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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.

K9 Diesel was placed into service in November of 2009 at the age of 15 months. He has been partnered with Cpl. Ryan McNally since that time. Diesel was purchased and trained through Southern Police Canine in North Carolina and was the 6th dog purchased through this company. Diesel has performed extremely well and he and Cpl. McNally have received several awards and are very well respected in the K9 Law Enforcement Community. The City of West Allis, as well as neighboring jurisdictions, have been made a safer place due to K9 Diesel's service over the past 8 years.

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. Diesel is now 9 years old and experiencing some dental issues; he has recently lost both of his upper canine teeth. Conversation between Diesel's veterinarian, master trainers, Cpl. McNally and Capt. Barry Waddell (K9 Unit Supervisor) have concluded that now would be an appropriate time to retire Diesel.

Capt. Waddell has researched other Police K9 vendors; however, based on past success and our history with this company, Southern Police Canine is the kennel of choice at this time. The next training class starts October 2nd and runs 6 weeks. The cost of the dog and training is \$14,000 for a dual purpose (Patrol and Narcotics) dog.

We are, therefore, requesting approval for the purchase of another police dog, to be partnered with Cpl. McNally, from Southern Police Canine.

The \$14,000 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,



Christopher Botsch
Deputy Chief of Police – Support Services

Formal Approval	Date
President, Police and Fire Commission	