

Comfort K9 Team

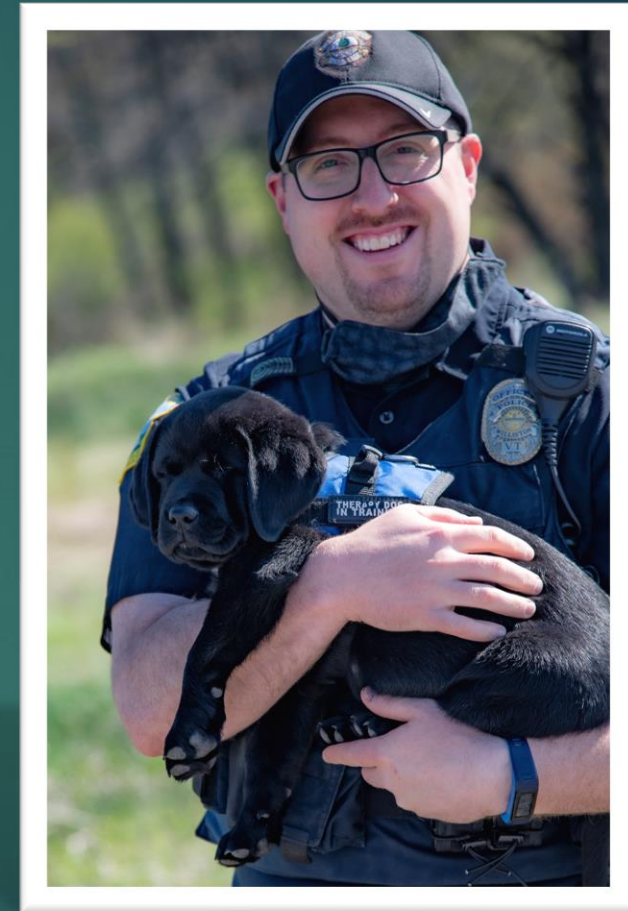
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K9 Duke



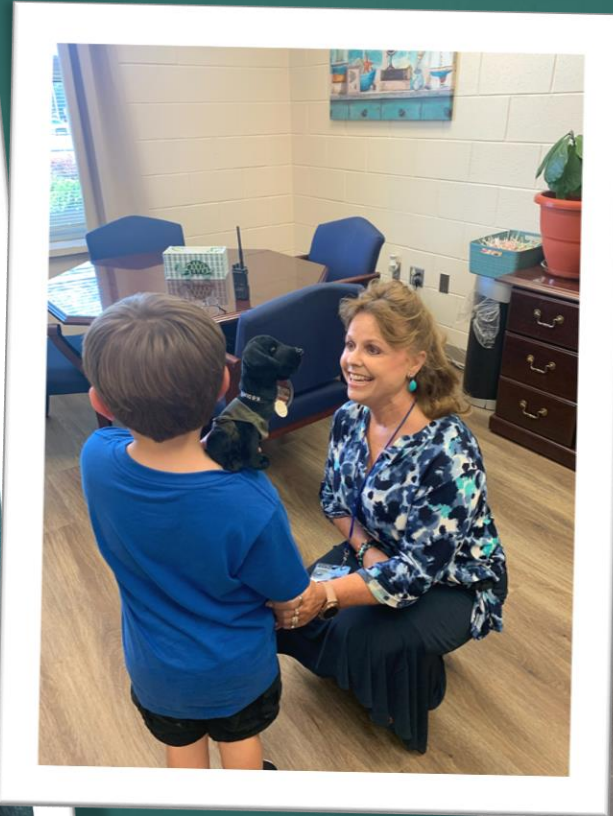
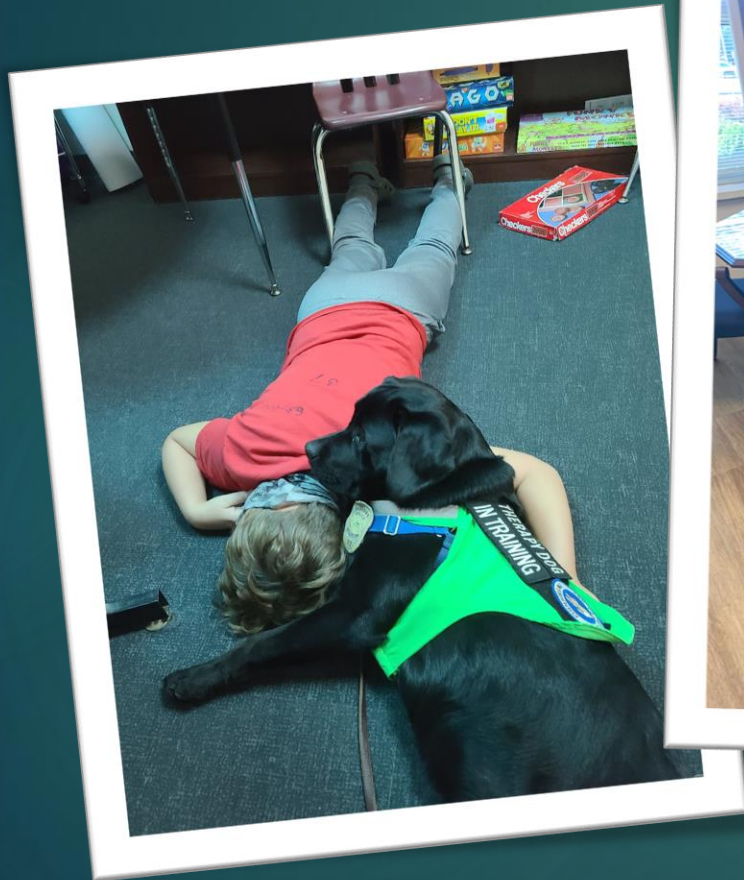
The Program

