

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Date: October 4, 2021
To: Sheriff Andy Simmons
Muskogee County Commissioners
From: Deputy Keith Bell
Subject: Donation of police K9, trained in narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, and officer personal protection.

RECOMMENDING COUNTY COMMISSIONER ACTION:

1. The above administration and board of County Commissioner's approve the donation of 5-year-old Belgian Malinois, K9-Tank, trained in detecting all four major narcotic categories, criminal apprehension, and officer personal protection.
2. Approve the mutual contract of expectations of the sheriffs office responsibilities and care of the K9 team as described.
 - Allow K9 team a minimum of 24 hours of logged K9 training a month
 - Protect K9 team against civil liability suits
 - Veterinary care for K9
 - K9 equipped unit
3. The K9 handlers compensation for maintenance cost associated with daily maintenance is approximate 1/2 hour per day.



18 day of Oct 2021
Chairman Keith Bell
Member [Signature]
Member [Signature]
Attest [Signature]
County Clerk

DISCUSSION:

The need for a dual purpose K9 employed with the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office is a vital tool that can be used in the apprehension of violent criminals, narcotics detection as well as officer protection situations in order to better serve the public traveling, visiting, or residing within Muskogee County limits. It would also be a huge benefit in assisting other agencies and forming a positive relationship with the public.

Deputy Keith Bell has a personally owned K9-Tank, that is trained in the above-described areas. Deputy Keith Bell affirms that there are no major internal health issues with K9-Tank, and does not hold the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office responsible for any long-term health issues that may have been present before the commission date. Deputy Keith Bell wishes to donate K9-Tank, to the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office on the premises that in the event that Deputy Keith Bell resigns or is terminated for any reason that K9-Tank, will be donated back to Deputy Keith Bell and will not be held responsible for any cost associated with the K9 at the time of departure from the Muskogee County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Keith Bell also understands that it is the handler's responsibility to keep up with all K9 deployment and training records.

The Muskogee County Sheriff's Office can terminate this contract at any given time.

Muskogee County Sheriff's Office

By:


ANDY SIMMONS
SHERIFF

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10/18/2021

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KEITH BELL

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