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## Media Release

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**Subject: Joplin Police Department Crime K9 Medical Training**

This is a follow up to our Facebook release on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> members of the Joplin Police K-9 Team and the Joplin Police SWAT Paramedics attended a special medical training for sick or injured dogs. The class was presented by Dr. Ben Leavens of Main Street Pet Care. Topics that were discussed were typical illness and treatments that Police K-9s could get while on duty. Other topics included injuries that K-9's could sustain while on duty. All of these topics included but were not limited to: daily examinations and health of the dogs, gunshot wounds, penetrating trauma, bleeding control and management, advanced airway management, I.V. application, dehydration, broken bones, CPR, abdominal injuries and illnesses. With this training the K-9 handlers and SWAT Paramedics are better equipped to take care of a sick or injured dogs while working in the City of Joplin. A special thanks to Dr. Leavens and staff for taking the time to ensure that our working dogs have the best medical care possible while protecting the City of Joplin and its citizens.

Three Photos should be attached.



