

# Sheriff



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## **OCSO HOSTS USPCA REGION ONE K-9 FIELD TRIALS**



The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office will be hosting the United States Police Canine Association's 2011 Region One Field Trials February 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. The public is invited to observe some of the actual certification events at Morgan Sports Complex in Destin. In addition, all the skills tested will be put on display during a free public demonstration planned in Fort Walton Beach.

More than 100 participants, including the OCSO K-9 unit, will be taking part. K-9 teams from across Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana will be tested throughout the week in the phases of obedience, agility, all aspects of search work, and criminal apprehension. The K-9 certification process is required to ensure each K-9 team has attained a high degree of training and control.

Portions open to the public include Obedience and Agility Tests on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Criminal Apprehension Tests on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Morgan Sports Center, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail in Destin from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The public demonstration takes place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at Joe Etheredge Stadium, Choctawhatchee High School. It's a longstanding tradition of the USPCA and a way to thank the local public for welcoming the association into the community for the week of field trials. The Choctawhatchee Style Marchers will operate the concession stand during that demonstration and all sale proceeds will benefit that organization.

In addition, children attending the public demonstration will be presented a raffle ticket when they enter the stadium. Sheriff Larry Ashley and members of the OCSO K-9 unit will then hold a drawing for a brand new bicycle at the intermission.

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