff Ellis	Taser	Mower CO SO, MN	<b>59.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Josh Stenseth	Ace	St. Croix CO.SO, WI	<b>59.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Russ Garvey	Rico	Ramsey CO. SO, MN	<b>59.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Mike Ernster	Buzz	St Paul PD, MN	<b>59.17</b>

**Search Places  
Top Five  
180 possible points**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Property</b>	<b>Suspect</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1</b>	Thomas Conroy	Cowboy	Stafford Township, NJ	70.00	110.00	<b>180.00</b>
<b>1</b>	Jeff Ellis	Taser	Mower CO SO, MN	70.00	110.00	<b>180.00</b>
<b>2</b>	Michael Watkins	Denero	Loudon CO.SO, TN	69.83	110.00	<b>179.83</b>
<b>3</b>	Calvin Jeffcoat	Leah	Department of Energy, SC	70.00	109.33	<b>179.33</b>
<b>4</b>	John Lee	Rik	Miami Shores PD, FL	70.00	109.17	<b>179.17</b>
<b>4</b>	Wayne Gulsby	Miso	Escambi CO SO, FL	69.67	109.50	<b>179.17</b>
<b>4</b>	Randy Liepold	Laika	Worthington PD, MN	70.00	109.17	<b>179.17</b>
<b>4</b>	Jason Sykora	Doc	St. Croix CO.SO, WI	70.00	109.17	<b>179.17</b>
<b>4</b>	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland PD, FL	69.83	109.33	<b>179.17</b>
<b>5</b>	Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake PD, FL	69.33	109.50	<b>178.83</b>

**TOM LARSEN AWARD (TOTAL SCENT WORK)**

Sponsored by Amerdetech

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K9</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Thomas Conroy	Cowboy	Stafford Twp, NJ PD	180.00
Jeff Ellis	Tazer	Mower Co, MN SO	180.00

**Criminal Apprehension Place  
Top Five  
340 possible points**

<b>PLACE</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>1</b>	Michael Watkins	Denero	Loudon CO.SO, TN	<b>336.67</b>
<b>2</b>	Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake PD, FL	<b>336.00</b>
<b>3</b>	Matt Holten	Ghost	Austin PD, MN	<b>334.17</b>
<b>4</b>	Kevin Biggs	Dalo	Escambi CO SO, FL	<b>333.33</b>
<b>5</b>	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland PD, FL	<b>332.67</b>
<b>5</b>	John Lee	Ric	Miami Shores PD, FL	<b>332.67</b>

**PATRICK CAHILL AWARD (HIGH COMBINED OBEDIENCE AND  
APPREHENSION PHASES)**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K9</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake, FL PD	452.00

## TOP DEPARTMENT TEAMS

### FOURTH PLACE

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	22	Darin Fay	Niko	Woodbury County, IA SO	550.33
2	23	Todd Trobaugh	Rudy	Woodbury County, IA So	628.00
3	24	Jim Bauerly	Bosco	Woodbury County, IA So	648.67
4	25	Tony Wingert	Chewy	Woodbury County, IA So	632.50
ALT.	26	Greg Stallman	Tessa	Woodbury County, IA So	
TEAM SCORE:					2459.50

### THIRD PLACE

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	46	Michael Guidry	Paco	Strategic Petroleum Reserves	602.83
2	47	Christopher Ducre	Tara	Strategic Petroleum Reserves	591.17
3	48	Fred Buckley	Erwin	Strategic Petroleum Reserves	620.67
4	49	Marcus Taylor	Taylor	Strategic Petroleum Reserves	660.67
TEAM SCORE:					2475.34

### SECOND PLACE

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	71	Lisa Daly	Phoenix	Ramsey Co, MN SO	657.83
2	72	Steve Olson	Gauner	Ramsey Co, MN SO	665.33
3	73	Russ Garvey	Rico	Ramsey Co, MN SO	662.17
4	74	Gary Pearl	Gus	Ramsey Co, MN SO	627.00
ALT.	70	Chris Moe	Jett	Ramsey Co, MN SO	
TEAM SCORE:					2612.33

## FIRST PLACE – TIM JONES MEMORIAL AWARD

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TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	76	Rob Vetsch	Charlie	St. Paul, MN PD	669.50
2	77	Jon Sherwood	Benji	St. Paul, MN PD	665.00
3	78	David Pavlak	Chico	St. Paul, MN PD	661.17
4	80	Mike Ernster	Buzz	St. Paul, MN PD	671.00
ALT.	79	Nick Kellum	Juda	St. Paul, MN PD	
TEAM SCORE:					2666.67



## TOP REGION TEAMS

### FIFTH PLACE - REGION TWELVE MINNESOTA

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	60	Todd Kanieski	Saber	DNR, MN	611.33
2	61	Travis Mures	Hunter	DNR, MN	638.17
3	63	Dale Hager	Recon	Lino Lakes, MN PD	668.83
4	64	Randy Liepold	Laika	Worthington, MN PD	666.00
ALT.	59	Jen Mueller	Jake	Mcleod County, MN SO	
TEAM SCORE:					2584.33

