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HANFORD POLICE INTRODUCE NEWEST K-9 AT COUNCIL MEETING

Hanford Police K-9 Foundation provided funds for purchase and training of 'Jett'

HANFORD, CA – The newest member of the Hanford Police Department’s K-9 Unit was formally introduced to Hanford City Council and members of the public at Tuesday night’s council meeting.

Earlier this year, the Hanford Police K-9 Foundation donated approximately \$20,000 for the purchase and training of Jett, a two-year-old Belgian Malinois. In mid-February, Jett and his handler, Officer Sean-Paul Crain, completed their six-week training at Gold Coast K9 in Southern California. February 20 marked their first official shift together with the Hanford Police Department.

“At home, he’s extremely family-friendly,” said Officer Crain, noting that Jett lives at home with his family. “At work, he has a huge amount of drive. He’s a highly motivated dog. Every time he gets out of the car, he is laser-focused on the task at hand.”

With the addition of Jett, the department’s K-9 Unit became fully staffed again at four dual-purpose K-9 officers. Dual-purpose K-9s are trained in both the apprehension of suspects as well as the detection of illegal drugs.

“Having a K-9 on each of our four shifts is an incredible asset to the Hanford Police Department and the overall safety of our community,” Chief Parker Sever said. “I’m very excited for Officer Crain and his new partner, and I’m also thankful for the public’s generous support of the Hanford Police K-9 Foundation, which provided the necessary funding to bring Jett to our City.”

Those interested in supporting the Hanford Police K-9 Foundation can contact Sergeant Justin Vallin at jvallin@hanford.city.

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About the Hanford Police K-9 Foundation

The Hanford Police K-9 Foundation was formed in 2012 to help supplement the costs of the department’s K-9 Unit. Since its inception, the Foundation has assisted the police

department in purchasing three-dual purpose K-9s and paying for the initial training of the K9s and their handlers. The Foundation also supports the department in sending K-9 officers to additional trainings, purchasing equipment for the K-9s, and maintaining the department's K-9 training facility. The Hanford Police K-9 Foundation is a nonprofit entity and is made up of local business owners, community members, and officers. The Foundation's largest fundraiser is the Oktoberfest Craft Brew Festival held every year in Civic Park. This event hosts more than 1,000 supporters and raises the necessary funds to support the Hanford Police Department K-9 Unit. This year's event is scheduled for October 14. Tickets will be available through Main Street Hanford.