

Walton County welcomes newest K-9 officer

The newest member of the Walton County Sheriff's Office was presented by his leash to the sheriff's office.

Nero is a 16-month-old Dutch shepherd who joins the three drug K-9 officers at the sheriff's office.

"Walton County has the unenviable distinction of having a large number of clandestine meth labs in the state, and our K-9 officers provide a valuable resource in locating them," Sheriff Michael A. Adkinson Jr. said.

Nero will be paired with Walton County Sheriff's K-9 Deputy Chad Biernacki. The two will be involved in highway interdiction efforts, supporting road patrol deputies and investigating search warrants.

Thursday in Destin, two prominent surgeons formally presented Nero's leash to the Walton County Sheriff's Office. Dr. William Burden and Dr. L. Scott Ennis of Destin Plastic Surgery donated