



MT. JULIET POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Budget Amendment to Replace Injured/Retired Police K9

- 1) Who: Mt. Juliet Police Department
- 2) What: Budget Amendment (Drug Fund) to Replace Injured/Retired Police K9
- 3) When: Approval for Purchase around March
- 4) Where: City-Wide
- 5) Why: Following the unfortunate injury of K9 Aksel during an April 2025 vehicle crash, our department was left with only one operational K9, K9 Citron. K9 Aksel's injury/leg removal rendered him unable to continue service, and his early retirement creates a critical gap in our K9 capabilities.

The Department's K9 program is a vital part of our public safety mission. Our K9s are not only instrumental in searching for missing persons and locating suspects, but they also play a key role in narcotics investigations. With only one K9 team currently available, our ability to respond promptly and effectively across multiple shifts and incidents is limited.

Replacing K9 Aksel is essential to reestablishing the strength and readiness of our K9 program. A second K9 will ensure we continue to meet the operational demands of our growing community, provide vital backup in high-risk situations, and maintain our proactive efforts in keeping Mt. Juliet safe.

- 6) Costs: H.R. continues to work with insurance for some level of reimbursement, which could offset these costs.

Total: \$20,000 (Canine: \$15,000, Travel and Lodging: \$3,000, Kennel for Transport, Flight, and Flight Vet Clearance: \$2,000)

The majority of the costs will be reimbursed by the Insurance Carrier upon receipt of the new dog and the invoice.

- 7) Line Item: 42129-320 Drug Fund Operating

Staff Recommendation: City Manager's Office has provided a positive recommendation.

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