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BPD K9 Unit Elected to VT K9 Hall of Fame	5/24/19
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**NARRATIVE:**

Burlington Police Corporal Trent Martin and his Police Canine Capone (Posthumously) were awarded the state's highest Police Canine honor today (Friday, May 24, 2019) when they were elected to the Vermont Police Canine Hall of Fame. They joined a small elite group of Vermont Police Canine Handlers and their canine partners who have been bestowed with the State's highest honor for Police Canines. Cpl. Martin and Canine Capone received a marble plaque in the Vermont Police Canine Hall of Fame located on the grounds of the Vermont Police Academy in Pittsford, VT.

Canine Capone, a German shepherd, was donated to the Burlington Police Department and began his career with Cpl. Martin in the winter of 2008. After completing 22 weeks of training, they emerged as Burlington Police Departments newest Canine Team. Over the next 11 years, Canine Capone and Cpl. Martin won numerous awards. Notably – (4) times Vermont Police Canine Team of the Year – 2011, 2019, 2017, 2018. Vermont Police Canine Drug Detection Team of the Year - 2012, and VT Police Canine Patrol Team of the Year -2014. In 2011, they were recipients of a life saving award for a track conducted where they located a suicidal subject.

Cpl. Martin and Canine Capone were regarded as the best hard surface tracking team in the state. In 2008, they located crucial evidence on a difficult track, leading to the conviction of a violent sexual assault suspect who received a sentence of over 20 years

Cpl. Martin and Canine Capone helped to promote awareness and the role of Police Canines in Vermont by conducting numerous demonstrations over their career at Elementary schools, News outlets, Festivals and other public events. Cpl. Martin has been serving for over 8 years as the Secretary of the Vt. Police Canine Association, and he is a current member of the Vt. Police K-9 Committee.

Canine Capone spent his entire life in service to the Burlington Police Department, the citizens of Burlington, Chittenden County and the State of Vermont. Canine Capone passed away in April shortly after his retirement. Cpl. Martin carried his ashes with him when he received their award.