

Memo

To: Munster Town Council
CC: Town Manager Dustin Anderson
From: Chief of Police Stephen Scheckel
Date: June 21, 2021
Re: New Canine

In May the Police Department received a donation of an AKC yellow Labrador puppy from a resident of Munster. The resident wished for the dog to become a comfort-dog like Vader. After speaking with the K-9 trainer, and reviewing our K-9 Donation Fund, we accepted the very generous offer from the resident.

The Police Department plans to pay for the dog's care and training through the K-9 Donation Fund. This fund has been utilized for the care and supplies of all the other canines and does not require the department to utilize tax dollars to support the program. The only other expense is the handler, who receives allotted comp-time for the care of his/her dog per FLSA guidelines. This comp-time is achieved through a simple schedule adjustment to the handler's schedule.

Recommendation

By role call vote please authorize the Police Department to add a second comfort dog to the ranks.