### FOURTH PLACE – REGION SEVEN NEW YORK

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	81	Billy Finacune	Carney	NYPD Transit	671.33
2	82	Wayne Rothschild	Danz	NYPD Transit	637.33
3	86	Scott Miller	Bismark	NYPD Transit	630.83
4	87	Frank Volpe	Roscoe	New Windsor, NY PD	649.50
ALT.	89	Kevin Halsey	Riley	Warwick, NY PD	
TEAM SCORE:					2588.99

### THIRD PLACE – REGION ONE FLORIDA

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	37	Randy Rickard	Charief	Pensacola, FL PD	642.00
2	38	John Lee	Rik	Miami Shores, FL PD	687.83
3	39	Chris Geraci	Bady	Pensacola, FL PD	649.67
4	40	Kevin Biggs	Dalo	Escambia CO, FL SO	630.50
TEAM SCORE:					2610.00

### SECOND PLACE - REGION TWELVE - MINNESOTA

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	54	Matt Holten	Ghost	Austin, MN PD	685.50
2	55	Tracie Erickson	Virgil	Houston CO, MN SO	631.83
3	56	Eric Blust	Bosco	Austin, MN PD	647.83
4	57	Jeff Ellis	Tazer	Mower CO, MN SO	687.83
ALT.	58	Mark Mcdonough	LOGAN	Coon Rapids, MN PD	
TEAM SCORE:					2652.99

## FIRST PLACE - SONNY BURKE MEMORIAL AWARD

### REGION ONE FLORIDA

TEAM	NO.	NAME	K9	DEPARTMENT	SCORE
1	33	Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake, FL PD	690.83
2	34	Harry Barraclough	Justus	Pensacola, FL PD	601.67
3	35	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland, FL PD	690.50
4	36	Jeff Barrett	Benno	Lakeland, FL PD	671.17
				TEAM SCORE:	2654.17

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### Top Twenty by Finish and Scores

West Des Moines, IA

September 27- Oct 2, 2009

<b>1</b>	Lazaro Cabrera	Tarek	Lady Lake PD, FL	<b>690.83</b>
<b>2</b>	Aaron Peterman	Charief	Lakeland PD, FL	<b>690.50</b>
<b>3</b>	John Lee	Rik	Miami Shores PD, FL	<b>687.83</b>
<b>3</b>	Jeff Ellis	Taser	Mower CO SO, MN	<b>687.83</b>
<b>4</b>	Jason Sykora	Doc	St. Croix CO.SO, WI	<b>686.50</b>
<b>4</b>	Michael Watkins	Denero	Loudon CO.SO, TN	<b>686.50</b>
<b>5</b>	Matt Holten	Ghost	Austin PD, MN	<b>685.50</b>
<b>6</b>	Calvin Jeffcoat	Leah	Department of Energy, SC	<b>681.67</b>
<b>7</b>	Billy Finucane	Carney	MTA, NY	<b>671.33</b>
<b>8</b>	Jeff Barrett	Benno	Lakeland PD, FL	<b>671.17</b>
<b>9</b>	Anthony E. White	Tundra	Cincinnati PD, OH	<b>671.00</b>
<b>9</b>	Mike Ernster	Buzz	St Paul PD, MN	<b>671.00</b>
<b>10</b>	Aaron Compton	Sting	Franklin PD, TN	<b>669.83</b>
<b>11</b>	Rob Vetsch	Charlie	St Paul PD, MN	<b>669.50</b>
<b>12</b>	Dale Hager	Recon	Lino Lakes PD, MN	<b>668.83</b>
<b>13</b>	Randy Liepold	Laika	Worthington PD, MN	<b>666.00</b>
<b>14</b>	Steve Olson	Gauner	Ramsey CO. SO, MN	<b>665.33</b>
<b>15</b>	Jon Sherwood	Benji	St Paul PD, MN	<b>665.00</b>
<b>16</b>	Jason Thomas	Bobi	Evansville PD, IN	<b>664.50</b>
<b>17</b>	Chris Jenkins	Diego	Loudon CO.SO, TN	<b>664.33</b>
<b>18</b>	Wayne Gulsby	Miso	Escambia CO SO, FL	<b>664.17</b>
<b>19</b>	David Gomez	Loki	NYPD Transit, NY	<b>664.00</b>
<b>20</b>	Kurt Walker	Moe	Polk CO SO, FL	<b>663.00</b>

