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# PRESS RELEASE

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Sheriff Joe Gamble and the Talbot County Sheriff's Office, K-9 Unit extend a warm thank you to the Lady Patriots, who generously donated funds for a new K-9 Bite Suit. The bite suit is a special padded suit used to train canines on how to take down an aggressive suspect, without resulting in deadly force. The suit protects the canine handler, as well as the canine during training activities which are required by Maryland canine certifications. Deputies require special training in receiving attacks from the canine to prevent injury to the handler and canine, and this suit is invaluable for this activity. Unfortunately, these suits are custom fit and very expensive to purchase. This is where our Lady Patriots have generously stepped up.

Sheriff Gamble started our K-9 program at TCSO shortly after being elected in 2014. Since then, seven specially trained canines and equipment have been generously donated by citizens and non-profits in our community totaling over \$75,000.00.

Our canines are trained and certified in narcotics detection, tracking, article searches and patrol functions, such as crowd control, suspect apprehensions and building searches.

"We serve a great community that offers us tremendous support. The Lady Patriots have been long time supporters of the Talbot County Sheriff's Office raising funds for a K-9 dog and now a Bite Suit". Said Sheriff Gamble.



1/Sgt. Justin Aita modeling the bite suit.