

Police dogs retiring in 2006

“Hot” calls (crimes in progress) are the primary activity of the SDPD Canine Unit. And most of the several thousand calls canine handlers respond to each year are resolved quickly. Often because a suspect will give up when threatened with a dog bite.

That’s the goal.

Achieving this goal requires the work of a perfect team. Training, trust, affection and play are the relationship building blocks.

In recognizing this year’s retirees, we also congratulate the officers who dedicate seven days a week to building the special relationships that deliver outstanding law enforcement results.

And we thank their families who welcome working dogs and retirees.



Pete Caruso & 9-year-old “Chief” aka “Chef.”



Dave Gilligan & “Max” Max is 9 years old.



Ken Fortier & “Rocky” Rocky is 8 years old.



Larry Triplett & “Astor” Astor is 8 years old.



Dave Beathard & “Rex III” Rex is 8 years old.



Phil Brackrog & “Red Rudy” Red Rudy is 8 years old.

In Memorium

“Athos”



For some police dogs, the joy of going to work doesn’t last eight to nine years. “Athos,” the 7-year-old partner of Clint Crockett, lost his life to liver cancer. We’re grateful for Athos’ service and extend to Clint our sympathy for his loss.



Brad Phelps & “Chavar” Chavar is 8 years old.



Tom Carlyon & “Twistur” Twistur is 8 years old.



T.J. Andrews & “Cliff” Cliff is 8 years old.



Carl Weber & “Kevin” Kevin is 9 years old.



“Rudy II” is 8 years old. Handler: Bill Ellithorpe



Sgt. Phil Martz & “Arras” Arras is 9 years old.