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Iowa State Penitentiary Announces Results of the 2019 USPCA Dog Detector Trails

Fort Madison, IA – K9 Teams from all over Iowa recently converged on Fort Madison to certify in the 2019 USPCA Dog Detector Trials. In addition, 63 K9's and their handlers competed against each other in two main categories; narcotics searches of rooms and vehicles.

Numerous breeds of K9's were present: Belgian Malinious, German Shepards, Labradors as well as Golden Retrievers. ISP has utilized K9's since 1994, primarily utilizing the Belgian Malinious, but recently ISP Handler Michael Barnes, added a Golden Retriever. The Golden, named Zeus was recently certified in contraband, which consists of tobacco and electronics. Zeus is the first dog in the State of Iowa to be certified in those areas.

Iowa State Penitentiary's own **Michael Barnes** won **First Place Over-All** with his dog Justice. ISP Handler **Dustin Yager** won **6th place** over all with his K9 Maverick.

Other notable mentions from the Iowa Department of Corrections Teams:

10th Place Over All – Sgt. John Schumacher with K9 Storm from Newton Correctional Facility

2nd Place Vehicle Search – Sgt. Mike Brandt from Newton Correctional Facility

3rd Place Vehicle Search- Sgt. John Schumacher with K9 Storm from Newton Correctional Facility

In addition individual certifications, K9's and the Handlers were able to assemble teams to compete. Sgt.'s Mike Brandt, John Schumachert Damon Van Bogart from Newton teamed up with Sgt. Asa Beauchamp from Mount Pleasant to win first place for their team.

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