### Balance of 94 Participants Not Ranked

Jay Fleckenstein	Eik	Sioux City PD, IA
Russ Garvey	Rico	Ramsey CO. SO, MN
David Pavlak	Chico	St Paul PD, MN
Marcus Taylor	Taylor	DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Steve Lally	Cody	Ramsey CO. SO, MN
Thomas Conroy	Cowboy	Stafford Township, NJ
Lisa Daly	Phoenix	Ramsey CO. SO, MN
Chris Moe	Jett	Ramsey CO. SO, MN
Chris Geraci	Bady	Pensacola PD, FL
Frank Volpe	Roscoe	New Windsor PD, NY
Jim Bauerly	Bosco	Woodbury CO SO, IA
Eric Blust	Bosco	Austin PD, MN
Paul Wright	Riso	Polk CO SO, FL
Nick Henderson	Jery	Evansville PD, IN
Brent Kock	Rony	West Des Moines PD, IA
Randy Rickard	Charief	Pensacola PD, FL
Robert Campanile	Kramer	Stafford Township, NJ
Travis Muyres	Hunter	DNR, MN
Matthew Greathouse	Zambo	Lexington PD, KY
Wayne Rothschild	Danz	NYPD Transit, NY
Shawn Denning	Focus	Ocean Township, NJ
Greg Stallman	Tessa	Woodbury CO SO, IA
Gary McClun	Nash	Oskaloosa PD, IA
Tony Wingert	Chewy	Woodbury CO SO, IA
Tracie Erickson	Virgil	Houston CO SO, MN
Chris Wallace	Kilo	Olmsted County SO, MN
Scott Miller	Bismark	NYPD Transit, NY
Kevin Biggs	Dalo	Escambia CO SO, FL
Paul Curtis	Deacon	Loudon CO.SO, TN
Todd Trobaugh	Rudy	Woodbury CO SO, IA
Josh Stenseth	Ace	St. Croix CO.SO, WI
Gary Pearl	Gus	Ramsey CO. SO, MN
Kevin Halsey	Riley	Warwick PD, NY
Fred Buckley	Erwin	DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Pete Guastamacchia	Argos	NYPD Transit, NY
Steven Redmond	Bart	Tangipahoa Parish SO, LA
Charlie Richards	Titan	Franklin PD, TN
Patrick Price	Dax	Department of Energy, SC
Todd Kanieski	Saber	DNR, MN
Patrick Crossley	Dasty	Escambia CO SO, FL
Michael Guidry	Paco	DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Jeff Torrisi	Dunkin	Methuen PD, MA
Harry Barraclough	Justus	Pensacola PD, FL
Troy Tadlock	Xane	Monona CO SO, IA
Nick Kellum	Juda	St Paul PD, MN
Mark Reed	Pike	LeMars PD, IA
Craig Tibbetts	Stone	Baton Rouge PD, LA

James O'Brien	Blek	Wolfeboro ,PD NH
Christopher Ducre	Tara	DOE Strategic Petroleum Reserve
Jennifer Mueller	Jake	McLeod CO SO, MN
Tim Nussmeier	Viro	Evansville PD, IN
Todd Black	Jack	New Hope PD, MN
Mark Pickard	Shultz	Gloucester Township, NJ
Eric Bailey	Kof	Granite City, IL
James Kaelin	Brutus	Gloucester Township, NJ
Louis Kaelin	Diesel	Gloucester Township, NJ
Scott Pearl	Wess	Portsmouth PD, NH
Chris Cichosz	Blitz	Winona County SO, MN
Rusty Ringler	Zeke	Iowa DOC, IA
Sandy Roozeboom	Dutch	Des Moines PD, IA
Jason Sibley	Deebo	Baton Rouge PD, LA
James Clark	Nero	Camden Co. DOC, NJ
Mark McDonough	Logan	Coon Rapids PD, MN
Bill Nice	Kane	Sioux City PD, IA
Darin Fay	Niko	Woodbury CO SO, IA
Kenneth Clark	Xander	Baton Rouge PD, LA
Lori Van Roekel	Remco	Sioux City PD, IA
Jeremy Matthews	Brix	Evansville PD, IN
Mark Miller	Emir	Des Moines PD, IA
Mike Brandt	Kiko	Iowa DOC, IA
Lyle Andre	Jake	Baton Rouge PD, LA

## Judges and Scorekeepers list

<b>CJ</b>	<b>JOHN HALLER</b>	94 Teams
105	RUSS HESS	Obedience
107	JIM METIVIER	Obedience
182	SKIP BREWSTER	Obedience
179	REBECCA SHREIBER	Obedience, Gun
229	WAYNE STEWART	Obedience
165	JOE CLINGAN	Agility, Gun
147	BILL HOLLISTER	Agility, Gun
242	ELDON PRESNELL	Agility
247	RANDY ADAMS	Agility, Apprehension
176	GREG MAJOR	Agility
185	J.R. HAUVERSBURK	Article, Apprehension
193	TIM CARROLL	Article, Apprehension
218	DANNY PAGE	Article, Apprehension
239	MARK DARNELL	Article , Apprehension
244	BARBARA HOLT	Article, Gun
121	LESTER DAVID	Suspect
201	MEL HOLT	Suspect
204	ROY PARKER	Suspect
137	TERRY SCHOENBORN	Suspect , Gun
195	RON BOWLING	Suspect

### NOVICE JUDGES

N1	ROBERT GLASER	Obedience, Article, Apprehension, Gunfire
N2	JOE DIPIETRANTONIO	Obedience, Article, Apprehension, Gunfire
N3		
N4	PAT PICKAR	Obedience, Article, Apprehension, Gudfire

### Scorekeeper's Name

### Address

<b>CS</b>	<b>DEBBIE PAGE</b>
5	MARSHA HOLLISTER
19	CAROL BREWSTER
5	JOAN HESS
10	KIM DAVID