- ▶ The Williston Police Department created Vermont's First Police comfort dog team.
- ▶ The function of the Comfort Dog is to provide interaction during investigations involving children or adults to reduce anxiety and increase communication between the adult or child victim/witness and investigators. To provide comfort for people during times of crisis, and to provide aid and comfort to individuals, groups and communities impacted by violence, tragedy, or traumatic events.
- ▶ The Comfort Dog is also a valuable tool in fostering dialog and communications between the police department and the community we serve. The Comfort Dog can effectively be used in the Department's community policing efforts.



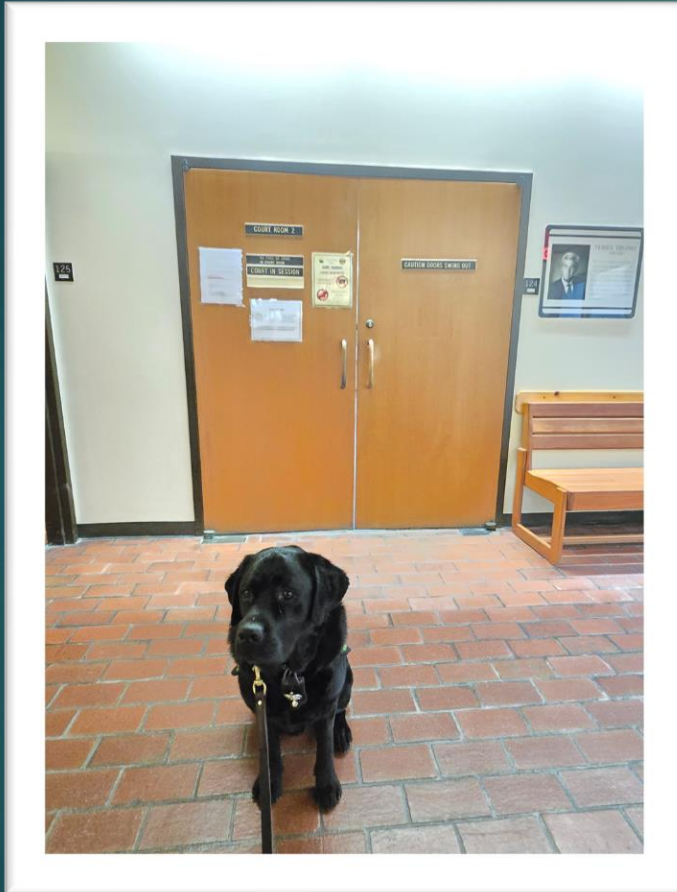
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- Assist in investigations by providing victim support during interviews.



