

## 2011 NATIONAL DETECTOR TRIALS RICHLAND, MISSISSIPPI



**Ted Hirsch Memorial Award  
Presented to Trial Chairman  
Chris Picou  
Sponsored by Eukanuba**



**Bill Robinson Memorial Award  
Sportsmanship Award  
Sponsored by Ace K-9**

The sportsmanship award is the Bill Robinson Memorial Award and is given in memory of Officer Bill Robinson of Newburg, New York. Bill a

K-9 officer, was killed in the line of duty just after the USPCA Nationals were held in Newburgh 1973. The award is voted on by the Judges. This year's award goes to the K-9 unit that hosted these trials. Chris Picou, of the Richland , MS, PD accepts the award from Chief Judge, James Matarese for the Richland PD, K-9 Unit .

## **CRIMINALISTICS EXCELLENCE AWARD DETECTOR CASE OF THE YEAR**

Criminalistics is The Sponsor of our national awards program. The Top Cases of each quarter are selected by our awards committee; from these quarterly winners the CASE of THE YEAR is selected. This award is presented to the team that has been selected as having performed exceptional, with exceptional ability in law enforcement utilizing the police service dog.

### **TOP DETECTOR CASE 2010**

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### **Officer George Vinson and K-9 Earl Fargo, MN PD**



**Fargo Police Department  
August 25, 2010 at 0900**

Officer George Vinson and K-9 Earl responded to assist DEA with a narcotics investigation. The DEA had detained two vehicles and three people in their investigation and requested that K-9 Earl sniff the vehicles. Earl sniffed the first vehicle and did not indicate anything out of the ordinary. K-9 Earl sniffed the second vehicle and gave a general interest response to narcotic odor recognition near the rear of the vehicle, and on the passenger side and went into his trained response to a narcotic substance. The agents seized the vehicle and obtained a search warrant. Later in the day, a DEA agent called back and advised they could not locate anything in the vehicle. They again requested K-9 Earl again to respond. Office Vinson and K-9 Earl responded and started a vehicle sniff as requested. The DEA agents had thoroughly hand searched the vehicle, the vehicle being partially dismantled, but no controlled substances were found. K-9 Earl entered the trunk area and displayed a distinct change in behaviors as Earl sniffed the gas tank area, which was located in the trunk behind the passenger seat. K-9 Earl sniffed around the fuel pump access panel, K-9 Earl sat, which is his final trained response when he has detected a trained odor. I had Earl exit the vehicle and sniff the exterior. Earl alerted to the gas cap on the outside which was near where he originally alerted. The DEA agent called a mechanic to remove the fuel pump and provide access to the gas tank. Inside the tank, agents found twelve (12) four (4) ounce (approx) bags of what appeared to be methamphetamine. The approximate three pounds of meth was wrapped in plastic, vacuumed sealed and was floating in the gasoline. Without the ability of Officer George Vinson and K-9 Earl this case would not have been successful.

**TOP NARCOTIC DETECTOR TEAMS**

#	HANDLER	K-9	DEPARTMENT	Inside	time	Vehicle	time	TOTAL
1	Derrick Hagen	Jack	Minnesota State Police, MN	100.00	02:42	99.17	01:37	199.17
2	Nick McLendon	Rocky	Richland Police Dept, MS	99.50	02:40	98.83	01:28	198.33
3	Brett Westbrook	Skippy	Minnesota State Police, MN	99.33	03:19	99.00	02:04	198.33
4	Amy Kilian	Domino	MSP Airport Police, MN	95.33	04:17	99.17	03:17	194.50
5	Brent Kock	Rony	West Des Moines Police, IA	98.00	04:59	95.50	03:04	193.50
6	Ed Steed	Benji	Richland Police Dept, MS	95.00	02:41	96.83	01:55	191.83
7	Mark Wissner	Doc	Yonkers Police Dept., NY	98.33	03:36	93.17	04:51	191.50
8	Steve Smith	Shadow	Jones County SO, MS	91.67	03:20	94.83	02:26	186.50
9	Scott Paxson	Exxon	Jones County SO, MS	89.33	03:30	95.67	02:37	185.00
10	Jason Green	Bery	Texarkana Police Dept., TX	94.00	05:31	90.67	04:07	184.67
11	Henry Neihaus	Trigger	Tangipahoa Parish SO, LA	90.00	03:06	94.17	03:30	184.17
12	Jarid Nacey	Kaiser	Minnesota State Police, MN	87.00	09:08	96.33	03:57	183.33
13	Rocky Trahan	Diamond	Kaplan Police Dept., LA	99.00	03:09	78.33	01:31	177.33
14	Sentel Easterling	Wannese	Pearl Police Dept., MS	98.33	02:37	76.33	01:35	174.66

