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Drug dog scans conducted at Joppatowne High and Magnolia Middle schools

Three routine, random drug dog scans were performed at Joppatowne High and Magnolia Middle schools today. The scans, done as part of the school system's commitment to keeping illicit drugs out of the schools, were accomplished using a canine under the direction of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

The Joppatowne High School scan involved 405 lockers being sniffed by the dog. The 13-minute scan – supervised by three deputies from the Harford County Sherriff's Office, one drug dog, one administrator from the school, and the school system's Coordinator of Internal Investigations – resulted in one alert producing no controlled dangerous substances.

In addition, 19 vehicles in the school's parking lot were scanned. The 26-minute scan resulted in two alerts, which produced one suspected controlled dangerous substance that was sent for analysis.

The Magnolia Middle School scan involved 439 lockers being sniffed by the dog. The 8-minute scan – supervised by five deputies from the Harford County Sherriff's Officers, two drug dogs, three administrators from the school, and the school system's Coordinator of Internal Investigations – resulted in no alerts.

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