



Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 4, 2022

Re: Columbia Police Foundation Donation to Columbia Police Department

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared a resolution to accept a donation of three (3) police canines, and items of equipment to support the "Project Lifesaver" program.

Discussion

The Columbia Police Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports the men and women of the Columbia Police Department by providing equipment, training, and other support via private fundraising efforts. The Foundation would like to donate three (3) police canines to the Police Department. Two (2) of these canines would be used to replace existing patrol canines, one of which has already retired and one that will retire this summer. Due to the recent changes in legislation regarding medical marijuana in Missouri these two new canines will not be trained to detect marijuana. The third canine will be a new addition to the department and will be a tracking and explosives detection canine only (often referred to as a "floppy eared canine"). This canine will be part of the new "Project Lifesaver" program and will be utilized to locate missing persons/children with an emphasis on endangered persons suffering from medical conditions such as Alzheimer's, autism, dementia, and others that can result in people becoming disoriented and lost. The Foundation would also like to donate the necessary equipment to support the startup of the "Project Lifesaver" program including a portable Livescan machine, portable card printer, portable photo printer, on-site training from Project Lifesaver, and equipment to retrofit an existing patrol vehicle with K9 vehicle equipment. As mentioned, this canine will also be trained to detect explosives and will be utilized at special events, bomb threat and suspicious device calls, as well as at the Columbia Regional Airport.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No anticipated costs for years one and two, as the donation provides all necessary equipment/supplies.

Long-Term Impact: No anticipated cost beyond year two.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

| Date | Action |
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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Shall Council agree, staff recommends passage of the resolution authorizing the acceptance of the donation from the Columbia Police Foundation of two (2) police patrol canines, one (1) search & rescue/explosives detection canine, and the necessary equipment to support the Project Lifesaver program.