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Capital K9s Launches Memorial Fund Movement Honors Madison Police Dogs For Their Dedicated Service

MADISON, WI — K9 Johnny was one of Madison’s originals. Hitting the streets in 2005 as a member of the Madison Police Department’s first-ever K9 Unit, he served a long and heroic career protecting the Capitol City until his retirement in February 2015. On July 1, 2016, he passed away at the age of 13.

This #GivingTuesday, November 29, Capital K9s launches a Memorial Fund to say “thank you” to K9 Johnny and all of Madison’s canine guardians who have reached their End of Watch. With funding through the Capital K9s Memorial Fund, our local heroes will be given an honorable burial with engraved headstone at Westport Pet Memorial in Waunakee, WI.

The average memorial for each K9 costs approximately \$1,100. Contributions to the Capital K9s Memorial Fund can be made at capitalk9s.org/MemorialFund. With ongoing financial support, Capital K9s will honor each of Madison’s police dogs for years to come.

The Madison Police Department’s K9 Unit is currently comprised of nine working dogs. Their training, equipment, and veterinary care are provided by Capital K9s, a non-profit organization that relies solely on donations to fund these initiatives.

This #GivingTuesday, we ask the community to come together and give back to the loyal police dogs who dedicated their lives to making our neighborhoods safer.

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