



Trenton police chief not seriously injured in dog-bite incident

Trenton police chief Mike Jones remains on the job and appears only a little the worse for wear after being bitten by a dog on Thursday.

The bite left Jones with eight puncture wounds in his left arm, but no stitches were required. The dog was destroyed at an animal lab at Shattuc for testing. The dog did not have rabies, according to the tests.

Jones was treated through a procedure where doctors used a syringe to irrigate the wounds.

Jones said the dog had no collar nor tags, and Trenton authorities had been pursuing the stray for about eight days.

"We got a call Thursday morning about 7:15 that the city maintenance guys had the dog contained inside the fence (at the maintenance building)," Jones said. After several attempts to catch the dog, Jones was able to coax him closer and petting the dog at one point.

"When we tried to slip the pole catcher over him, he decided my arm looked better," Jones said.

Jones said the dog was a German short-hair, a breed usually used for hunting. "It was a shame. We hated to destroy the dog. We needed to have it tested for rabies, so we called animal control and got permission," Jones said. "Once it bites, you have no chance on it biting someone else."

Jones described the dog bite as an occupational hazard. "It's just part of the territory for me, but I would hate to see a child get a stray dog," he said.