



EAPD initially implemented a K-9 Unit in 1986, which functioned until 1992, when the program was terminated. The program was resurrected in 2007 when both the Department and concerned residents realized drug use in the area was increasing and more readily available, which was partly reflected in an increased crime rate. As a result the program was subsequently implemented a second time through the generous donations and contributions of services by local residents and businesses. The K-9 Team went from the drawing board to reality in August 2007 when K-9 Zando, trained in the Czech Republic, teamed up with Officer Krieger. The team then trained together for two months, culminating in New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services Canine Certifications in drug alerting, tracking and patrol services work. The team began actual patrol work in mid-October 2007.

Sadly, Zando passed away while still working in 2014. In the fall of 2014, Officer Waldron was selected to be the next K-9 handler and K-9 Clip, a Labrador Retriever, was selected. Clip is a narcotics detection dog.