



## **Fayette County Sheriff's Office**

**Barry H. Babb, Sheriff**

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### **Press Information**

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On September 10, 2014, Officer Mike Dewald of the Sandy Springs Police Department K-9 Unit presented Lt. Dan Thamert, K-9 Unit Commander for the Fayette County Sheriff's Office with a plaque of recognition for Lt. Thamert's dedication to provide K9 Police Dog training for the Sandy Springs Police Department.

In August of 2009 Lt. Thamert began training Sandy Springs new bloodhound Seven. Lt. Thamert worked with the handler providing both classroom instruction and field work until the team was ready to be in service. Over the years, whenever a new bloodhound handler began working with K-9 Seven they would first come to the Fayette County Sheriff's Office and train with Lt. Thamert and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Bloodhound Team. Lt. Thamert has worked with bloodhounds for the Sheriff's Office for seventeen years, and is a certified instructor with the National Police Bloodhound Association. On August 19th, 2014, it was our pleasure to have Lt. Thamert and the Fayette County Sheriff's Office Bloodhound Team begin working with a new bloodhound handler, Officer Mike Stark with the Sandy Springs Police Department. I am proud of our entire K-9 team and its benefit to the citizens and to the Law Enforcement Community.

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