

Lt Harry McKinney

Lt. Harry McKinney is a 32-year veteran of the Chester County Sheriff's Office, where he has served in numerous capacities, currently as the head of the Chester County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. He also supervises the office's new K-9 Academy, which provides certification in-house as well as to outside agencies. Lt. McKinney's passion for K-9s extends to his handling duties. He started in 2009 with Afra, a German Shepherd born in East Germany; Afra, who will turn 10 at the end of 2017, specializes in explosives detection, tracking, article searches and patrol. Two years later, Lt. McKinney added 3-month-old Jessie to his home. The black East German Shepherd is trained in narcotics detection, tracking and article searches. In late 2015, Lt. McKinney completed his trifecta with the acquisition of Melody, a black Labrador who was dismissed from a seeing-eye training program because she liked to steal food. Melody's mellow disposition made her an ideal candidate for serving as a courthouse therapy dog, providing comfort to those involved in high-stress legal proceedings.