

RRI MANUFACTURES K-9 SEARCH BOXES

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Bismarck PD - Officer Benke & K-9 Mesa



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Burleigh Co. Sheriff - Deputy Citta & K-9 Profi

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In 2021, the Bismarck Police Department (BPD) K-9 teams wanted to improve their open area searches with their K-9's. They needed a place to hide a subject or decoy where the K-9 would need to use its nose, not eyes, to find the subject or decoy. They also needed to consider the safety of the subject or decoy that was hiding within. It was decided that the best course of action would be to purchase "search boxes" to aid K-9 teams with working on their "open area nose games." The BPD applied for a grant offered by Marathon Oil and were approved to purchase search boxes with the grant funding. The BPD wanted to have search boxes that would be minimum maintenance as they would be placed outdoors and exposed to the elements. They liked the idea of having the search boxes made from metal and be painted.

An officer within the BPD suggested Rough Rider Industries (RRI) as a possible manufacturer for the search boxes. The BPD reached out to RRI in hopes that RRI would be able to manufacture the search boxes for the BPD's K-9 teams. RRI both made and painted the search boxes as a "one-stop-shop" which saved the BPD a lot of time and effort without having to work with various vendors.

"I was very impressed with the work RRI did. The search boxes were built better than expected and I truly look forward to using these boxes for years to come," said BPD Officer Lyle Sinclair. "RRI had examples [at their showroom] of other items they made and what they had was very impressive."

The search boxes will be used for K-9 training events held in Bismarck for the BPD as well as other various other ND law enforcement agencies such as the Mandan Police Department, Dickinson Police Department, Williston Police Department, Burleigh County Sheriff, Dunn County Sheriff, McKenzie County Sheriff and Stark County Sheriff.