

BIO Dick van Leenen.

Dick van Leenen from The Netherlands, born in 1964, started his law enforcement career in 1982 at the Rotterdam PD. Already back in those days the Rotterdam PD had one of the largest K9-unit's of the The Netherlands, with quality standards and a certification.

After almost 25 years he moved from the Rotterdam-Rijnmond PD to the Netherlands' National Police Agency, where he headed the National Bureau for Law Enforcement K9-Certification and Quality Control and was stationed at the KLPD's K9-unit for special law enforcement canines in the town of Nunspeet.

He was a member of the committee of chairmen of judges (Rijksgecommitteerden) for Law Enforcement Canines and a member of the standard committee for The Netherlands.

On Aruba, an autonomous country within the Kingdom of The Netherlands, he became one of the prison warden's of the Aruba Department of Corrections and is in charge of the Aruba Law Enforcement K9-program, for which he developed the standards and trains the handlers and dogs.

Throughout his career he handled and trained multiple patrol dogs, detection dogs and search-and rescue dogs. He was a member of the Dutch riot police as a K9-handler and was a K9-handler with USAR.NL, the Dutch heavy search- and rescue team for the UN.

He decoyed throughout his whole career and even till today he decoys a lot. For the Netherlands' National Police Agency he was one of the Lieutenant's that were responsible for selecting and buying new police service dogs. Right now he still works his patrol dog K9 Bono for the Aruba Department of Corrections and decoys on a daily basis.

In the US he does seminars in street worthiness training for law enforcement canines for over ten years. You can contact him at dickvanleenen@yahoo.com.