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K9 BOSS COMPETES IN THE FRESNO SHERIFF'S OFFICE K9 TRIALS

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office celebrated its 50-year anniversary of their canine unit's existence this past weekend on February 20th & 21st by hosting a K9 Trial at the Clovis Rodeo Grounds. The trial is a competition between numerous law enforcement K9 teams to showcase their skills and abilities. The trials often included categories in Narcotics Detection, Explosive Ordinance Disposal "EOD" Detection and Patrol scenarios such as, Building Searches, Area Searches, Tactical Obedience and everyone's favorite, Bite Work.

Over forty-five K9 teams from up and down the state and across the central valley, as well as the United States Forest Service, competed in these trials. The Coalinga Police Department was represented by K9 Boss and his handler, Sergeant Sparks. Their performance earned them a 2nd place trophy in the open division for Vehicle Narcotics Searches. The trials are very competitive and not everyone is fortunate to take home a trophy. K9 Boss represented the City of Coalinga and the Coalinga Police Department well.

Sergeant Sparks and K9 Boss have been partners for almost three years and are trained and certified in narcotics detection, patrol operations, and criminal apprehension. Job well done Boss and thank you to the Fresno Sheriff's Office for hosting a great trial.

