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### **POLICE K9 UNITS COMPLETE TRAINING**

Local, state, federal and military Explosive Detection K9 teams completed a three day training course that was conducted at the old Everett High School, the Boston Police Training Facility in Boston and MBTA Bus Facility in Medford.

30 teams completed the training that was sponsored by the Massachusetts State Police, the Connecticut State Police, the Boston Police Department and the Everett Police Department.

The three day, 30 hour course covers the types of searches that the K9 teams are most likely to encounter. Simulations covered locker searches, room searches, mass transit vehicle searches, motor vehicle searches and luggage searches.

“The high school provides a unique training opportunity and location that is not readily available for the units to train in” stated Chief Steven Mazzie of the Everett Police Department. “This location gives the K9 teams access to lockers, rooms and a large open space to practice the skills they will need should they be called out for a real incident.”

K9 teams from the following agencies participated in the training: Boston Police, Everett Police, Lowell Police, New Bedford Police, Quincy Police, Massachusetts State Police, Amtrak Police, Department of Homeland Security-Federal Protective Service, ATF, TSA and Air Force Teams from Hanscomb, AFB.

There are currently over 50 Explosive Detection K9 teams in Massachusetts. The teams work together frequently in Massachusetts and in the local region to provide explosive detection assets.

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