



Corporal Donald Lee has been a Police Officer with the San Marcos Police Department since 1995. He holds a Master Peace Officer Certification. Cpl. Lee is currently assigned to the SMPD Mental Health Unit and has been a Crisis Negotiator on the Hays County / SMPD SWAT Team since 2000. Cpl. Lee was a Police K-9 Handler for 19-1/2 years and developed a passion for dog training. Cpl. Lee has been a Field Training Officer, a School Resource Officer (with a K-9), Firearms and Defensive Tactics Instructor; and is active in the San Marcos community.

K-9 Rindr is a three-year old Belgium Malinois. He was born in Belgium, and I adopted him when he was only 10 weeks old. K-9 Rindr's training includes obedience, agility, sociability, and search and rescue work. Rindr and I attended a 40-hour Law Enforcement Therapy Dog Training Program at Brevard County Sheriff's Office in Florida. We graduated the Paws and Stripes Academy (Brevard County Sheriff's Office) on June 11, 2021 and became a Nationally Certified Multi-Discipline Therapy K-9 Team. K-9 Rindr and I are both assigned to the San Marcos Police Department Mental Health Unit, the SMPD Peer Support Team, and the Regional Crisis Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team for First Responders.

Therapy dogs go to hospitals, schools, nursing homes, or anywhere they might be helpful in lowering stress and anxiety in people. Studies have shown Therapy Dogs may help lower blood pressure and heart rate, reduce patient anxiety, and increase levels of endorphins. In general, Therapy Dogs bring comfort and affection to people. K-9 Rindr, being a Belgium Malinois is a high-spirited dog. He is friendly, outgoing, and somewhat goofy. His motto is "Make someone smile every day, and never take yourself too seriously." K-9 Rindr has helped out