

“I was the Training Officer with the City of Reading (PA) Police K-9 Unit. I have been a K-9 handler for 13 years and handled 2 canines between 1992 – 2005 and I was also the Training Director for the unit and in charge of all aspects of our ‘in-house’ training program, refresher training, canine selection, etc. for the unit. Since November 2008, I have attended trainings at Mr. Pappalardo’s training facility numerous times, and I must say that Dave is one of the most knowledgeable K-9 trainers that I have met in the past 17+ years. Dave has a ‘gift’ when it comes to his ability to ‘read’ dogs as well as his ability to communicate to the handlers what is needed and how to perform each exercise. I should also mention that Dave’s ability as a decoy/helper is impeccable. I have never met or trained with a decoy that has such excellent ability to bring out the best in each team and never seems to tire after literally taking hundreds of bites in any given training session. Based on my experience, and having attended numerous K-9 training seminars over the years with a multitude of different trainers to use as a comparison, I have absolutely no problem with recommending Dave and K9 Unlimited for virtually all aspects of K-9 training.”

~James Howe, ret