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Local Businesses Support Police K-9 Program

RIVERSIDE, CA: The Riverside Police Department is honored to recognize community members who have a strong commitment to the safety of the community and in doing so have developed a resilient partnership with the members of the police department. In this case, the partners in question are the police canines working for the police department.

The Riverside Police Department canine program consists of six police canines with one canine assigned to a handler officer. All of the canines originate from Europe and are purchased from a local vendor. These essential tools are costly, however, numerous residents, community members, and businesses have been committed to the canine program and have generously given donations to maintain the canine corps.

On Wednesday, May 18, 2011, the entire Canine Unit will be showing their appreciation for two local businesses for their donations and support of the police canine program. The canine team will be thanking Mr. Tom Naso and Mr. Dave Franklin from BMW of Riverside and Jason and Michelle Sparks from the Sparks Realty Team. The canine team will arrive at the BMW of Riverside dealership at 3060 Adams Avenue at 2:00 p.m. The canine team will then proceed to the Sparks Realty Team, located at 8817 Windmill Place in the City of Riverside to thank each of them for their generosity and support.

If anyone should have any questions about the canine unit, please contact Lieutenant Chuck Griffitts at (951) 353-7900.

