

## K9 Unit

The Echols County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit was established by Sheriff Randy Courson as a response to the request of Echols County citizens to aid in his ongoing war on drugs.

The K-9 Unit's goal is to provide the Sheriff with trained and experienced drug interdiction personnel and K-9 handler. The Unit has one Belgian Malinois "Spike". The K-9 Unit is on call 24/7 and the handler is responsible for maintaining the training and welfare of the dog. The K-9 is certified through ACLEOTC, Inc.

Spike who is six-years-old was trained in Germany. He was purchased by the Echols County Sheriff's Office. He's currently utilized for Drug Interdiction and is a passive drug alerter who sits at the odor of narcotics. He is also trained in officer safety, suspect tracking, area item and suspect searches. He is aggressive and will attack on command if he senses that him or his handler is in danger.

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