

As the Sheriff of Brevard County I could not be more proud of our members and their accomplishments to make us one of the most professional and innovative agencies in the country. The almost 1,500 proud men and women of our agency worked tirelessly every day to create new ideas by not only thinking outside the box but by continually thinking outside the warehouse where the boxes are stored!! Through their efforts and innovation our agency is able to provide our citizens with the highest level of service possible.

The perfect example of our contemporary style of innovation is our Therapy/Comfort Dog Program that combines various components of our agency and community in a "Win-Win" effort to help those in need. This one-of-a-kind program uses inmate labor to provide advanced training to dogs from our Animal Care Center. The program is focused on training the dogs to work as a therapy dog in the areas of child victimization and recovery. Regardless, if it is helping with the recovery of a child victim, helping veterans and first responders suffering from anxiety disorder in need of animal-assisted therapy, this unique program has just the right pet to help just the right person.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office Therapy/Comfort Dog Program as a "Win-Win" at many levels providing those in need with a professional trained Comfort Dog, helping our Animal Care Center achieve "no kill" status, teaching inmates a trade to assist them when they re-enter back into society, and all at no expense to our taxpayers or our recipients.

Without question, the positive effects of having one of our canine companions has the ability to change the quality of life for those who truly need our help. If you, or anyone you know could benefit from this program please contact the Paws & Stripes® College through the email provided in this brochure.

Brevard County Sheriff

Wayne Svey



RESOURCES & PARTNERSHIPS



E-mail for application:
pawsandstripescollege@bcso.us

All dogs selected receive basic obedience training from county sentenced inmates and are screened for temperament and behavioral characteristics for advanced training by a K9 Specialist.



Veterans Academic Resource Center

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Office: 407-823-2707



The Family Learning Program

fit.edu/ftp
321-604-5898



spacecoasttherapydogs.com



BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PAWS & STRIPES® COLLEGE

THERAPY/COMFORT DOG PROGRAMS



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BREVARD COUNTY SHERIFF

The Paws & Stripes® College has two levels of training. The first is our Comfort Dog Program that provides the companionship of a K9 friend to children with behavioral or emotional disabilities and Veterans with PTSD.

COMFORT DOG PROGRAM

CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIORAL & EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES



- Reduces anxiety & anger
- Increase communication
- Produces social interactions
- Positive mood stabilizer
- Helps with teaching responsibility
- Stimulates cognitive response

VETERANS



- Decreases anxiety in public place
- Reduces symptoms of PTSD
- Increase in undisturbed sleeping
- Produces social interactions
- Stimulates cognitive response

8-HOUR MANDATORY TRAINING COURSE

Potential owners must complete an (8) hour training course that is held over a period of 4 days and covers:

- Basic Obedience
- Rapport & K-9 Care
- Comfort Dog rules & regulations
- Adapting to a new home
- Additional Opportunities for advanced training

THERAPY DOG PROGRAM

The second level of training is our *Law Enforcement & Multidiscipline Crimes Against Persons Therapy Dog Training*. This is an advanced 40 hour training course reserved for Law Enforcement Partners and Crisis Response members.

- Learning the Do's & Don't's of deploying a Therapy dog for crime victims.
- Home Adaptation (For those obtaining a K-9)
- Instructions & Practical Application include:
 1. Basic & Advanced Obedience
 2. Behavioral Observations
 3. Vehicle Ops
 4. Investigative Interview Technique
 5. Work place adjustments
 6. National Registration



This course prepares K-9 teams to complete the necessary requirements of becoming a Nationally Registered Therapy Dog Team.