



WEST ALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Board of Police and Fire Commissioners
West Allis, WI

RE: Police Canine (Southern Police Canine) - Sole Source Purchase Approval

Dear Commissioners,

We are requesting permission for a sole source purchase of a Police Canine and the corresponding Canine and Officer training.

Canine Jax was placed into service on February 25, 2013. He has been partnered with Cpl. Jon Cerqua

The working life of a police canine can vary depending on the physical health, as well as agility of the dog, however they typically stay in service 6-9yrs. Jax is approaching 7 years of service.

Canine Jax recently underwent surgery for ongoing pain and mobility issues with one of his legs. Canine Jax's doctor in conjunction with Canine Handler Cerqua and West Allis Police Department staff believe retirement is appropriate for Canine Jax.

Lt. Kempinski (and prior K9 Supervisors Capt. Waddell) have researched other Police Canine vendors; however, based on past success and our history with this company, Southern Police Canine is the kennel of choice at this time. (We have purchased (7) canines from SPC over the last several years and we are very satisfied with the dogs and the training.) The next training class starts in January of 2020 and runs 6 weeks. The cost of the dog and training is approximately \$15,000 for a dual purpose (Patrol and Narcotics) dog.

We are, therefore, requesting approval for the purchase of another police dog from Southern Police K9. We are currently conducting a selection process to choose a qualified handler.

The \$15,000 will be funded from the K9 account #215-0801-521-64-05. (This account is funded through donations and fundraising efforts from K9 handlers.)

Sincerely,

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Christopher Botsch
Deputy Chief of Police - Operations

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