

K-9 Division

In March 2010, the Beatrice Police Department was able to restart the K-9, Police Service Dog (PSD) division of its Department with the generous donations from the public. Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter attended a three (3) month long training academy at the Nebraska State Patrol Police Service Dog camp. Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter successfully completed the Police Service Dog training and were certified a Police Service Dog Team by the Nebraska State Patrol in May 2010.

PSD Soter is trained in the areas of tracking, evidence recovery, drug searches, handler protection, and suspect apprehension. PSD Soter is trained to detect four (4) different odors of drugs including: marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin.

Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter are currently assigned to the overnight shift working from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and have responded to a variety of calls including: open doors, suspect tracking, evidence recovery, building searches, drug searches, and area searches for suspects.

Since being assigned to the street patrol in May 2010, Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter have assisted the Nebraska State Patrol, Gage County Sheriff's Office, Beatrice Police Department, Marysville Police Department KS, Marshal County Sheriff's Office KS, Omaha Police Department, Lincoln Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Fairbury Police Department, and Saline County Sheriff's Office with drug searches, tracking of suspects, and area searches for suspects. Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter have also completed numerous public presentations including: patrol demonstrations, school presentations, and private Social Clubs. Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter also completed several school sniffs at both Beatrice High School and Beatrice Middle School at the request of school officials.

Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter are members of the Beatrice Police Department's S.W.A.T. Team and have been working with the Team on current uses of PSD Soter.

In 2013, Officer Robert Soldo and PSD Soter responded to approximately 50 calls for service requiring help of a PSD.