



Daviess County Detention Center

K-9 search for drugs

May 17, 2010

A random search with K9 units from the Daviess and Spencer County Sheriff Departments was conducted at the Daviess County Detention Center on May 17, 2010. The department's Special Response Team extracted all the inmates from the search area and remained on guard until the detail was complete. The search of over 500 inmates' property ended with no drugs being found in all three buildings. These results are directly related to the thorough screening efforts of the front line deputy jailers.

The threat of violence is always present in a jail environment. The presence of illegal contraband only increases those threats. The jail staff is charged with the responsibility of protecting the citizens and community, but also must protect the inmates from each other. Thorough contraband searches help with this critical task.

The K9 officers routinely train with their dogs for conditioning; however, the dogs perform better when the training is not repetitive. Real life situations are the more preferred way of training. These highly trained K9 units offer their services to jails and many schools throughout the area. Together with the dogs' need to train and our need for thorough searching, everyone gains. It is our hope that these inspections will help deter the possession of contraband and any attempts to have contraband to be brought in the facility in the future.

