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K-9 OFFICERS CHAOS AND MALA ARE THE SOUTH HAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – (South Haven, Michigan) The South Haven Police Department (SHPD) K-9 Unit is comprised of two K-9 officers: Mala and Chaos.

Mala is a breed of dog called a Jagdhund. She was bred to be used specifically for tracking purposes. She uses scent discrimination to track using an article of clothing along with traditional tracking techniques. She is a valuable asset to SHPD.

Mala is super friendly and outgoing which makes her a perfect choice for making public appearances in the area schools and at SHPD sponsored events. Mala’s handler is Officer Mersman.



Officer Mersman with Officer Mala



Officer VanBrussel with Officer Chaos

Chaos is a Malinois and is assigned to officer VanBrussel. Chaos is a dual purpose patrol dog that is trained in many disciplines. He is trained in the areas of tracking, narcotic detection, article searching, and handler protection. Chaos is a great asset to the SHPD, and we look forward to many years of dedicated service to the citizens of South Haven.

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