Mason County Sheriff's Office to Host K9 Training Conference

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SHELTON, Wash. - From May 8th Through the 12th, Mason County is going to the dogs when the Sheriff’s Office is hosting its first Law Enforcement/Search and Rescue K9 Training Conference. The Sheriff’s Office K-9 unit has invited Georgia K9 National Training Center to the area to provide a training opportunity for law Enforcement and SAR K9 teams to hone their skills and better serve our communities. Police and SAR K-9 teams will be throughout the County training in the disciplines of trailing, Human remains Detection, Air Scent, and Tactical Tracking Georgia K9 is a partnership of professional K9 trainers from across the United States with a wide range of dog training experience. They are nationally certified and work with dogs and handlers throughout the United States. They are specialists in a wide variety of K9 disciplines from dog obedience training, dog tracking and trailing, Human Remains Detection, Air Scent detection to canine narcotics detection. Led by Jeff Schettler, this team of professionals works with K-9 teams worldwide to build professional, competent and credible K-9 resources for use by civilian SAR and Law Enforcement.

Jeff Schettler is a Police K9 Trainer and a retired police K9 handler. He has worked for the Alameda Police Department, Amador County Sheriff’s Department, and was attached to the FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team’s K-9 Assistance Program designed to apprehend high risk fugitives. Jeff is considered an expert witness in the areas of scent evidence and trailing. Jeff is the author of “Red Dog Rising”, a chronological account of his police K9 work with Ronin, a modern police bloodhound. Red Dog Rising won the 2009 Dog Writers Association of America’s Best Service Dog Book Award. Jeff’s second book, a trailing training manual The“Straightest Path K9 Trailing” was published in October 2012. He is a frequent contributor to various dog magazines and is the K9 Trailing writer for K9 Cop Magazine. According to Sgt. Trevor Severance, “this seminar is an exciting opportunity for handlers from multiple disciplines to train in our interesting and challenging environment. We hope this year’s conference is a success and this can become an annual event.” For more information about this event, Contact Sgt. Trevor Severance via Email. For more information of Georgia K9 visit their Website.