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WHY DO POLICE DEPARTMENTS NEED K-9S DONATED?

The costs of a K-9 program for a police department can run in excess of \$100,000. Many people think of a K-9 program as just a dog that costs \$20,000 to \$40,000. They don't think of all of the peripheral items that go along with the dog such as a dedicated vehicle, specialized training for the handler, veterinary expenses, and gear for the team. All of this adds up quickly and smaller communities can't bear the cost of a K-9 program, while larger departments may not be able to afford the number of K-9s needed for their region.

DOES THE BENEFIT OF A K-9 UNIT WARRANT SUCH A HIGH EXPENSE?

Absolutely. A K-9 is a force multiplier of epic proportions for a department. The dog can locate narcotics that are hidden, they can track missing people, and apprehend suspects using less than lethal force. Additionally, dogs can see and hear better than humans at night, which increases the odds of locating criminals. They can be trained to locate human remains, explosives, or a myriad of other items needed by the department. The dog doesn't draw a salary or have the additional expenses that an officer draws from the department. K-9s have made narcotics discoveries valued in the hundreds of thousands that may otherwise be on our streets killing people and destroying lives. K-9 units dramatically increase the likelihood of successfully locating missing persons that may not have been found by humans until it was too late. In our opinion, if the K-9 saved just one life during its career, the investment into the program is well worth it. The advantages of adding a K-9 program to a police department and our communities are immeasurable.

WHAT IS CROSSROADS K-9S FOR COPS PROGRAM?

Crossroads K-9s for Cops is a program that Crossroads K9 Rescue has developed to be able to provide K-9 units to police departments in the state of Wisconsin. Crossroads K9 Rescue will provide all of the training to the dog and its handler. The goal of this program is to donate this package, including a vehicle if needed, at little to no cost to the receiving department or tax payer. We are looking to the community to assist us in providing all of the necessary equipment so the department can have a successful K-9 program. Listed below is an example of some of the costs that need to be offset for just the vehicle.

- SUV: \$34,000
- K-9 Kit: \$3,000
- K-9 Temperature Control System: \$3,000
- Siren / Lights / Push Bar / Decals: \$6,000
- Communication Gear: \$2,000

As you can see, just the specialized vehicle alone can cost the department close to \$50,000. The costs of the K-9 and all associated gear and equipment can easily add another \$20,000 to \$40,000. Crossroads K9 Rescue understands the value of the K-9 unit to our communities. We have established this program to get the community involved in helping offset these costs and make having a K-9 a tangible option to police departments in Wisconsin.

WHAT IS THE YEARLY GOAL?

We need to raise \$100,000 each year to ensure we can take care of the selected department's needs. Although there is a monetary number to our goal, donations do not have to be monetary. In-kind donations such as donating a vehicle or piece of equipment would be just as welcomed. Donations of any value are greatly appreciated and will go a long way towards funding this program.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Donations, sponsorships, fundraising, and volunteering are all ways to get involved. Although Crossroads will handle the cost of the dog and the training, we are asking for your support to help us help those that serve us every day. A K-9 brings a new level of safety and security for everyone in our communities, so let's join together to get these valuable members of the police force in the department's hands!