

Schultz Ford Steps Up to Aid Police Programs

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A local business has stepped up to help Rockland County's law enforcement agencies. Craig Schultz, owner, and Schultz Ford made donations of three 2010 Ford Focus' and an 18-month old German Shepherd named Taz to help keep our kids and our communities safer.

Clarkstown's D.A.R.E. program received a car for use in its activities; so did the Orangetown D.A.R.E. program; and the Rockland County Sheriff's Department received a donated vehicle for use in its C.A.R.E. program. The Clarkstown K-9 unit is also a team stronger thanks to the generosity of Schultz Ford.

D.A.R.E.'s (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) primary mission is to provide children with the information and skills they need to live drug-and-violence-free lives. The mission is to equip kids with the tools that will enable them to avoid negative influences and instead, allow them to focus on their strengths and potential. The program also fosters good relationships between the youth and police, school administrators and parents and encourages the children to lead healthy lifestyles. Clarkstown was the first Rockland County Department to incorporate the D.A.R.E. program.

The Rockland County C.A.R.E. program (Computer Aided Rescue Effort) is dedicated to assist Law Enforcement with investigations involving abducted, missing and endangered children. In the event of missing, abducted and endangered person's investigations, the Rockland County Sheriff's C.A.R.E. program is prepared to respond with the immediate and widespread distribution of current, high quality digital images of missing persons to the computer display screens of patrol



(l to r) Dare Officer Michael Yannazon of Orangetown Police Department, Care Officer Gerald Verdicchio of the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, Detective Seargent George Garrecht of the Orangetown Police Department, Craig Schultz of Schultz Ford, Chief Lewis Falco of the Rockland County Sheriff's Department, Chief Michael Sullivan of the Clarkstown Police Department, Dare Officer Kevin Shannon, Police Officer Michael Keane and Taz of the Clarkstown Police Department. The three vehicles and money to purchase the police dog were all donated by Ted Schultz Ford.

cars throughout Rockland County, the NY State Amber Alert system, and thousands of local and national targets.

The use of canines in police work has proven benefits. Dogs have a greater sense of smell and sharp hearing which makes clearing buildings, finding missing persons and sniffing out illegal drugs that much more efficient, safer and complete. Taz and his human partner, Police Officer Michael Keane, are nearing graduation before being placed into service. Taz and Keane will be Clarkstown's third and newest K-9 unit. The dogs

are well trained, people friendly and responsive to their handler's commands.

K-9 Officer Robert Reilly of Clarkstown P.D. explained that the dog becomes a member of the police officer's family. "The dogs and handlers live and work together. They are always together." Reilly and his dog, King, were involved in the highly publicized search for Eric Lau in a Valley Cottage murder investigation and have been used to locate missing hikers and Alzheimer's patients. German Shepherds are the breed most commonly used and well suited for police work.

"What Schultz Ford is doing for us is tremendous," said Clarkstown Police Chief Mike Sullivan. "It's amazing, especially in these economic times, when a local business steps up to help us in this way." Chief Sullivan explained that tax dollars are normally tapped for vehicle and K-9 expenses and this is something Schultz has contributed for the community.

Schultz Ford is located at 80 Route 304, (north of Route 59) in Nanuet, New York. Visit their showroom to see a complete display of new Ford and Lincoln passenger vehicles, crossovers, SUV's, and trucks. They carry an extensive inventory of pre-owned vehicles as well. Showroom hours are Monday through Thursday 9 to 9, Friday 9 to 6:30, and Saturday 9 to 5. Call Schultz Ford at (877) 724-8589 or (845)-624-3600.



The officers on hand for the donation of the vehicle and the dog to the Clarkstown Police Department stop to thank Craig Schultz.



Officers of the Orangetown Police Department receive their newly donated DARE vehicle.



The Ford Focus' donated to the Clarkstown P.D., the Orangetown P.D. and the Rockland County Sheriff's Department.



Chief Falco and Care Officer Verdicchio receive their newly donated vehicle

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