



City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
January 18, 2022

TOPIC: Donation of a Police K-9 Animal

AGENDA TITLE:

Resolution Accepting the Donation of a Police K-9 Animal from Johanna Scillieri for the Santa Ana Police Department K-9 Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt a resolution accepting the donation of a Police K-9 animal from Johanna Scillieri for the Santa Ana Police Department's K-9 Program.

DISCUSSION

The Santa Ana Police Department Canine Unit utilizes police service dogs trained specifically to assist with different patrol functions. The police service dogs serve as a valuable officer safety resource during tactical and high-risk situations. The police service dogs are used to find and apprehend violent suspects by providing officers with additional safety options when apprehending a suspect. In addition to enforcement duties, canine handlers perform public relations activities with their K-9s that enhance the crucial bond between the Police Department and community members. During public demonstrations, community members are able to "meet-and-greet" the police service dogs and observe live bite and detection demonstrations.

From time to time, community members contribute funding and supplies to enhance Police Department programs. Santa Ana Police Department volunteer Johanna Scillieri, who volunteers in the Investigations Division, and who has a passion for animals and the Santa Ana Police Department's Canine Program in particular, wishes to donate new K-9 "Nick." The total value of new K-9 Nick is approximately \$12,930.

Currently, the Santa Ana Police Department Canine Unit has six apprehension canines, a bloodhound, a therapeutic dog, and a narcotics detection dog. Approval of this resolution and addition a new K-9 would enhance the Canine Unit operational status in assisting other Police Department bureaus and in continuing seven-day-a-week coverage for the City of Santa Ana. The Santa Ana Police Department appreciates the partnership it has with its volunteers, and staff recommends approval of this resolution.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Resolution

Submitted By: David Valentin, Police Chief

Approved By: Kristine Ridge, City Manager