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NORFOLK SHERIFF'S K9 OFFICER HONORED WITH STATEWIDE AWARD



DEDHAM, MA, May 23, 2016 – Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti is pleased to announce that one of his officers, Quincy native Lt. Jack Kilrain, received a Correctional Employee of the Year award at the State House for his role in a successful search for a suicidal man who took an overdose of pills and disappeared into a forest.

Gov. Charlie Baker presented the Meritorious Recognition award to Kilrain during a ceremony at the State House on May 20. Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Sheriff Bellotti also took part in the presentation in front of a standing-room-only House chamber.

“Lt. Kilrain is the chief of our K9 unit and is an integral part of our command staff at the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office,” Sheriff Bellotti said. “He is a credit to the uniform, and we are very proud to have him representing the Norfolk Sheriff’s Office.”

In 2011, Kilrain received his first Correctional Employee of the Year award for being part of a search team that tracked down an elderly woman with dementia who had become lost in a swamp in Millis. She was found waist-deep in water as darkness fell on a winter night.

In his latest award-winning effort, Kilrain and his K9 partner, Lolek, found the suicidal man with a weak pulse and slashed wrist, lying on his back on a rock in Needham Town Forest on July 2, 2015. Emergency medical response revived the man.