



In 2014, Officer Ryan Copeland established McFarland Police Department's first K9 Unit and became the first handler. Officer Copeland and the department selected a kennel and handpicked K9 Boris, a purebred German Shepherd. Boris was trained and certified as a Dual Purpose Police Working Dog and started his first night on watch on October 28, 2014. Officer Copeland and Boris served many shifts together, with many accomplishments, finds, and successful suspect apprehensions.

Tragically, on November 23, 2015, Officer Copeland died in an on-duty vehicle crash. After Officer Copeland's passing, the department worked with the kennel in determining a suitable handler to take over the K9 Unit. Officer Jeremy Job was selected and Boris and he quickly formed a natural, loving bond, together.

K9 Handler Job and Boris continued to grow together, becoming a well-trained cohesive unit. Boris was a hard worker, and had many accomplishments in his career. Boris has found missing children and dangerous criminals. A list of all the hidden narcotics, successful tracks, articles located, buildings searched and suspects apprehended are many, and can all be found in records and reports. More importantly, the unmeasurable amount of fear Boris struck into those doing wrong, or the joy he brought to friendly faces with a lick, or a tail wag at a neighbor, is what will never be forgotten in his 7 seven years of faithful service.

Thank you K9 Boris for your loyal service to this department, and our community. When you see Ryan, please say hello for us.

Love,

The McFarland Police Department

