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Public Safety Agency

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Dual Purpose K9

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Organization Name:

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

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How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers have dogs?

6

Which law enforcement agency is requesting a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9)?

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office

What is the name of the city or county making the request?

County: Fort Bend

What is the population of the city, and/or county you will be patrolling?

Population: 944,637
County: Fort Bend

What are the square miles of the city and/or county you will be patrolling?

885

Is there a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your law enforcement agency?

Yes, the K9 unit at the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office has been operational since 19??

Is this request for a POLICE SERVICE DOG to launch a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) unit in your agency?

No

What is the size of your law enforcement agency?

Sworn Officers - 528 Civilian Employees - 273 for a total of employees = 801

How many POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) officers in your unit?

4

What is the time frame dictating the need of the POLICE SERVICE DOG?

6 months

Are there any neighboring agencies with POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) units? If so what is the distance?

Yes, The Sugar Land Police Department has a K9 unit approximately 11 miles away from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office.

If you have a K9 unit, how much training time is allotted per month to train?

(4) to (8) hours a week are scheduled for K-9 training with a minimum of (24) hours a month. The handlers also perform obedience during other times throughout the week as they see fit.

Has a POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) ever died in your department for any other reason than in the line of duty or health or age?

NO

Has your department raised funds for your K9 Unit? If so, how much?

No

Would your department be willing to participate or put on your own fundraiser for K9s4COPs? We are happy to send more information to you on how to start a fundraiser for a K9.

As a county office, we must follow the Texas Constitution and related state laws governing the use of public funds and resources. Article III, section 52 of the Texas Constitution prohibits counties and other political subdivisions from giving public money or "a thing of value" to any private association or corporation (2.texasattorneygeneral.gov). The Attorney General has advised that this provision precludes counties from making donations of any sort to a nonprofit (2.texasattorneygeneral.gov); doing so would be considered a gratuitous use of county resources for a private purpose, which is impermissible.

Because of these restrictions, we cannot sponsor or conduct fund-raising activities for outside organizations such as K9s 4 COPS using county staff, facilities or funds. Employees remain free to support the organization personally off-duty, and our office can still explore other forms of collaboration that comply with state law.

What discipline type of SINGLE purpose dog are you requesting? Please choose one:

N/A

What discipline type of DUAL purpose dog are you requesting? Please choose one.

Patrol and Narcotics

Is your organization requesting assistance with the purchase of a green dog and your certified in-house trainer will do the training?

No

Are you requesting more than one (1) dog?

Yes

Does your organization have a preference for a particular breed? Explain the reason for the particular breed.

NO, there is no preference, it is the ability of the dog.

Do you have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) or mandatory certification that the dog must have?

Yes

If yes, please specify:

Our organization has a SOP in place for the handling of the K9.

Do you have a medical and welfare system set up for patrol dogs?

Yes

Does your organization provide for the financial expenses of patrol dog maintenance? If so, please explain.

Yes, all Financial expenses for the K9 dog will be provided through our annual budget.

Do you have equipment necessary for maintenance of the dog (i.e. leashes, collars, harnesses, crate, a built in cage for the car, heat alarm, etc.)?

Yes, we have all of the listed equipment for the maintenance of the requested K9.

Is your handler a full time, paid, commissioned peace officer with your department?

Yes

How many years of law enforcement service does the handler possess?

All handlers have 2-3 years of experience in Law Enforcement.

How many years of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) Unit service?

N/A

What training or certifications does the handler hold?

The handler will be sent to training with K-9 for certification.

What type of POLICE SERVICE DOG (K9) handler program re-certifications do you attend?

NNDDA

What experience does the handler have working a dog on the street?

The handler who will be assigned to the K9 has Patrol & narcotics experience.

What type of dog has the handler worked with (single, dual, cadaver, etc.)?

The handler has worked with a dual dog.

There is also the need for maintenance or sustainment training. Please explain how your organization will provide for this continued training?

Our organization will handle all maintenance and sustaining training through our annual budget.

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