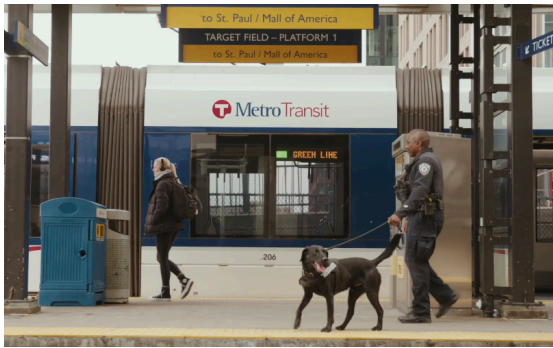


Metro Transit Police Department K-9 Unit

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Watch: [MTPD's K-9 Unit in action](#)

The Metro Transit Police Department currently has a team of five K-9 teams that are a presence on the transit system, including light rail vehicles, buses, and Northstar Commuter Rail.

All of the department's K-9s are single purpose Labrador Retrievers who are trained in the detection of explosives and weapons – and can be seen at highly visible events such as Twins, Vikings, United, and Gophers games.

MTPD's K-9 unit first began in 2006. The growth was necessitated by the expansion of light rail and bus rapid transit. Since then, there have been 22 K-9 teams.

In 2021, the K-9 Unit focused its Peace Officers Standards Training approved training curriculum internally, helping the unit's K-9s become more familiar with working on a transit system.

For three months, the teams are trained at Metro Transit facilities including garages, stations, and trains, allowing them to familiarize themselves with working in an environment with the sounds, sights, and smells of a transit environment.

Training continues throughout the year and certifies with the United States Police Canine Association annually.

K-9 Team Members:

- Officer Leonard Mitchell and Kaide
- Officer Peter Eshenaur and Riddick
- Officer Timbutu Wilkerson and Luna
- Officer Peter Yang and Brady
- Officer Amy Keyes and Sky

