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**PRESS RELEASE**

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On August 27, 28 and 29, Sioux County Deputy Justin De Bruin and his canine partner, Sonny, certified and competed in the annual United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Patrol Dog Trials.

This year, the trials were held in Ida Grove, IA and hosted by the Ida County Sheriff's Office.

Patrol dog trials consists of obedience, agilities, article search, suspect search and criminal apprehension with and without gunfire scenarios.

A total of 32 law enforcement agency canine teams from Iowa and Minnesota attended this year's trial. Out of the 32 teams, De Bruin and Sonny placed 6<sup>th</sup> over-all and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the criminal apprehension phase.

Capt. Jamison Van Voorst said, "The Sheriff's Office is very proud of De Bruin's hard work and dedication with Sonny; they make a great team. We also want the citizens of Sioux County to know what an important asset they are for our county's public safety."

