

Police Dog “Riggs”

Born: 27/10/2006

Commenced operational duty:
08/08/2008

Retirement due: June 2013
*Retiring early due to being diagnosed with
arthritis in mid 2012*

Role; General Purpose Dog

Taskings: 1100

Offenders located: 70

Offences cleared: 150



**Senior Constable First Class
Neil STEVENSON (13178) and
Police Dog Riggs**
*Police Dog Handler,
Dog Operations Unit (32)
South Australia Police*

SIGNIFICANT TASKINGS

October 2008

Three armed robberies had occurred in the Holden Hill area with the same stolen vehicle being used at each offence. The vehicle was pursued by police patrols and had been involved in a 5 car collision on Briens Rd. The offender had run from the vehicle into nearby streets. PD Riggs was cast in the area the offender was last seen and tracked through several streets to a house. Riggs was used to search the rear yards and located the male hiding behind a shed.

April 2009

Patrols had pursued a stolen vehicle in the Woodville area. The vehicle was dumped and offenders were seen running away. An area search was commenced with PD Riggs who located one male hiding behind a bin in the rear yard of a house. Riggs then went on to locate a second offender in bushes in another front yard. The search was continued and Riggs located the third person hiding in another rear yard.

September 2009

A young girl ran away from home after an argument with her mother in the western suburbs. A search of the surrounding area by PD Riggs located the girl sleeping in a sleeping bag in bushes in a nearby reserve.

October 2009

Patrols had a pursuit with a vehicle in the Athelstone area. The offenders had jumped out of the vehicle causing it to continue on and roll into the River Torrens. A patrol had chased the male on foot for a short time and then lost sight of him when the male ran into reeds. On arrival of the dog team the patrols were searching the bank area by torch light. PD Riggs was placed on lead exiting the police vehicle and immediately charged at the reed area between two police officers located about 60m apart. A challenge was issued and a male who had been hiding about 15m into the reeds exited and surrendered to police.

Jan 2011

Two males were seen running away after breaking into a vehicle in the Mitchell Park area. PD Riggs was cast to locate a track in the area the offenders were last seen. PD Riggs indicated a track to a house a few streets away and two males from that address were later arrested for breaking into cars.

November 2011

Patrols on duty at a Random Breath Testing station had male run off through North Adelaide Golf Course after being detected drink driving. PD Riggs searched the area the male was last seen in and began barking on a wheelie bin. The male was located inside the wheelie bin and subsequently arrested.