

Canine Team Iro and Deputy Blaine Evans Background

Deputy Blaine Evans joined the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Office in June of 2018. He is a member of numerous specialized teams within the agency, and became a K9 handler paired with Iro in April of 2022.

Iro is a 3-year-old male Black and Tan German Shepherd born in Bulgaria and then trained in Hungary. After initial training in Hungary, Iro was imported to Jessifany Canine Services LLC., in Iron Ridge Wisconsin in March 2022. In April of 2022, Iro was selected to be paired with Deputy Blaine Evans and the two trained at Jessifany Canine Services together for 5 weeks. They became a certified K9 team in drug detection, tracking, article searches, and criminal apprehension in June 2022.

Iro is formally certified through the American Police Canine Association in the detection of marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and Methylenedioxyamphetamine (MDMA).



Since their inception as a certified canine team with the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, Iro has been utilized with Deputy Evans 143 times. In these 143 deployments they are responsible for locating 417 grams of marijuana, 105 grams of cocaine, 4.4 grams of heroin, 444 grams of fentanyl, 64 grams of methamphetamine, 326 grams of psilocybin (mushrooms), 215 prescription pills, 12 guns, participated in numerous searches for missing persons and fleeing suspects, and has seized over \$1,500 in cash.

Along with these finds, Iro and Deputy Evans regularly appear at public events and presentations such as picnics, the county fair, school presentations, and other community related events.