

K-9 IKE

Palm Springs Police Department Partner Luciano Colantuono End of Watch: April 17, 2011



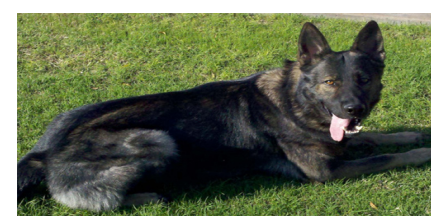
K-9 Ike from the Palm Springs Police Department was added to the California Police Dog Memorial known as Faithful Partner. The Memorial is dedicated to police dogs that have died in the line of duty.

On April 17, 2011, two Palm Springs Police Officers recognized a wanted parolee and tried to apprehend him, but he fled. The officers caught up with the suspect and struggled to detain him, but he was able to break free. At this point, Officer Luciano Colantuono released his K-9 partner Ike on the suspect. As K-9 Ike attempted to apprehend the suspect, he produced a handgun and shot multiple rounds striking both the officer and his K-9. The two officers returned fire killing the suspect. K-9 Ike died doing what he was trained to do, protect his partner's life.

K-9 Ike, a male German Shepherd Dog, joined the department in April 2009 and was a hard worker. Ike and his partner Officer Colantuono conducted 259 area searches, 92 building searches, responded to more than 300 burglary and robbery alarms, and apprehended, or assisted in the apprehension of 30 suspects. They were described as 'a great team, always ready and proud of each other'.

Ike was the first K-9 to die in the line of duty in the police department's history. He was honored at a well-attended local ceremony on May 3, 2011. Ike's loss was felt by every officer in the Palm Springs Police Department. Palm Springs police issued a statement calling K-9 Ike "the ultimate friend, a loyal member of his handler's family and in the end – a lifesaver."

Memorial Ceremony June 15, 2011 University of California, Davis



Faithful Partner California Police Dog Memorial