McKinley ASSP Meeting

November 13, 2023

Lake Branch, Stark County Library

Participants: Shirly Graziano-presenter, Teresa-presenter, Diane-presenter, President Taylor Fetty, Secretary Devon Donahue, Kent Pasko, Carman Schwartz, Dan Gleghorn, Tom Babyak, and Curtiss Corsello.

Shirley Graziano is the CRC Team Lead of the Ohio Chapter of Crisis Response Canines. Shirley spent several years working with law enforcement and observed firsthand the impact of traumatic events and cumulative effects of events on her law enforcement family. Shirley learned of Crisis Response Canines and began to research the positive influence of the CRC canines and handlers interactions with first responders and communities. It was then that she committed to CRC’s program of rigorous training and advanced certifications.

Crisis Response Canines (CRC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of certified K9 teams throughout the United States who have dedicated thousands of hours comforting those impacted by personal or community crisis events. Our highly trained K9 teams are experienced in psychological first aid and certified to work effectively in crisis environments supporting anyone affected by mass shootings, large-scale accidents, violence, abuse, tragic death, suicides, terrorism, natural disasters (fire, flood, hurricane, etc.) and more.

Shirley and team discussed the numerous deployments the teams have served and how to integrate therapeutic service animals into our critical incident response following traumatic events in the workplace. Following the hour meeting, the group enjoyed dinner together and concluded at 7:30pm.