



OFFICIAL MEDIA RELEASE  
KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT



**EVENT:** National Arson Dog Recertification

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Kent County Sheriff Department's Firearms Range  
14171 16 Mile Road, NE, Gowen, MI 49326

**INFORMATION:**

The Kent County Sheriff Department is hosting the National Arson Dog Recertification class.

On Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., the media is welcome to witness and film the event at the Kent County Sheriff Department's Firearms Range.

This is an opportunity to meet program instructors from Maine Specialty Dogs and 30 handlers with their accelerant detection K-9 partners from across the United States and Canada. Kent County Sheriff Deputy Dale DeKorte and K-9 Ritzey will also be attending this recertification.

Heather Paul, the Public Affairs Specialist for State Farm Insurance and the Arson Dog Program Relationship Manager, will provide media messaging and interviews. She also will provide resources and materials for arson detection teams to educate children and communities about arson.

Please join us for this unique opportunity to meet the K-9s and their handlers.

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