



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 2, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT OF POLICE SERVICE DOG TORNADO AND THE SALE OF POLICE SERVICE DOG TORNADO TO OFFICER CHARLES OLIVER

DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2013

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT / FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION / K-9 DETAIL

PRESENTATION BY: PHIL MYERS, SERGEANT

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve the retirement of Police Service Dog Tornado and commend him for six and a half years of outstanding service to the community;
2. Approve the sale of Police Service Dog Tornado to Officer Charles Oliver as per the attached purchase agreement and authorize the Chief of Police to enter into such agreement.

BACKGROUND:

Police Service Dog (PSD) Tornado was born in Europe on October 6, 2003. On May 23, 2007, PSD Tornado joined the Costa Mesa Police Department. PSD Tornado and his partner, Officer Charles Oliver were trained in basic Canine Police Work and a year later were cross-trained in Narcotics Detection. For over six years, PSD Tornado has saved countless human hours. PSD Tornado's resume includes 5,000 calls for service, 60 public demonstrations, and 70 suspects incustody as a result of his efforts.

PSD Tornado's detection abilities have been instrumental in the seizure of 75 pounds of cocaine, 2 pounds of methamphetamine, 9 pounds of marijuana, 8 marijuana grows with 100,000 plants, 2 pounds of heroin, and \$3,262,957 of U.S. currency seized.

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

ANALYSIS:

PSD Tornado 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. PSD Tornado 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 Tornado's retirement and authorize sale of Police Service Dog Tornado to Officer Charles Oliver.

PHIL MYERS
Sergeant

TOM GAZSI
Chief of Police

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

Retirement and Sale of PSD Tornado

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