# HOOKSETT POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# K-9 Unit

# HISTORY & NEED

- The Hooksett Police Department has not had it's own K-9 since 2008. Since then the need has increased.

- We are forced to rely on surrounding agencies for K-9 services. While our neighboring departments are helpful, they are also busy and there can be a significant time delay while waiting for the K-9 to arrive on scene.

- Since it can be a burden to other agencies, we only request when absolutely necessary.

- Having our own K-9 will allow for MUCH more use.

# WHAT WILL OUR K-9 DO?

- **Search & Rescue:** lost or missing people.

- **Detection:** of illegal drugs and contraband and evidence.

- **Apprehending:** fleeing suspects.

- **Community Service and interaction:** demonstrations at National Night Out, Old Home Day, etc.

# WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

- ▶ Creating a job description. ☑
- ▶ Identifying a handler. ☑
- ▶ Creating a policy.
- ▶ Raising funds.
- ▶ Purchase a dog.
- ▶ Outfit a vehicle.
- ▶ Purchase all related supplies.
- ▶ Training and certifications.
- ▶ K-9 goes to work!

# JOB DESCRIPTION & IDENTIFYING A HANDLER...

▶ **Job Description:**
Completed and will be submitted for approval and acceptance.



▶ **Identifying a handler:**

▶ Officers were asked to submit memos of interest.

▶ Oral boards were held.

▶ Officer Jordan McCluskey was chosen as the handler.

▶ Sergeant Michael Zappala was designated as the K-9 Unit Commander.

# CREATING A POLICY & RAISING FUNDS..

► **Creating a policy:** In progress.



► **Raising funds:**

► Plan is to have the unit be completely funded from private donations. This has been extremely successful in other communities.

► A couple in town has already committed to a $2500 donation.

► Plan for the unit to be privately funded for the duration.

► Several area business have expressed interest in sponsoring the K-9 unit.

# PURCHASING A DOG & OUTFITTING A VEHICLE..

▶ **Purchasing a dog:**

▶ Currently researching. We feel a Belgian Malinois or German Shepard will best fit our needs

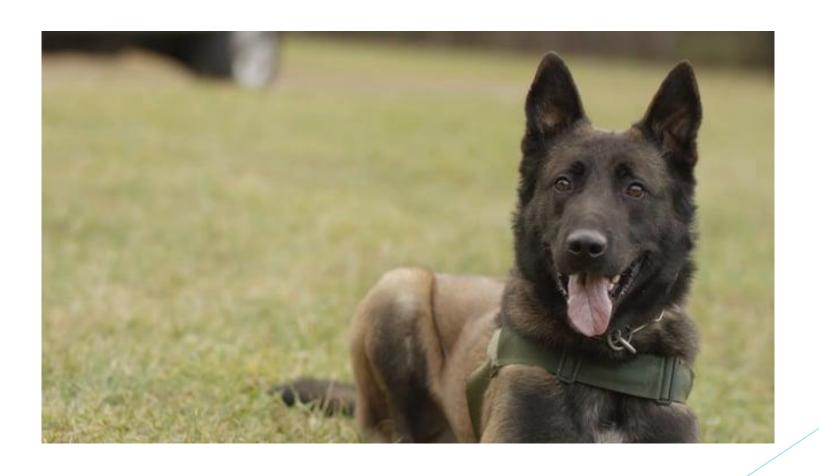▶ Approximate price $12,000-$15,000



▶ **Outfitting a vehicle:**

▶ We will retrofit a vehicle we already have. We will NOT be adding a vehicle to our fleet.

▶ Approximate cost to retrofit is $5,215.

▶ This includes specialized heat/cold alerts, water dish, panels and fan.

# PURCHASE ALL RELATED SUPPLIES & TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS.

▶ **Purchase all related supplies:**

▶ Food, Crates, collars, leads, specialized training suites and sleeves.

▶ Veterinarian (immunizations, yearly care).

▶ Grooming.

▶ **Training and Certifications:**

▶ We are still in the research and planning phase. Most training is done with the Boston Police Department.

▶ Training is 14 weeks long.

# K-9 GOES TO WORK..

# SPONSOSHIP AND FUNDRAISING

▶ *Agway* in Hooksett has agreed to donate a 40lb bag of food every month.

▶ *Four Paws Only* in Dracut, MA has offered free grooming.

▶ *Deerfield Veterinary Clinic* in Deerfield has offered complimentary veterinarian services.

▶ Other area business, including *Tuckers* have expressed interest in sponsoring the K-9 program.

▶ *Monique and Pedro Melendez* have graciously offered a generous $2,500 donation to begin our fundraising effort.

▶ The Hooksett Police Association has offered to sponsor and fundraise for the program as well.

# FAQ'S:

- **Q: Will a K-9 affect our insurance, what kind of liability is there?**
- A: There is no added cost. We will be working with Primex for best practices.
- **Q: Will Officer McCluskey be available to be called in?**
- A: Yes, Officer McCluskey lives in town and will be available 24 hours a day.
- **Q: Will training cost overtime?**
- A: While that is possible, it is not expected to. Ofc. McCluskey will attend training on his normal work days.
- **Q: Will this take an officer off routine patrol?**
- A: No, there will be the same amount of coverage.
- **Q: What is the yearly cost and maintenance of the K-9?**
- A: That is TBD, we are in the process of accumulating all costs.
- **Q: Where will the K-9 live when he is not working?**
- A: With his handler, Officer McCluskey.