



# City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Galaska, Chief of Police  
FROM: Robert Kriplean, Major   
DATE: November 1, 2023

**SUBJECT: K-9 Unit**

I am seeking to acquire a replacement canine to bring our current canine staffing level back to four apprehension canines. With the recent removal of Officer Woolley, our current apprehension dogs are at 3 which leaves only one dog working with K-9 Officer Sohn. The department has had the benefit of having two dogs working on a shift which significantly increases the success rate of finding wanted subjects.

The goal is to have complete seven days a week coverage with two canines. This can only be achieved by replacing Officer Woolley's canine. With four dogs, it allows us to have two dogs assigned to the night shift. Providing all the tools available to our officers increases our chances of providing better service to our residents.

K-9 Teams have continually proven invaluable in the apprehension of violent offenders, narcotic interdiction, explosive detection and community policing initiatives. To maximize the benefit of these assets, it is recommended that we replace K-9 Santa to keep our compliment of four K-9 Teams. This will afford the benefit of complete coverage of 7 days per week, reduce call-outs for off-duty K-9 Teams (due to the fact more teams would be working) and evenly distribute the work load of our K-9 Teams.

The selection process of the handler and canine can take considerable time. The specialized training and equipment needed for these teams also require a time investment for sourcing and procurement. Based upon these factors, it is recommended that we begin this process as soon as feasible.

The purchase of a police canine is a specialized process, requiring careful screening of prospective candidates. The purchase of a K-9 is also competitive since we cannot predict the number of K-9's other agencies will be purchasing in the future.

Based upon the competitive nature of this type of purchase and the screening process we utilize, it is recommended that the Chief of Police or City Manager be granted the authority, with

Commission approval, to execute a sales agreement for the purchase of one canine at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. These agreements historically referenced the exact canine being purchased and cannot be executed in advance. Due to the specialized nature of this purchase, we would request the waiving of bidding.

I have broken down the estimated costs of the canines, training, and necessary equipment below:

Purchase of one canine not to exceed a cost of \$19,000. **Total \$19,000**

Equipment that is needed for training and everyday utilization of the canines which include all leashes, harness, and miscellaneous training items which will be purchased from RayAllen.com at a cost of \$1,100.00 and will include the following items:

**Total \$1,100.00**

Leashes - will include a 6 feet, 15 feet and a traffic lead.

Icon Tracking Harness

Dogtra 1900S with E-Lusive Collar

RAM Black Muzzle

Choke Chain and Pinch Collar

Advance Sleeve - Stage 3 Bite Sleeve

Total cost for miscellaneous canine care items \$575.00: **Total \$575.00**

Food and Water Bowls

First Aide Bag

Kennel for handlers home

Shampoos

Flea and Tick Medicines

Chew Toys and Rewards

Narcotics School will be a cost of \$2,500.00: **Total \$2,500.00**

New K-9 vest carrier: **Total \$275.00**

Uniforms: **Total \$1,100.00**

Veterinarian and Food for one year: **Total \$2,000.00**

Total requested cost from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund not to exceed \$ ~~26,500~~ <sup>26,500</sup> UN

*Approved to OPEN POSITION.  
Chief B GALASHA 11/14/23*