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MA Rescue and Recovery K9 Unit Finds a Helping Hand at Granite

(May 15, 2015)-Quincy, MA—Granite Telecommunications, LLC, a provider of communications solutions to businesses, raised **\$4,276** for Massachusetts Rescue and Recovery K9 Unit Inc. (MARK9), a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer search and rescue unit dedicated to training search and rescue dogs, handlers and support personnel, so that they can deploy professional and highly-skilled search and rescue canine teams in response to emergency events. Law enforcement and fire/rescue agencies receive MARK9's assistance in missing person searches throughout all of Massachusetts.



Richter, one of MARK9's canines, hones his skills during search training with his handler.



MARK9 canine handlers learn how to determine bearings to grid a segment.

"MARK9 wishes to express our deep appreciation for the generous donation made by Granite's owners and employees," said Paul J. Morris, President at Massachusetts Rescue and Recovery K9 Unit. "This donation will directly aid our volunteer organization's goal of giving back to the communities we serve through educational outreach, by allowing us to purchase needed equipment, and by enabling us to continue the intensive human and canine skill training that is critical to our team's mission of response to missing person incidents. In the event that we are deployed during a search and rescue incident, Granite's donation will have enhanced our ability to respond and we are very grateful for their kind support."

For more information about MARK9, visit www.MARK9.us.

About Jeans Day

Through weekly Jeans Days, held every Friday, Granite employees have the option to wear business casual attire or jeans with a donation of \$3 to the selected charity. Each week, the Granite Cares Committee, comprised of Granite employees, chooses a qualifying nonprofit organization nominated by other employees. Granite then matches the amount raised by employees.

About Granite

Granite provides voice, data and other related communications products and services to multi-location businesses throughout the United States and Canada. Granite furnishes services to more than three-quarters of the Fortune 100 companies in the United States, and has 1.35 million phone lines under management. Granite employs over 1,300 people at the company's headquarters in Quincy, MA and offices in Atlanta, GA, Miami, FL, New York, NY and Providence, RI. For more information, visit www.granitenet.com.