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*****Press Release*****

WATERFORD POLICE ADD SECOND K9

It is with great pride that we announce the addition of our second K9 “Cooper” and his handler, Police Officer Josh Adams. In early 2016, the last of our police K9 animals was retired which left us with no K9 animals and no handlers. As we conducted a complete evaluation and reorganization of our department, the decision was made to suspend the K9 program.

After completing our reorganization, we re-activated our K9 program. In December of last year we introduced our first new K9 team of “Diesel” and his handler Officer Michael Zorza. With the addition of our second K9 team of “Cooper” and Officer Adams, our K9 program becomes an even greater asset to the police department and the community.

“Diesel” and “Cooper” are both dual trained in tracking and drug detection. When properly trained and deployed, police K9 animals are a great investigative tool, suspect apprehension alternative, community liaison, and another level of safety as a partner to their handler as well as to assisting Officers.

“Cooper” is a yellow lab that came from a specifically selected breeder specializing in Police K9 animals.

We are humbled to accept “Cooper” as a donation from the organization known as, **K9’s in Honor of Badge 128** and the Thomas Richards Charity, an organization founded in honor of slain Wayne State University K9 Officer Collin Rose. This extremely generous donation has allowed us to expand our K9 program and better serve the Waterford community.

K9’s in Honor of Badge 128, along with Officer Collin Rose, will be forever linked with the Waterford Police Department, adding to the legacy of our K9 program. K9’s in Honor of Badge 128 and Officer Collin Rose are important partners and we are proud to stand together to help enhance our Officers safety while ensuring our community is a safe place to live, work, and visit.

“to protect and to serve”

“Cooper” and Officer Adams attended the Oakland Community College advanced police training K9 academy where they received specialized training and bonded as a team over a five week period.

The team is now deployed as part of our regularly scheduled road patrol. They will respond to all types of calls for service, as any Officer does without a police K9. This assignment will not limit their ability to act in any way as an assigned road patrol unit.

The entire cost to train “Cooper” and Officer Adams, as well as continuing maintenance and training is funded with drug forfeiture and donated funds.

“Cooper” was recognized as the newest member of the Waterford Police Department at the Township Board of Trustees meeting on Monday September 10, 2018. (See photo)

Scott Underwood
Chief of Police

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