

St. Charles County Police Department Patrol Division Specialized Units

Care Trak System Unit

This unit uses telemetry tracking for "high-risk" people with Alzheimer, dementia, and special needs kids with autism, Down syndrome, etc. Specially trained officers work in conjunction with a program provided by Care Trak International, Inc. to provide this service to our county.

Directed Patrol Unit

The Directed Patrol Unit is a multi-faceted unit whose primary goal is conducting criminal interdiction, investigations, and arrests focused on drug trafficking and illegal narcotics. Members of this unit are responsible for the identification, investigation, and arrest of individuals, groups, or organizations that pose a criminal threat, in addition to working with local task forces.

Drug Recognition Expert Unit

A Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is an officer who has been specially trained to conduct an examination on a person to determine if the person is impaired and, if so, whether the impairment is caused by drug use or by a medical condition. DREs can be used in a variety of ways, from DWI enforcement to internal investigations.

The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program is sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Field Training Officer Unit

The Field Training Officer Program is responsible for the training of new officers, so each is prepared to function as professional law enforcement officers at the end of their training cycle.

The training cycle consists of a minimum of a three-month intensive on-the-job training and daily performance evaluations. Field training officers have the dual responsibility of providing law enforcement service in their assigned patrol zones, as well as conducting training and evaluations for new deputies.

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Unit is comprised of nationally certified "full service" commissioned dogs and their handlers with one supervisor. The unit utilizes the Malinois, Hanoverian Hound and German Shepherd as "full service" for tracking, narcotics detection and apprehension purposes, and one Labrador Retriever specifically for Electronic Storage Detection (ESD). These canines reside in the homes of their handlers, who are assigned throughout the three patrol shifts working general patrol assignments in addition to their K-9 responsibilities.

The members of this specialized unit are on-call 24 hours a day for special incidents, along with supporting surrounding law enforcement agencies. Throughout the year the unit is called upon for public events and school safety presentations.

All of the K-9s are certified through the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association (NNDDA).

Motorcycle Unit

The Motorcycle Unit is equipped with 10 Harley Davidson motorcycles, which are used for traffic enforcement, dignitary motorcades, special public events, and other directed patrol assignments. Officers assigned to ride these motorcycles are required to graduate from an intense 40-hour police motorcycle school.

Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit is comprised of officers assigned full-time to traffic enforcement and accident investigations. Each member of the unit is equipped with radar and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) speed detection devices for traffic enforcement.

The unit has a radar trailer that is deployed to high traffic and/or resident complaint areas, which records the total number of vehicles and average vehicle speeds.

Vehicle Crash Investigation Unit

The primary mission of this unit is to investigate and provide detailed reporting of serious crashes involving fatalities, commercial motor vehicles and crashes resulting in felony criminal charges throughout the county.

The crash investigation unit will also assist other law enforcement agencies with serious traffic crash investigations and critical crime scene mapping.

Each officer is trained in the human, mechanical, and environmental factors of traffic crash investigation. They are considered court experts in the field of traffic crash investigation.

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