



832 K9's Deputy Dog
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"Saving Lives and Catching Bad Guys"

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832's Daytona (Putnam) saves a life. . .

Our heroic hound life saving adventure for this month is 832's Daytona Florida aka Putnam who works with his handler Sergeant Emmett Merritt of the Putnam County Sheriff's office in Florida.

Recently our team was called by the neighboring county of Flagler to help find a missing mentally disabled teen with other medical issues that had been missing for 5 days. An extensive search involving law enforcement, family, friends, volunteers, helicopters, drones and other K-9's and mounted police was on going. The 5th day volunteers found some clothes believed to belong to the boy and at that point Sgt. Merritt and Putman were deployed to the scene.

Putnam was given the scent article of clothing and began working the area taking Merritt to a high grass area, then to a lake, in to an open field where they found the teen in a deep ditch. Not wanting to frighten the boy Merritt called to him and asked if he could bring the dog to him to pet. The boy said yes, he was still alive after 5 days and nights being scared, bug bitten and dehydrated.

This was a tremendous effort on all of law enforcement and the many volunteers that came out from both Flagler and Putnam Counties. A live press conference was held with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, newspapers and T.V. to answer questions and praise all of the those that helped in this massive search.

One of the comments made during the interview with Sgt Merritt and Putnam was that with all of our technology and man power it was the Bloodhound that found the missing teen. The boys' family statement was "we are so grateful to all that were involved in helping bring back our son".

Sgt. Merritt and Putnam were interviewed by the Morning Show out of Orlando regarding this life saving find, and later that evening not letting fame go to his head Putnam found and saved a missing 20 year old with mental health issues. K-9 Putnam was given a reserved parking spot and according to Sgt. Merritt, Putnam is handling all the fame in stride, however he will be watching in case he starts making some diva requests. All of us in the organization are so proud of Sgt. Merritt an 18 year veteran serving the public and his K-9 partner. Putnam now 7 years old came out of our famous group of 12 puppies called "The Made in America" litter, born here in Citrus County. For more information or how you can help or donate please visit www.deputydogs.org



832's Putnam
Sgt Emmett Merritt