



2024 IHSA JOURNALISM STATE FINALS: TV NEWS

DIRECTIONS & RULES

A team of one to three students will provide their own equipment to record, edit and create an electronic video file of a news package that is at least 90 seconds long, but can be no longer than 120 seconds. Students shall be judged on the effective use of audio and video to engage their audience and tell the story.

Each story must end with: "Reporting from Abraham High School, this is (reporter's name) with TV16."

ASSIGNMENT

Your news director at Abraham High School's WAHS TV16 Station (Middleland, Ill.) has assigned to attend a narcotics demonstration put on by the Normal Police Department's (Normal, Illinois) K-9 unit and put together a story on it.

You will attend a live demonstration put on by the officers on the Heartland Community College campus. Weather permitting, it will occur in the grass area southeast of the Auditorium. In the event of inclement weather, it will occur on the auditorium stage.

At the conclusion of the demonstration, you will be allowed to conduct interviews with the officers.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

K-9 Officer Shane Bachman & K-9 Thor

19 years of service as an officer with Normal Police Department

16 years of service with the K-9 unit

Current K-9 partner: Thor

Breed: Belgian Malinois

Age: 9 years old

Specialty: Full-service narcotics detection K-9

K-9 Officer Max Yanor & K-9 Bond

4 ½ years of service as a police officer

2 ½ years of service as an officer with normal police department

6 months of service with the K-9 unit

Current K-9 partner : Bond

Breed: German Shepard

Age: 1 ½ years old

Specialty: full-service narcotics detection K-9

Tentative Demonstration Schedule (some elements may change if indoors)

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Brief description of training and narcotics discipline
- 3) Live - narcotics detection demonstration
- 4) Discussion on additional disciplines –
- 5) Tracking / article searches / building searches / apprehensions
- 6) Live – apprehension session with both K-9s
- 7) Q&A interview session
- 8) One-on-one interview session

Normal Police Department K-9 Unit Overview

There are two K-9 teams in service at the Normal Police Department. The K-9s and handlers not only assist the Patrol Division, but also the Department's VICE Unit and other local law enforcement agencies. The unit conducts vehicle searches, building searches, suspect tracking, area searches, and article searches. K-9 officers also conduct school searches at the request of school administrations.

Both K-9 teams received their training at Vohnliche Kennels located in Denver, Indiana. The Department canines are trained to respond to drug odors in the passive alert manner.



SUBMITTING YOUR WORK

Please follow the instructions below carefully, as this will be very important in our ability to receive, process, and distribute your work for judging.

1. Students competing in TV News will submit their work via an email linking to their video.
2. The subject of the email should be your four-digit code, school name and category name followed by your event category name. Example below:
0124 - Marist High School - TV News
3. Upload your video to a site or software that will allow you to easily share it via a link with us. For example: YouTube, Vimeo, etc. When uploading your video, please do not put your actual high school name in the title. Your video title should your four-digit school code. Your code can be found at www.ihsa.org/Journalism/State-Series
4. Make sure the link does not have any permissions that will prevent us from viewing. If using YouTube, make the video UNLISTED (not private). Once you are ready to submit, send the link of your video to **state@ihsa.org**.
5. If you do not receive a reply from state@ihsa.org saying "received" within 20 minutes of submission, please seek out Matt Troha outside the judges room near ICB 1101 and 1102.