Farewell F/SGT Eric Fogle
Maryland State Police

Over 100 family, friends, and law enforcement officers gathered together at the Catoctin Hall at Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville to celebrate the well-deserved retirement of First Sergeant Eric Fogle of the Maryland State Police (MSP). Everyone had a great time hearing war stories, viewing photographs from the past, and listening to Eric talk about the time he spent with the MSP and his future with the State Highway Administration. Many commemorative gifts were bestowed upon Eric to include Chesapeake Search Dogs presenting Eric with a plaque and challenge coin for his many years of dedicated service searching for the lost and missing. Photos courtesy of the Frederick News Post.
Trooper 2 Begins Flight Operations

The Maryland State Police (MSP) Aviation Command has taken possession of the 10th and final AgustaWestland AW139 helicopter. Trooper 2, will be assigned to the Washington Section located on Andrews Air Force Base. Pilots and flight paramedics have been fully trained and are flying the new helicopter, 24/7 for all aviation missions.

The new helicopters contain the latest in avionics and safety equipment, including terrain awareness warning systems, night vision compatibility, cockpit voice and video recorders, radar altimeters, and advanced instrument flight rating capabilities. The helicopter’s patient/cargo area is larger providing better access to the patients by the flight paramedics.

The new helicopters are currently in operation at Frederick, Easton, Salisbury, Southern Maryland, and Washington sections. The Cumberland Section, in Allegheny County will begin training soon on the new aircraft with the Baltimore Section being trained by year end.

Handler and K9 Certify in HRD

Chesapeake Search Dogs congratulates Operational K9 Liam and his Handler Paula Brainard for successfully certifying to the NASAR Human Remains Detection, Land Standard. Paula and Liam are also certified as a Live Area Search K9 Team. As a certified cross-trained (both live and deceased) team, they may now be deployed on both live and deceased subject searches.

To work a search and rescue dog in pursuit of this discipline requires commitment. Training usually takes 1.5 to 2 years, and continues for the entire operational life of the dog. This Handler and K9 bear witness to what it takes to be an effective Operational K9 Search Team and most importantly, dedication to the lost or missing person for whom they will search.
Chesapeake Search Dogs (CSD) recently began testing Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS) as a way to track search personnel during a search. Developed by Bob Bruninga, callsign WB4APR, APRS can provide real-time tracking of personnel who are licensed amateur radio operators. Amateur radios equipped with built in GPS or GPS microphones can transmit their location each time the radio operator transmits. Unfortunately, the radios used by CSD are not equipped with GPS or the relatively expensive GPS microphone. So how can we use APRS to track our members? The answer can be found on our smartphones. Both the IPhone and Android phones have an app that turns the smartphone into an APRS transmitter. The IPhones’ “OpenAPRS” and the Androids’ “APRSdroids” offer a low cost way of transmitting your location via “GoogleMaps for APRS” for anyone to see. The location identifier is provided in latitude and longitude but with an online conversion program you can easily convert lat/lon to the United States National Grid (USNG) which is utilized by search and rescue teams throughout the United States. To date, APRS testing has only been within the communications support group but plans are underway to begin tracking flankers during training. Stay tune for more developments.
The New CSD Website

Chesapeake Search Dogs (CSD) website gets a makeover. If it has been some time since you last visited the CSD website you will be pleasantly surprised about our new fresh look. Over the last year many CSD members have been working diligently behind the scenes to come up with a new look. Our message and mission didn’t change but our presentation did. Also follows us on Facebook and Twitter to keep apprised of what the CSD Team has been doing. Please visit us at Visit Chesarda.org.
MARYLAND K-9 5K
Trail Race & 1 Mile Run/walk
{Run with or without your DOG}

Saturday, October 4, 2014
10:00 AM at Jerusalem Mill
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2813 Jerusalem Rd, Kingsville, MD 21087

THIS YEAR YOUR LEGS CAN SUPPORT MORE THAN JUST YOUR BODY WEIGHT!
A portion of the proceeds will benefit Chesapeake Search Dogs.
Sign up early! Race Field will be limited.

www.chesarda.org

Register online at www.MdK95K.com
Sue Mentzer Earns “Red” Hat as an Operational Flanker

Chesapeake Search Dogs congratulates Sue Mentzer for successfully certifying as an operational member. Sue is now deployable as a Flanker with a K-9 Search Team fulfilling the important tasks of land navigation, communication and additional responsibilities as directed by the K-9 Handler.

In the United States 2300 people disappear each day. K-9 Search & Rescue volunteers and professionals are called upon at all times of the day to find missing persons and help their families. It takes the dedicated personal investment of time, effort and treasure on the part of the dogs, handlers, flankers and support staff to consistently train and be equipped for these searches.

The volunteers with Chesapeake Search Dogs are special stewards to our community – willing to drop everything to go out on cold, wet, dark and sometimes snowy nights when needed to help someone in distress. Congratulations again to Sue for reaching this important milestone and for continuing to pursue K-9 Handler certification along with her canine partner Jax.
Dr. Cindy Otto Receives Board Certification in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

After months of classroom learning, individual studying, and hands-on preceptorships across the country, WDC Director Dr. Cindy Otto has completed her board certification in Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation.

In addition to her service as a board-certified Emergency & Critical Care veterinarian and a tenured Associate Professor of Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Otto has published over 60 journal articles, authored over 10 book chapters, and lectured nationally and internationally on Emergency Medicine, Disaster Medicine, and Working Dogs.

Dr. Otto will use her sports medicine certification to not only help advance the health and performance of the puppies at the WDC, but to guide future research aimed to minimize injury and increase longevity in our nation's working dogs. Article courtesy of Penn Vet Working Dog Center.

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Chesapeake Search Dogs is a 100% volunteer, non-profit search dog organization dedicated to ensuring that a 24 hour, 7 day per week, professionally trained, canine search team is available to law enforcement, fire services, natural resource authorities, and emergency management agencies, at no cost, within the Chesapeake Bay and Southern Pennsylvania Regions to search for lost or missing persons.

Chesapeake Search Dogs is a 501c3 non-profit organization in Maryland and subsists solely on the generosity of our benefactors. NO salaries or wages are paid. This includes board members, management, handlers, and support personnel. All of our funding comes from private donations and grants.

All donations are tax deductible. 100% of every dollar goes directly to the expenses of meeting our mission of finding the lost and missing.

Donations may be sent to:
Chesapeake Search Dogs
PO Box 36188

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Veterinary Technicians
Communication Specialists
Administrative
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Board Members

If interested send an email to contactus@CHESARDA.org