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### **K9 MAVERICK RETURNS TO WORK**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – Aug. 1, 2011** – A Wake Forest Police K9, seriously injured while on duty in March, returned to work last week.

K9 Maverick was injured when he was accidentally struck by a patrol car while pursuing a suspect. Following emergency surgery, the K9 spent several weeks in the intermediate care ward at N.C. State's School of Veterinary Medicine. Since mid-April he has been recuperating at home while undergoing extensive rehabilitation with a canine orthopedic specialist.

According to Maverick's handler, Officer D. Hess, the K9's return to full duty status means he will perform the same job functions he did prior to the accident, including narcotics detection, tracking, building and area searches, evidence searches, criminal apprehension, officer protection, and public demonstrations.



Maverick's first public appearance will be Tuesday evening, Aug. 2, during the National Night Out Parking Lot Party at the Wake Forest SuperTarget, 12000 Retail Dr.

Maverick, a Belgian Malinois, is nine years old. A member of the Wake Forest Police Department since 2004, he is scheduled to retire in October.

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