



Thursday, August 12, 2021

From: David Strauss (Budget Chair)

To: Effingham Budget Committee

Subject: Police July 2021 K-9 update

A meeting was attended with our Police Chief Joe Duchesne on 8/11/21 to obtain the July report K-9 update; the following is the results of that meeting:

Officer Faro is expected to be certified in obedience and tracking in the September/October time frame. His training for evidence search, drug detection and criminal apprehension is expected to be complete late next year.

Currently Officer Faro is on patrol with his handler Officer Welch for all of his patrols. Officer Faro cannot take an active role in the patrols until certified but it is felt his presence is a deterrent. He has attended a Town Library function for a meet and greet and is planning on attending more community functions for visibility/public relations, such as a school visit.

The Department is still working on grant writing for any available resources that may be available. In addition they are working with community members for obtaining non-profit information which could be used for donations.

The Chief and I went over the budget detail for expenditures. The high cost items noted were the K-9 plus transport system and the Combo K-9 transfer system. The combo system allows temperature control with remote open and many other safety features. The cost for just these two items was \$6,480.85. It was noted Kindness Animal Hospital covers all related bills except medications which we pay at their cost. One charge for \$94.75 was in question which I will look into. Overall he is below the projected cost of his 4-6-21 request letter (\$10,350.94).

Respectfully Submitted,

David Strauss, Chair
Effingham Budget Committee