

# Oskaloosa PD K-9 Proposal “Rocky”



UTILIZING FORCE MULTIPLIER TOOLS TO BETTER PROTECT OUR  
OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY.

# K-9 History at Oskaloosa PD

- **John Plumb, City of Oskaloosa employee (29 years today)**
  - Currently assigned as Investigations Supervisor
  - Prior assignments included Patrol, Drug Task Force, Patrol Supervisor, DTF Supervisor
  - Oskaloosa's first K-9 handler
- Prior K-9 training includes 10 weeks of training in Minneapolis

# K-9 Work at Oskaloosa PD

- Lt. Plumb worked with K-9 “Quest” for approximately 7 years
  - Quest retired due to cancer
- Lt. Plumb certified a second dog, which was used as a backup to K-9 “Nash”
- Lt. Plumb and K-9s have conducted hundreds of demonstrations over the years
- Current K-9s are regularly assigned to the night shift in city and county assignments
- Opportunity presented to obtain a young, agile dog for little cost
  - Investigated the option to train a young dog without significant costs

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## Pros of a second working OPD K-9:

- Force multiplier for patrol officers who are staffed at a lesser level than the night shift
- K-9s often reduce uses of force and officer/suspect injuries due to enhanced levels of compliance
  - Often, criminals willing to fight with officers decline to fight with dogs
  - Voluntary drug possession confessions are higher in the presence of a trained K-9
  - Criminals are less likely to flee when K-9 is present
- Community relations continue to improve – Oskaloosa loves its K-9s!
- Annual training costs are minimal, as handlers can train together and hone skills

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## Cons of a second working OPD K-9:

- Annual costs double
- Additional “up-front” training needed
- Significant startup costs

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## The current situation:

- Rocky has initially tested very well in training motivation and play drive
- His total cost to date has been \$150, which Lt. Plumb paid and is willing to donate to the city
- To move forward, we need the city to own the dog and insure the dog
  - City attorney has created a proposed contract to transfer ownership to the city
  - Insurance policy payment of \$387 to add K-9 to city insurance (a donor has pledged this fee)
- As this experiment progresses toward a successful certification, additional costs will arise and will be covered by donations
- Total annual cost projected to be less than \$1,000, if certified