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On February 26, 2010 during the Vermont Police Canine Association annual meeting the Burlington Police Canine Team of Corporal Wade Labrecque and Canine Andre were awarded

- **2009 Vt. Police K-9 Team of the Year** (overall highest award given)
- **2009 Drug Detection Team of the Year.**

Vt. Police K-9 Team of the Year is awarded to the K-9 team that exhibits overall proficiency in all phases of the K-9 Program, tracking, building searches, drug detection, and evidence recovery and possesses outstanding dedication to the program. This award is routinely given to a k-9 team who has excelled during the year. Cpl. Labrecque and K-9 Andre assisted in over 178 incidents in 2009.

Vt. Police K-9 Drug Detection Team of the Year is awarded to the drug certified k-9 team that demonstrates outstanding detection skills, and applies these skills to “on the road” success. This award is routinely given to the k-9 team that has a high rate of success in the confiscation of illegal drugs. This is the second year in a row that Cpl. Labrecque and Canine Andre have received this award. Over the past two years Cpl. Labrecque and Canine Andre have assisted in the detection and seizure of over \$200,000 in drugs and drug money.

Canine Andre is a four year old German Sheppard and has been with the department since July of 2007. He and Cpl. Labrecque completed 22 weeks of training for Patrol and Drug detection at the Vermont Police Canine School located at the Vermont Police Academy. Corporal Labrecque has been with the Burlington Police Department since May of 2001.