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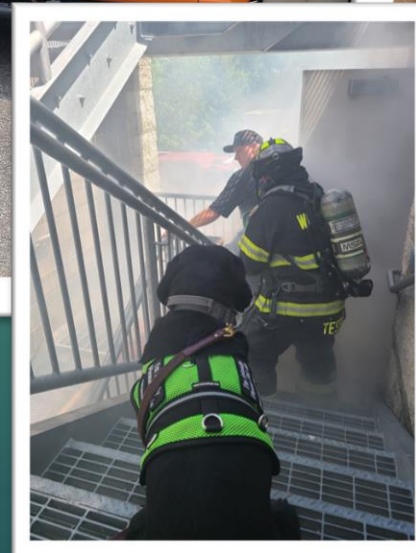
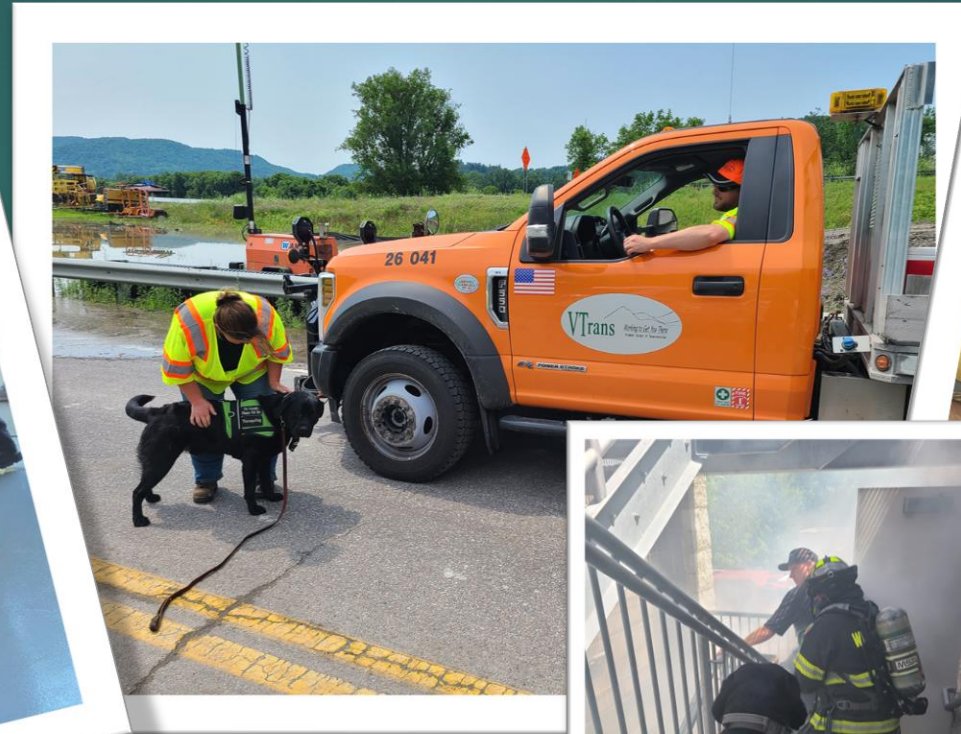
- Support Trial testimony of a witness or victim



- ▶ “I thank you very much for the support and laughs both of you brought today. I don’t think I could have remained as centered if it weren’t for the support duke provides. (You also provide an amazing amount of moral support and much needed smiles)....No words could say thank you enough! With much thanks and respect”

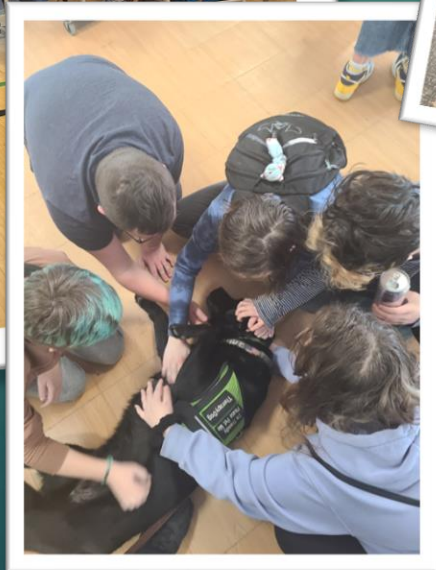
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- Critical Incident Mental Health Support & Stress Management



