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Glendale Police K-9s Show Off Their Talents at VHH

(GLENDALE, CA – April 15, 2008) – From narcotics and explosive training to suspect apprehension and obedience, officers Robert Wynkoop and Aaron Hamilton from the Glendale Police Department Canine Unit talked about their daily trainings with their K-9 companions (Marlin and Quwai, respectively) during a recent Verdugo Hills Hospital Foundation’s Women’s Council luncheon at the Hospital. Demonstrations were presented by the K-9 officers and their handlers in order to show their dogs’ unique skills, capabilities and response to commands.

“It was a great experience to be able to see first-hand how the Glendale K-9 unit operates,” said Sue Wilder, Women's Council Program Chair. “The dogs and their handlers were so professional and seemed so bonded to one another. It is amazing how much training the officers and their K-9 partners go through in order to offer us the protection that they do. The demonstration of Marlin finding the marijuana was very impressive.”

“I really enjoyed watching the K-9 dogs and their officer handlers,” said Chris Mason, Chair of the Women’s Council. “The love these officers have for their dogs is so obvious and it is wonderful to see how each team works together. I hope that this special program within the Glendale Police Department will always receive the support it deserves.”

Members of the Women’s Council are a diverse group of approximately 65 women. Members come from the surrounding foothill communities and have backgrounds ranging from medicine, business, education and community leadership. If you are interested in becoming a member of this prestigious group of women, please call the Women's Council Office at 818.952.2228 or stop by the Foundation Office located on the 4th floor of the Hospital.

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The Glendale Police K-9 unit is funded solely through donations from community organizations, businesses and private citizens.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. The hospital features all private rooms, 24-hour emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothill’s Best Hospital” for 2007 by readers of the *Glendale News-Press*. Several physicians on staff also received recognition as the best in the community, including: Dr. Scott W. Beeve, Foothills Best Ophthalmologist; Dr. Allan W. Perry, Jr., Foothills Best Plastic Surgeon; Dr. Richard L. Rupp, Foothills Best Podiatrist; Dr. William F. Schubert, Foothills Best Family Physician; Dr. Jane S. Wada, Foothills Best Dermatologist; and Dr. Ronald D. Woodard, Foothills Best Obstetrician/Gynecologist. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org.

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