15	Shawn Crouch	Dell	Dyersburg Police Dept., TN	100.00	04:03	70.33	03:15	170.33
16	James Atkins	Axel	Jones County SO, MS	94.33	02:58	65.67	01:57	160.00
17	Patrick Jolly	Snap	Conroe ISD Police, TX	97.67	03:24	61.67	02:43	159.34
18	Justin DeBruin	Molly	Sioux County SO, IA	56.67	04:29	97.50	02:51	154.17
19	Paul Curtis	Deacon	Loudon County SO, TN	84.00	10:00	68.83	04:44	152.83
20	Shannon Graham	Mylo	East Baton Rouge SO, LA	59.00	03:30	93.00	03:33	152.00
21	Coty Rizan	Bojar	Baker Police Dept., LA	89.67	04:35	61.00	02:38	150.67
22	Teddie Whitfield	Benji	Wichita Falls Police Dept., TX	91.67	03:44	59.00	03:47	150.67
23	John Windsor	Johnny	Jones County SO, MS	55.00	02:59	94.33	02:48	149.33
24	Nick Bearden	Lee	Walton County SO, FL	56.00	06:58	90.17	06:19	146.17
25	Ben Gatton	DeeKay	Algona Police Dept., IA	55.00	10:00	89.17	05:40	144.17

### NOT RANKED

Jesse Hale	Jumma	East Baton Rouge SO, LA
Randy McAdams	Gus	Texarkana Police Dept., AR
Trey Stokes	Dayo	Richland Parish SO, LA
Chris Jenkins	Diego	Loudon County SO, TN
Johnny Barnes	Caris	Pearl Police Dept., MS
Michael Watkins	Denero	Loudon County SO, TN
Kevin Halsey	Riley	Warwick Police Dept. NY
Bo Carter	Ide	Texarkana Police Dept., TX
Robert Suarez	Rush	Clinton Police Dept., TN
James Stiglet	Chico	Jones County SO, MS
David Williams	Gator	Ponchatoula Police Dept., LA
Steven Whitstine	Kodo	East Baton Rouge SO, LA
Stephen Martinez	O Deck	Baker Police Dept., LA
John Brown	Kimbo	Wichita County SO, TX
John Stringer	Vito	Laurel Police Dept., MS
Kate Heck	Jedi	Punta Gorda Police Dept., FL
Ryan Carroll	Ko	Minnesota State Police, MN
Jeff Monk	Nash	Laurel Police Dept., MS
Wayne Stokes	T-Bo	Bartow Police Dept., FL
Jeff Savage	Zorg	Texarkana Police Dept., AR
Larry Hayes	Gotti	Laurel Police Dept., MS
Thomas Ferrand	Diego	Tangipahoa Parish SO, LA
Rob Norman	Recon	Laurel Police Dept., MS

## Top Five Vehicle Search – Narcotics

Handler	K-9	Department / Agency	Time	Score
1. Derrick Hagen	Jack	Minnesota State Patrol, MN	1:37:00	99.17
2. Amy Kilian	Domino	MSP Airport Police, MN	3:17:00	99.17
3. Brett Westbrook	Skippy	Minnesota State Patrol, MN	2:04:00	99.00
4. Nick McLendon	Rocky	Richland Police Dept, MS	1:28:00	98.83
5. Justin DeBruin	Molly	Sioux County SO, IA	2:51:00	97.50

## Top Five Room Search – Narcotics

Handler	K-9	Department / Agency	Time	Score
1. Derrick Hagen	Jack	Minnesota. State Patrol, MN	2:42:00	100.00
2. Shawn Crouch	Dell	Dyersburg Police Dept., TN	4:03:00	100.00
3. Nick McLendon	Rocky	Richland Police Dept.,MS	2:40:00	99.50
4. Brett Westbrook	Skippy	Minnesota State Police, MN	3:19:00	99.33
5. Rocky Trahan	Diamond	Kaplan Police Department., LA	3:09:00	99.00