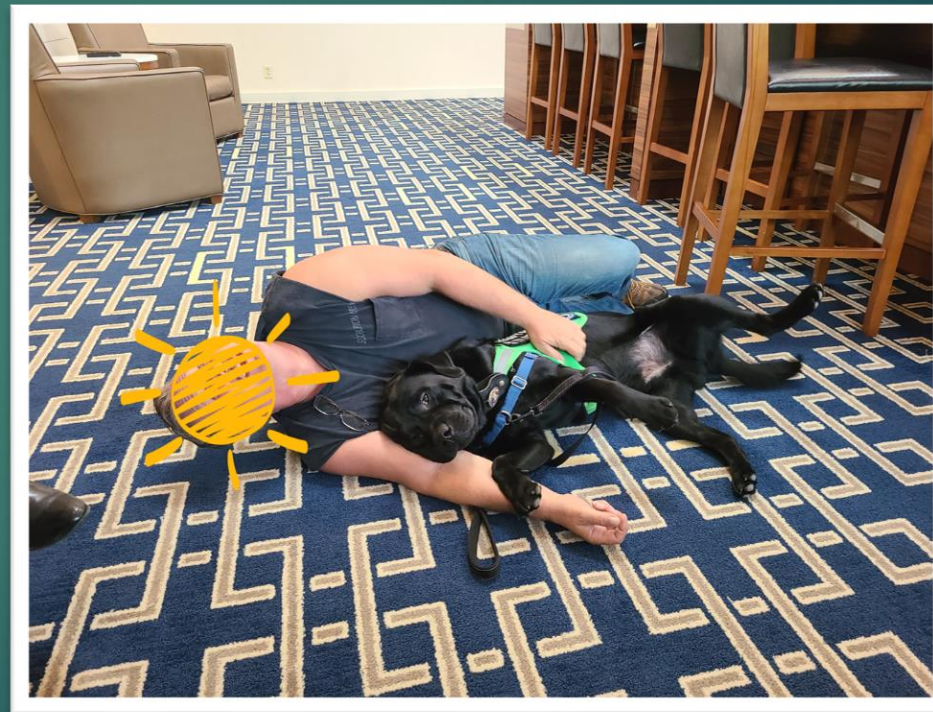
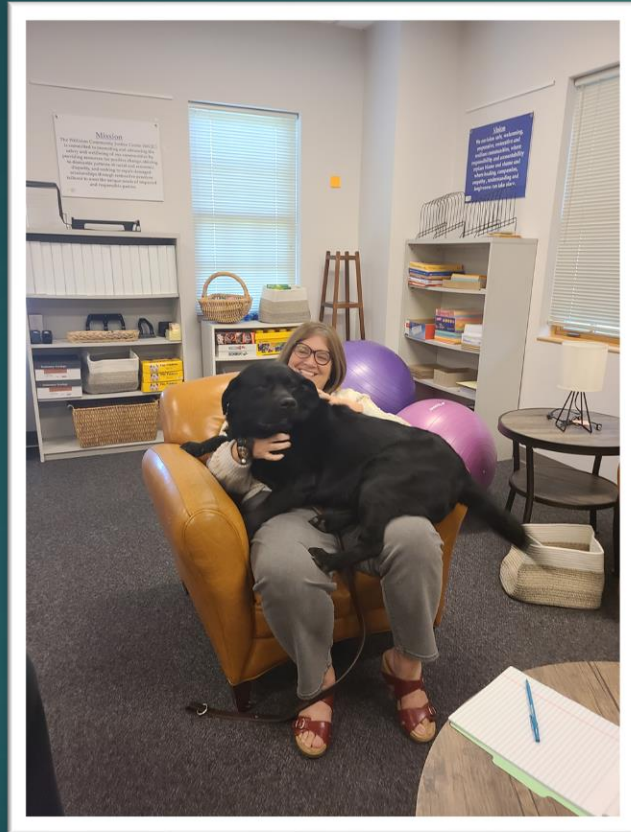
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- School Support



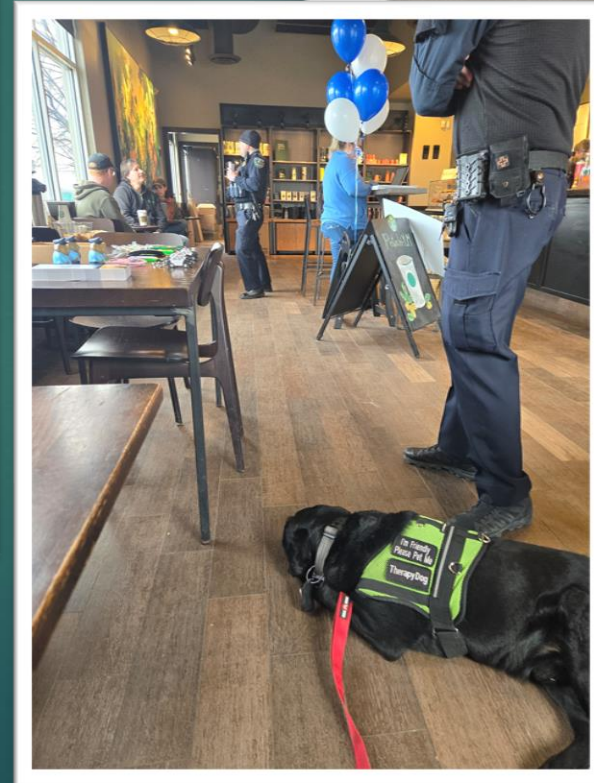
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- Community Justice Center Support



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- Community Relations



Training



Handing out MRE's with Vermont National Guard For COVID relief 5/8/20



Total Hours	Number of Sessions with Thin Blue Line K9
479.25	26

Current Certifications:

- ▶ AKC Canine Good Citizen
- ▶ ATD Therapy Dog
- ▶ AKC Urban Canine
- ▶ FCSO Police Therapy Dog



2022/23 Iron Dog awards



▶ DONORS

The comfort program was fully funded through donations and fundraisers. Listed below are donors that have graciously provided services to make the program possible.

Boonfield Labradors

Thin Blue Line K9

Guys Farm and Yard

Mountain View Animal Hospital

Community Bank



Questions?

