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Dog Attack: Police Dog Attacks Boy At School Function

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Another reminder of the safety that needs to be exercised when children are around dogs caught my attention when a police dog identified at a Belgian Malinois from the department's K-9 unit, attacked a kindergartner during a demonstration at an elementary school.

After a line of children played with the dog without incident, the dog attacked the last boy in line and bit him on the neck and ear. The lacerations were significant enough that the boy required medical attention at a local hospital.

Even in situations such as this where dogs have disciplinary training, it is important to remember that dogs can still be considered potentially dangerous—particularly when they are in a foreign environment and with people they may be unfamiliar with.

I certainly, hope that this young boy recovers physically and emotionally from this obviously traumatic incident. Hopefully, incidents like this will cause parents to awaken to the potential dangers dogs—even well trained ones— can be for young children.

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