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The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: K9 Ownership Transfer Following Storm's Retirement

Honorable Members:

Attached please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum from the Erie County Sheriff's Office requesting authorization to transfer ownership of "Storm", an explosive detection canine, assigned to the Police Services Deputy James Kelley, a certified K9 handler.

Representatives of the Sheriff's Office will be available to answer any questions.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY B. HOWARD
SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

Attachments

ACCOMPANYING MEMORANDUM

Re: K9 Ownership Transfer Following Storm's Retirement

I. Summary of Recommended Action

The attached resolution requests authorization to transfer ownership of Storm to Deputy Kelley upon Storms retirement on January 1, 2017.

II. Fiscal Implications of Proposal

No negative fiscal effect on County funds. The Sheriff's Office accepted ownership of the canine at no cost from the New York State Police.

III. Reasons for Recommendation

Due to age and on-going health issues Storm is retiring after many years of service to the Erie County Sheriff's Office and since the handler/canine relationship is special and unique it is appropriate to transfer ownership to the handler.

IV. Consequence of Negative Action

Storm would be placed in a shelter and may face permanent separation from the family that has nurtured and housed for several years.

V. Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, Erie county Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Re: K9 Ownership Transfer Following Storm's Retirement

WHEREAS, Storm was accepted from the New York State Police and was trained as an Explosion Detection canine; and

WHEREAS, due to age and on-going health issues, Storm will be retiring from service on January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, since the handler/canine relationship is special and unique it is appropriate to transfer ownership to the handler.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Legislature hereby authorized the Erie County Executive and the Erie County Sheriff's Office to enter into an agreement with Deputy James Kelley for the consideration of one (1) U.S. Dollar for the transfer of ownership of Storm; and be it further

RESOLVED, Deputy Kelley shall assume full responsibility for the canine under such agreement and shall further hold the County of Erie and the Erie County Sheriff's Office harmless against any and all liability; be it further

RESOLVED, Certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, Erie county Purchasing Department, the County Attorney, the Erie County Comptroller, and the Office of the Sheriff for implementation.