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## **Nashville Airport Authority's K-9 Teams Receive Top Scores During Annual Reaccreditation**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority's (MNA) Department of Public Safety K-9 teams were reaccredited during annual evaluations conducted by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) earlier this month. All three MNA K-9 teams that were evaluated passed with perfect scores, and are now certified members of the TSA National Explosives Detection Canine Program for another year.

K-9 team members include:

Officer Aaron Battle, team leader, and K-9 partner, Fules

Officer Lauren Bricker and K-9 partner, Asta

Officer Ray Pyron and K-9 partner, Gina

Another team consisting of Officer Scott Vick and his K-9 partner, Boris, the newest member of the MNA's K-9 team, will start their 14-day training mission this week. Once the mission is completed, Boris, will become a certified K-9.

"Safety and security are our top priorities at the Nashville Airport Authority. The results of the annual evaluations of our K-9 teams underscore the professionalism of our Department of Public Safety and our strong training program," said MNA President and CEO Raul Regalado. "This reaccreditation is a testament to our entire team's daily commitment to creating a safe and secure environment and ultimately providing the Nashville Airports Experience to our passengers, partners and employees."

### **Background on Airport Authority's Department of Public Safety**

The MNA's Department of Public Safety was the first airport safety department in North America to become certified by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), an agency that provides accreditation for law enforcement agencies worldwide. BNA is one of very few U.S. airports with public safety and operations units having this certification that is attained by meeting 464 standards, including best business practices and public safety levels.

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The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority (MNA) was established in 1970, and owns and operates the Nashville International Airport (BNA) and John C. Tune Airport (JWN). For more information, please visit [www.flynashville.com](http://www.flynashville.com).

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