



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: January 2, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG DUCO AND THE SALE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG DUCO TO SENIOR OFFICER MIKE COHEN

**DATE:** DECEMBER 19, 2006

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT / FIELD SERVICES DIVISION / K-9 DETAIL

**PRESENTATION BY:** PHIL MYERS, SERGEANT

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** PHIL MYERS, SERGEANT 714-754-5074

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve the retirement of Police Service Dog Duco and commend him for nine years of outstanding service to the community;
2. Approve the sale of Police Service Dog Duco to Senior Officer Mike Cohen as per the attached purchase agreement and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into such agreement.

## **BACKGROUND:**

Duco was born in Holland on October 20, 1997. In March of 2001, Duco joined the Costa Mesa Police Department. Duco and his partner, Senior Officer Mike Cohen were trained in basic Canine Police Work and shortly thereafter on April 12, 2002 were cross-trained in Narcotics Detection. Over six years, Duco has saved countless human hours in conducting building and area searches and has made numerous finds of criminal suspects. Duco's detection abilities have been instrumental in the seizure of 50 pounds of cocaine, 33 pounds of methamphetamine, 930 pounds of marijuana, 2 pounds of heroin, \$334,000 of U.S. currency, and narcotic paraphernalia containing these same narcotics. The 433 narcotic searches over Duco's career have resulted in the arrest of 207 subjects for narcotic violations.

Each and every shift worked, Duco has served the community of Costa Mesa and has put his life on the line for his partner and coworkers.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Duco is nine years old and is in the twilight of his career as a Police Service Dog. His age and physical condition precludes him from further service. Duco should be retired.

## **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

No alternatives were considered on this item.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

None.

**LEGAL REVIEW:**

The City Attorney's Office has approved the attached purchase agreement as to form and legality.

**CONCLUSION:**

It is recommended that Council approve Police Service Dog Duco's retirement and allow sale of Police Service Dog Duco to Senior Officer Mike Cohen.

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**PHIL MYERS**  
Sergeant

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**STEVEN H. STAVELEY**  
Chief of Police

Attachment 1: [City of Costa Mesa Police Department Purchase Agreement](#)

Retirement and Sale of PSD Duco

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