

Massachusetts State Police mourn passing of K9 “Tank,” longtime partner of Trooper Janeczak

“It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Massachusetts State Police K9 Tank, the longtime partner of Trooper Thomas Janeczak. Tank passed away Monday evening after a short battle with a vicious infection. Trooper Janeczak was by Tank’s side when he passed.

Tank joined the Massachusetts State Police in 2014 when he and Trooper Janeczak were certified through the unit’s Patrol School and Narcotic Detection School. Tank was an excellent dog with an enviable reputation of success, who brought great pride to Trooper Janeczak, the Unit, and the Department. Like all police dogs, he made innumerable contributions to our mission to protect the public, and he made the state a better place for countless citizens – people who live and raise their families here, and who would never know or see him, but for whom life was safer because of the criminals and drugs Tank helped take off the streets of their neighborhoods.

Moreover, Tank was a loyal partner, friend, and member of Trooper Janeczak’s family and our Massachusetts State Police family.

Lt. Erik Ramsland, the K9 Unit commander, asked his unit members to do the following: “In memory of K-9 Tank, spend a little more time with your partner on your next shift, a few more tosses of the ball, a few more minutes of free time. Enjoy that special time together.”

Thank you, Tank. You served with honor and bravery. You have earned well your free time now, in the sunlit green meadows

across the bridge.