



SAGINAW POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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DATE: August 8, 2022

The police department has been moving forward with our K9 program, with the selection of a K9 handler and a coordinator for the K9 program.

Our selection committee included handlers or canine supervisors from Haltom City, Lake Worth, Fort Worth, and DFW Airport Police Department's. The interviews went well and the board members did a great job challenging the applicants to get an accurate and unbiased evaluation from each of them.

At the conclusion of the interviews the board members discussed each applicant and came to a unanimous decision and recommended Corporal Tony Manning as the candidate they felt most readily capable to successfully start an initial canine program.

Sergeant Coty Pruitt has been instrumental in the process of implementing the department's first canine program. He has spent countless hours researching equipment, training and vendors and has shown he is dedicated to the program. He has done an outstanding job of building relationships with other agency handlers and supervisors. For these reasons, and many others, he has been selected as the Canine Coordinator.

The department has also began making progress with purchasing equipment to outfit the canine program and to identify the vendor we will be utilizing for our canine provider.

Purchases made / ordered:

Canine equipment (leashes, leads, grooming & feeding supplies, collar, Etc...	\$ 1,074.82
Tahoe cage insert and all vehicle related equipment	\$ 7,434.00
Safe for storing DEA drug training kits (For use in the PD)	<u>\$ 710.98</u>
	\$ 9,219.80

Purchases Remaining:

- Canine (Top Dog is chosen vendor- located in Modesto CA)
Dog will have a 2-yr health warranty and 1-yr performance warranty \$11,397.56
 - 8 week handlers course \$ 6,400.00
 - Lodging during the 8 week handlers course \$ 2,400.00
- This vendor is a retired Law Enforcement K9 handler, and has numerous

dogs across the country. He happens to have so many dogs in the DFW region, that he comes to Texas once a quarter to provide handler updates and this gives him the opportunity to observe the dog in action and to tweak any inconsistencies the dog or handler might be developing. \$250/qtr for training updates

	\$ 1,000.00
• Uniform, Nylon gear and additional supplies for officer	\$ 5,000.00
• Indoor Kennel for PD	\$ 860.00
• Initial Vet visit (x-rays, Blood analysis, heartworm, etc...)	\$ 1,100.00
• Outside Kennel for Officers home (industry standard is concrete base, 8' chain link panel walls with roof enclosure and lockable gate, dog house)	\$ 2,500.00
• Misc Supplies, equipment (Bite Suit, Bite Sleeve, etc...)	\$ 4,612.41
• Airfare for K9 selection- initial visit and one return trip home during training	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>
	\$37,669.97

Grand Total	\$46,889.77
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We have date scheduled for initial vendor visit and training is reserved and will begin towards the end of October.