



Tuesday, December 08, 2021

From: David Strauss (Budget Chair)

To: Effingham Budget Committee

Subject: Police November 2021 K-9 update

A discussion with our Police Chief Joe Duchesne was held on 12/08/21 to obtain the November K-9 report update; the following is the results of that discussion:

Officer Faro was certified in obedience, criminal apprehension and tracking the week of 11/01/21. He is trained for evidence search and drug detection and they are still attempting to locate a venue for evidence search and drug detection certification.

Currently Officer Faro is on patrol with his handler Officer Welch for all of his patrols. Officer Faro can take an active role in the missing persons and tracking suspects but cannot take an active role in drug detection until certified in that field, it is felt just his presence is a deterrent. In addition to these patrols Officer Faro was called out in November to locate a missing man from the Green Mountain Treatment center which was successful, unfortunately his handler Officer Welch was slightly injured in the search.

To date the department has received over \$1000 in donations for the K-9 equipment. In addition they are working with community members for obtaining non-profit information which could be used for other donations.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Strauss, Chair
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