

K-9 Police Force's Favorite Toy Is Clemco 4-Ply Blast Hose

“WHAT NORAS LOVES just about more than anything,” Police Officer Josh Jackson says of his partner, “is chewing on Clemco blast hose. I could throw down a T-bone steak and a section of blast hose—and Noras would take the hose every time.”

Officers Noras and Jackson serve in Ohio's St. Clair Township Police Department. Noras is a four-year-old German shepherd that has been on the police force for three years. He is trained in narcotics detection, article searches, and suspect tracking and apprehension. Officer Jackson—who not only is Noras' partner and handler, but best friend—has been a police officer for six years in St. Clair Township. The rural township is located between Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

HIS BITE IS WORSE THAN HIS BARK

Noras (who is named after the actor Chuck Norris) began his relationship with Clemco blast hose as a pup. “During training, the dogs are given blast hose as a toy,” Officer Jackson explains. “The hose is used as a reward. When the dogs are being trained to sniff out drugs, they don't realize

they are searching for drugs—they think they are searching for blast hose. It's a game for them.”

To put this in perspective, the 4-Ply Hose that Noras loves is Clemco's most durable blast hose. Its outer casing consists of four-layers of cloth and rubber-impregnated fiber winding. Because of its strength, 4-Ply Hose is widely used in shipyards, railyards, and other sites where hose receives particularly rough treatment. The hose can even withstand occasional light vehicle traffic without collapsing. However, even the Clemco 4-Ply Blast Hose cannot completely withstand Noras' bite.

“Almost nothing can stand up to the bite force Noras applies,” Officer Jackson says, “except Clemco Blast Hose. That's why he loves it. Although I have to admit, I've seen him destroy a one-foot section of hose in less than three minutes.”

CLEMCO DONATES HOSE TO NORAS AND FRIENDS

In February, Clemco donated its second 50-foot batch of 4-Ply Hose to the St. Clair Township Police Department for use by Noras and the department's other K-9 officer, Axel. But Noras and Axel are generous team members.

“We often train with the other K-9 departments in Columbiana County, which is where St. Clair Township is located,” Officer Jackson says. “When I tell the other dog handlers that I have hose, they want some. The county has a total of nine dogs, and they all go crazy for the hose.”

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Noras and his favorite toy—a Clemco 4-Ply Hose