Officer Kevin King was a member of the K-9 unit for 16 years. During that time, he accomplished many things.

He is currently the President of the Washington State Police Canine Association. This is a prestigious position that carries with it significant responsibility to the other K-9 handlers across the state. He is a Master Trainer, certified and authorized by the state to train a “green” K-9 team, both in the Patrol Division and other agencies in the Pacific Northwest.

Officer King has been a Master Trainer for over ten years. He has trained every recent drug dog handler that we have had (total of six teams) and he has trained many of our current patrol dog handlers. Officer King was instrumental in the development of the Police Canine WAC Code, regulating statewide standards for all Washington State Police K-9’s. He spearheaded the recent Vertical Staffing Committee proposal to bring back the Drug Dog Program. This presentation was made to Senior Staff and convinced the Chief of the necessity of the Drug Dog Program for our department.

Officer King developed the curriculum for the spring 2007 in-service training as it pertained to the patrol dog and drug dog response. He also taught the majority of the sessions. Officer King is a frequent contributor to the Spokane Police Department Newsletter on K-9 issues. He is the first to volunteer any time a citizen request a K-9 demonstration.

Officer King has been the main contributor from the patrol dog handlers in providing “operations” intelligence for updating our K-9 Standard Operating Procedures. He wrote the curriculum for the first Advanced Patrol Dog School offered by the Criminal Justice Training Commission. Kevin has taught the K-9 portion of the B.L.E.A. curriculum at most of our local academy sessions and at many of our citizens academies as well.

The Spokane Police Department and K-9 Unit is grateful for Officer King’s dedication and his continued standard of excellence.