



## News from the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders

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### Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit Receives Donation

**SOMERVILLE** – The Somerset County Board of Freeholders and the Somerset County Sheriff's Office recently hosted a ceremonial check presentation at the county's Sept. 11 Memorial, at the corner of Main and Bridge streets.

The Alison Marie Wildman Foundation made a \$2,000 donation to the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit on behalf of Ms. Wildman who was a victim of the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11. The foundation was formed in her memory in 2002 and honors her love for dogs and humanity.



Arthur Wildman, June Wildman and Jill Saladino, starting third from left, present a \$2,000 ceremonial check to the Somerset County Board of Freeholders and Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano for the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit, at the county's Sept. 11 Memorial. Mr. and Mrs. Wildman and Ms. Saladino are the parents and sister of Alison Marie Wildman, who was a victim of the World Trade Center attacks. Pictured, from left to right, are Freeholder Robert Zaborowski, Freeholder Deputy Director Rick Fontana, Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano, Sen. Christopher "Kip" Bateman, Freeholder Patricia Walsh and Assemblyman Peter Biondi. Kneeling, left to right, are Officer Al Bauer and Nemo, Officer Tom Wallace and Boone and Lt. Tim Pino and Dano. The family formed the Alison Marie Wildman Foundation in 2002 in memory of Ms. Wildman. The foundation provides 35 percent of its funding for the care and feeding of animals and the remainder is given to other organizations.

"The Wildman family has found a way to turn Alison's passion into a living memorial, which benefits others," said Freeholder Robert Zaborowski. "I commend them for their strength and selflessness."

"Generous donations like this one enable the Sheriff's Office to maintain K-9 services to all law-enforcement agencies within Somerset County," said Sheriff Frank J. Provenzano.

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In attendance were Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman; Assemblyman Peter Biondi; Freeholder Deputy Director Rick Fontana; Freeholder Zaborowski; Freeholder Patricia Walsh; Sheriff Provenzano; June and Arthur Wildman, Ms. Wildman's parents; Jill Saladino, her sister; and members of the Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit with their respective dogs.

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The foundation has made donations to battered women's organizations, seeing-eye dog organizations, soup kitchens, Second Chance for Animals, Cascade Beagle Rescue, the Union County Sheriff's Office and several municipalities. After Hurricane Katrina, it made donations to the Humane Society of the United States and the Red Cross.

In 2008, it will provide funds to Operation Jersey Cares U.S. Veterans, Food for Friends, Linden Interface Network, Corporate Angels, Summit Speech School, the USO, Hoboken Shelter, Angel Paws and Raptor Trust.

The Somerset County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit was brought back to Somerset County in 2002 by Sheriff Provenzano. It currently consists of three dogs, each with specific training in one area - narcotics, explosives or human-scent detection.

For information about the K-9 Unit, contact Lt. Tim Pino of the Sheriff's Office at 908-231-7028 or [pino@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:pino@co.somerset.nj.us). For information about the Alison Marie Wildman Foundation, call 732-469-9330 or e-mail [awildman1@verizon.net](mailto:awildman1@verizon.net) or Kelli Christianson of PNC Bank at 908-429-2381, the administrator of the fund.