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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: March 19, 2019

DATE: February 6, 2019

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Captain P. Lee, Special Operations Division
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THROUGH: Darin Balaam, Sheriff

SUBJECT: Recommendation to accept a donation of seven ballistic carrier plate vests and tactical training Handler uniforms [valued at \$6,032.99] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. (All Commission Districts)

SUMMARY

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) accept a donation, valued at \$6,032.99 from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit. Washoe County K9 Partners will donate Point Blank ballistic carrier plate vests and Crye tactical training uniforms for seven K9 Handlers.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

The Board previously accepted similar equipment donations to the K9 Unit from Washoe K9 Partners on July 18, 2017 and April 17, 2018.

BACKGROUND

Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9s are utilized to detect and locate illegal narcotics and to be proficient in locating evidence and contraband such as firearms or other weapons. The narcotics training fosters the ability of the canine to detect the odors of drugs including, but not limited to, marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine. They have been extremely successful as a unit, seizing approximately 1.5 million dollars in drug related currency and 2,265 pounds of illegal substances to include marijuana, methamphetamine, heroin, and cocaine. K9 teams frequently complete public demonstrations at schools, businesses, and other public forums. The Crye uniforms with ballistic vest carriers worn during these demonstrations have been well accepted by

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members the public and provide the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit a uniform professional appearance.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Washoe County Board of County Commissioners accept a donation of seven ballistic carrier plate vests and tactical training Handler uniforms [valued at \$6,032.99] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a donation of seven ballistic carrier plate vests and tactical training Handler uniforms [valued at \$6,032.99] from Washoe County K9 Partners to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit."