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Fellow Citizens,

The Wasilla Police Department is seeking additional assistance from the public in funding the continuation of the Police Working K9 program.

In April of 2017 the Wasilla Police Department's sole working dog, K9 "Marshal" was unexpectedly and suddenly found to be ill with an aggressive cancer. K9 Marshal was examined with an attempt to provide treatment, but he was found to be incurable and was unfortunately euthanized to end his suffering. This unexpected tragedy incurred additional costs and of course left the City of Wasilla without its own Police K9 resource.

In agreement with Wasilla City Mayor, Bert Cottle, and the sentiment of the public citizens, we recognize the valuable resource of Police Working Dogs. We recognize the tremendous ability Police K9's have in locating illegal drugs and apprehending violent offenders that are hiding, fleeing or being aggressive to police officers or citizens.

In accordance with the public's desires, the Wasilla Police Department is seeking to continue the Police K9 program. At a time in which the loss was unexpected so is the expense of replacement. There are extensive costs associated with the purchase and training of a new K9 partner. Estimated replacement costs can range anywhere from approximately \$30,000 - \$50,000.

The Wasilla Police Department is hoping the public donation process will fund the replacement of your new Police K9. Additional funds not used for replacement will be used for on-going expenses associated with care of the dog and required maintenance training and certifications.

All private donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS code.

TO DONATE:

Make a check payable to the City of Wasilla and write in the memo section: "Police K9 Donation". In order to receive a receipt, the check can be brought in person to the Wasilla Police Department or the City of Wasilla's Finance Department. The check can also be put into the Payment Drop Box at City Hall or mailed to the WPD or mailed to the City of Wasilla Finance Department at 290 E Herring Av Wasilla, AK 99654.

We thank you for support.

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