## Top Region Teams - Narcotics

First Place	Region 21
Brent Knock	K-9 Rony
Justin DeBruin	K-9 Molly
	347.67

## Top Department Teams- Narcotics

First Place	Richland PD, MS
Nick McLendon	K-9 Rocky
Ed Steed	K-9 Molly
	390.16
Second Place	Minnesota State Patrol
Jarid Nacey	K-9 Kaiser
Brett Westbrook	K-9 Skippy
	381.66
Third Place	Jones County SO, MS.
Scott Paxson	K-9 Exxon
John Windsor	K-9 Johnny
	334.33
Fourth Place	East Baton Rouge SO, LA
Shannon Graham	K-9 Mylo
Jesse Hale	K-9 Jumma
	294.34

## Top Five Vehicle Search – Explosives

Handler	K-9	Department / Agency	Time	Score
1. Billy Booth	K-9 Bleckie	Redstone Arsenal Police, AL	02:59:00	100.00
2. David Pavlak	K-9 Chico	St. Paul Police Department, MN	01:07:00	99.17
3. Scott Spector	K-9 Jimmy	New York Police Department, NY	02:58:00	99.00
4. Nicole Rasmussen	K-9 Chase	St. Paul Police Department, MN	04:25:00	97.83
5. John McPhillips	K-9 Fire	Conroe ISD Police Department, TX	02:22:00	95.67

## Top Five Room Search – Explosives

Handler	K-9	Department / Agency	Time	Score
1. Kevin Pimpinelli	K-9 Mullen	MTA Police Department, NY	04:50:00	86.67
2. Billy Booth	K-9 Bleckie	Redstone Arsenal Police, AL	05:30:00	60.00
3. Eric Moe	K-9 Bruno	Redstone Arsenal Police, AL	11:58:00	59.00
4. David Pavlak	K-9 Chico	St. Paul Police Department, MN	03:59:00	58.00
5. Scott Spector	K-9 Jimmy	New York Police Department, NY	02:56:00	57.83

## Overall Places – Explosives

Handler	K-9	Department / Agency	Time	Score
1. Kevin Pimpinelli	K-9 Mullen	MTA Police Department, NY	08:10:00	181.50
2. Billy Booth	K-9 Bleckie	Redstone Arsenal Police, AL	08:29:00	160.00
3. David Pavlak	K-9 Chico	St. Paul Police Department, MN	05:06:00	157.17
4. Scott Spector	K-9 Jimmy	New York Police Department, NY	05:54:00	156.83
5. Eric Moe	K-9 Bruno	Redstone Arsenal Police, AL	14:45:00	153.33
6. John McPhillips	K-9 Fire	Conroe ISD Police, TX	06:15:00	148.00
7. Nicole Rasmussen	K-9 Chase	St. Paul Department, MN	07:48:00	145.50



**Top Dog Explosive Kevin Pimpinelli & K-9 Mullen MTS PD, NY**

## Top Region Teams – Explosive

<b>First Place</b> Kevin Pimpinelli Scott Spector	<b>Region 7</b> K-9 Mullen K-9 Jimmy	<b>338.33</b>
<b>Second Place</b> Billy Booth Eric Moe	<b>Region 22</b> K-9 Bleckie K-9 Bruno	<b>313.33</b>

## Top Department Team – Explosive

**First Place**  
Nicole Rasmussen  
David Pavlik

**St. Paul Police Department, Minnesota**      **302.67**  
K-9 Chase  
K-9 Chico



## Top Department Team – Explosive

### Cadaver Teams

Todd Frazier  
Kathy Doty

K-9 Lucas  
K-9 Rip

Jackson County SO, Mississippi      192.66  
Lowndes CO SO, Columbus, Mississippi      154.00

## The Workers – Thank You







2011 Richland, Mississippi





## Judges – Scorekeepers List

No. #	Judge's Name	# of dogs per Event(s) judged		Region
		Indoor	Outdoor	
<b>Chief Judge</b>				
231	James Matarese			3
<b>Judges</b>				
112	Arthur Rescigno	x		7
116	Richard Rogers	x		2
168	JD Toth		x	8
184	Susan Rogers	x		1
192	John Binnix	x		3
221	James Nichols		x	1
228	James Bartlett		x	3
241	Mark McMurray		x	22
243	John Usher	x		9
254	Melinda Ruopp		x	21
195	Ron Bowling			1
213	Don Levering (ORT TEST)			3
<b>Novice Judges</b>				
1	Ron Davis		x	20
2	Joe D. Pietrantonio		x	5
<b>Chief Scorekeeper</b>		<b>Address</b>		
	Barbara Levering			3
<b>Scorekeepers</b>				
	Deborah Page			3
	Lynn Howell			26
	Joan Hess			5