

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: K9 Maintenance Training Agreement with Boone County Sheriff's Office

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

The Columbia Police Department (CPD) requests Council approval to enter into a one-year K-9 Maintenance Training Agreement with the Boone County Sheriff's Office. Under this agreement, CPD K-9s and their handlers will receive training in obedience and explosives detection from BCSO's certified K-9 training staff. The training will consist of at least twenty (20) sessions, and CPD personnel completing the program will receive a certificate of completion.

The total cost of the training is \$1,000 per K-9/handler pair, payable in two installments of \$500: one-half upon execution of the agreement and the second half after completion of ten sessions.

Discussion

The Columbia Police Department currently operates a K-9 unit tasked with patrol, detection, and public safety operations. Maintaining the skills and readiness of both K-9s and their handlers is essential to ensure operational effectiveness and compliance with best practices in law enforcement.

The Boone County Sheriff's Office offers a certified maintenance training program, which provides an opportunity for CPD to ensure its K-9 team maintains proficiency in obedience, explosives detection, and other operational skills.

Missouri law (§70.220 RSMo) authorizes intergovernmental cooperation agreements for this purpose.

TERM AND RENEWAL

- Initial term: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026
- Option to renew: Two additional one-year terms on the same terms and conditions
- Termination: Either party may terminate with 90 days' written notice, with reconciliation of payments based on sessions attended

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No additional fiscal impact, this expense is included in the Police operating budget.

Long-Term Impact: No anticipated long-term impact, as this is budgeted in Police operating budget yearly.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan ImpactStrategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, 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
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the K-9 Maintenance Training Agreement with Boone County Sheriff's Office, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.