



Request for Council Action

TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Tim Murray, City Administrator
FROM: Andy Bohlen, Chief of Police
MEETING DATE: May 25, 2021
SUBJECT: Approve Payment for Trained Narcotics Canine from Performance Kennels Inc.

Background:

In January 2021, an option to purchase a single-purpose narcotics detection canine to replace outgoing and retiring Chase, was brought before Council. At the time, funds in the amount of \$14,000 were in a separate account for the canine program. These funds had accumulated over the years from generous resident and business donations.

Canine programs have truly provided an excellent avenue for positive public relations and contacts. Not everyone loves the police but everyone loves canines. Since the start of the Police Department's canine program, they have done hundreds of events and presented to small groups. The canine teams have led many parades, and made appearances at Night to Unite events and Safety Camps. They have presented to churches, business groups, Rotary, Senior groups, schools, civic clubs, open houses, and children's groups. The teams have helped capture suspects, found lost people, found drugs and tossed evidence, protected officers and citizens, and bridged solid connections between the Police Department and the residents we serve. They have helped us make our schools safe from drugs. Chase and Cannon are adored by area youth and even adults. The Department has passed out canine trading cards and given stuffed canine dogs to kids impacted by trauma. Our canine teams have created opportunities for the Police Department to bond with our community. In the current nationwide narrative to tear down police department reputations, we have valued how we connect with our community. The canines have provided our department an additional avenue to build on those positive connections.

Upon presenting to City Council, and receiving approval, the department contracted with Performance Kennels, Inc. in Minnesota to purchase one of two Labradors. The Labradors were specifically bred by a nationally known trainer for detection. The same kennel owner and trainer has also worked with FPD and RCSO in the past to certify canines on narcotics detection.

The nearly one-year old Labrador has been trained to detect narcotics and illegal drugs with the exception of marijuana, in anticipation of its possible legalization. Through a competitive process, Michael Shuda was selected as its handler. Michael Shuda has been recognized in the past couple years as extremely proactive in traffic enforcement and removed the most impaired drivers from the roadways. Officer Shuda will undergo a two-week course to manage his newly trained canine partner and return to the street ready for work as a team in June.

The department is also working on a way to involve area youth to help name the new canine. He is a beautiful and friendly golden lab with a high-drive to work and succeed. His demeanor will be adored by children and he will be a positive force in connecting with our community and keeping them safe.

Recommendation:

Approve Purchase of the single-purpose canine from Performance Kennels, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000 from donated funds.

Attachments:

- Invoice from Performance Kennels, Inc.
- Photos of Golden Lab

Invoice

Performance Kennels Inc.
 5455 Edmonson Av. N.E.
 Buffalo, MN 55313
 FEDERAL I.D. # 41-1959893
 email: performancekennels@gmail.com

Bill To
Faribault Police Department 25 4th St. NW Faribault, MN 55021

Date	Invoice No.	P.O. Number	Terms	Project
05/12/21	3104		Due on receipt	

Item	Description	Quantity	Rate	Amount
Narcotics detector dog	Fully trained narcotics detector dog trained to the passive alert to cocaine, crack cocaine, meth, MDMA, brown powder heroin, and tar heroin. The dog is a yellow lab "Poncho" DOB/08-14-20. Cost includes 2 weeks initial handler training and lifetime support and problem solving.	1	10,000.00	10,000.00
Upon delivery of the above property, all right, title, and interest in said property transfers to you.			Subtotal	\$10,000.00
			Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
			Total	\$10,000.00

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Golden lab photos of new police narcotics canine



Hanging with his brother (pups)



May 2021 – nearly done with training approx. 9 months old

