



### *The Friends of the Reading Police K9 Unit's Story*

The Reading Police Department K9 Unit has a 53-year tradition of serving our community. Since 1961, with the help of our four-legged friends, the K9s have kept our officers out of harm's way and helped to secure the safety of the citizenry of Reading and beyond.

In 2004, due to the city's dire financial circumstances, the K9 Unit found itself cut from Reading's municipal budget. As if fighting crime in Reading weren't difficult enough, doing so without the aid of the K9s simply heaped more danger on our officers and led to many more man-hours to get the job done.

In August of 2006, Officer Scott Wertz was killed in a melee that would have been a perfect opportunity for a K9 Unit to intervene. His death may have been avoided, had the K9s been available on that day. On the heels of this tragedy, our group, The Friends of the Reading Police K9 Unit, was formed. This exceptional collaboration of local government and caring citizens met with outstanding support and success.

By 2008, three new handler/K9 teams were on the street. One year later, three additional teams had graduated, creating the strongest K9 presence in over a decade. But as anyone who has ever had a dog of their own knows, K9s don't last forever. As we see these incredible dogs age, we know that their time on the force is drawing to an end. As of today, three have been retired. They have worked exceedingly hard for us, and we thank them.

Our charge, now, is to ensure the K9s' legacy and keep them moving forward. Specifically, "The Friends" are tasked with replacing our aging K9s.

*With your help, we can achieve this goal!*

Friends of the Reading Police K9 Unit  
c/o Berks County Community Foundation  
P.O. Box 212  
Reading, PA 19603

# Reading PD K-9 Unit 4 Miler



*"Ensuring their future, so they can  
secure ours"*

**2nd Annual**

## **Reading PD K9 Unit: 4-Miler Run/Walk**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**Raffles, K-9 Demo, DJ Music,  
Refreshments & More!**

**Sunday May 22, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

**Reading Liederkrantz  
Reading, PA**

*Benefiting the Reading Police K-9 Unit  
K-9 Unit*

**LOCATION/REGISTRATION:** Starts and ends at the Reading Liederkrantz in Lower Alsace.

**REGISTRATION/NUMBER PICKUP:** Under the main pavillion on the ground of the Reading Liederkrantz starting at 7:30 AM.

**COURSE:** Wheel-measured course. Professional timing services by Pretzel City Sports of Reading, PA.

**SCHEDULE:**

7:30 a.m. – Registration begins under the main pavillion on the grounds of the Liederkrantz.

9:00 a.m. – 4-Mile Run begins

9:05 a.m. - Fun walk/run begins (3/4 mile)

10:00 a.m. – Awards and Celebration

10:30 a.m. – K9 Demonstration, stick around for music food and fun.

**ENTRY FEES:**

**4 mile: \$25 if postmarked by May 7, 2016, includes a guaranteed shirt in the size you request. After May 7, 2016, including day of race, \$30. Shirts available while they last**

**Fun Run: 12 & up: \$15 if postmarked by May 7, 2016, includes a guaranteed shirt in the size you request. After May 7, 2016, including day of race, \$20. Shirts available while they last**

**Under 12: \$5 if postmarked by May 7, 2016.**

**After May 7, 2016, including day of race, \$10**

**No shirt for those under 12 due to the price.**

**Register Online:**

**[www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com)**

**By Mail: Check payable to: "Friends of the Reading PD K9 Unit," c/o Keith Claytor,**

**414 Grandview Dr., Fleetwood, PA 19522**

**Race Director: Keith Claytor: 610-944-6709,**

**[rhornpcs@aol.com](mailto:rhornpcs@aol.com), [www.pretzelcitysports.com](http://www.pretzelcitysports.com)**

**RESULTS:** Finish line and timing service by Pretzel City Sports. Race results posted on [www.pretzelcitytiming.com](http://www.pretzelcitytiming.com)

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to Overall Male and Female. Medals presented to top two (2) Male and top two (2) Female finishers in each of the following age brackets: 14 and Under, 15-19 years, 20-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years, 60-69 years, 70+ years.

**REMEMBER:** Pin your number to your shirt **FRONT**, leaving the bottom portion unpinned so it

can be removed as you cross the finish line. This is very important!

*Join us after the 4-Miler for a post-race celebration to recognize all who participated in this exciting event and award those who've placed in various categories. Enjoy food, music, giveaways and more.*

**Post Run/Walk Food**

Grilled hot dogs, burgers, snacks, beer and soda. Served by the Reading Liederkrantz!

**Bring in a donation of used luggage and receive two free raffle tickets!**  
(luggage is used to help train the puppies)

**Directions to Race:**

Via Mapquest

143 Spook Lane, Reading, PA 19606

GPS Users:

Lat: 40.340016, Lot: -75.891993

Please Print - **Entry Form** - One Per Person

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age on race day \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Registering for: 4M Run  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile fun run/walk Adult T-shirt Size S M L XL XXL

Fee Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Checks payable to the Friends of the Reading Police K-9 Unit)

Already Getting Emails from Pretzel City Sports Regularly? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

WAIVER: I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I also know that there will be traffic on the course and assume the risk for running in traffic. I also assume any or all other risks associated with running or attending the race including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the affects of the weather and the condition of the roads, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry fee, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge Pretzel City Sports, The Friends of the Reading Police K-9 Unit and any subcontractors it utilizes, all municipalities in which the race is held, the race committee, volunteers, any and all sponsors including their agents, employees, assigns or anyone acting for on their behalf, or anyone else associated in any way with the race, from any or all claims or liability for death, personal injury or property damage of any kind of nature what so ever arising out of, or in the course of, my participation in this event(s). This waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature what so ever, foreseen or unforeseen, known or unknown. I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS WAIVER. (if under 18, legal guardian must sign).

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.)