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Retired Police K9 "Ty" Honored by City Council



On August 6, 2013, Police Officer Cory McEnroe and his retired K9 partner "Ty" were honored by the El Segundo City Council for their years of dedicated service to our community.

Officer Cory McEnroe has been an El Segundo Police Officer since October of 2005. After working in patrol he was assigned to the canine program where he and Ty began their partnership. Ty is a Belgian Malinois and was born in the

Netherlands. In June of 2010, Cory and Ty finished a five week basic handler instructor course in Riverside, CA and were certified as a patrol canine team. In March of 2011, they attended a five week basic narcotics detection course in Riverside, CA and were certified in the detection of narcotics. The narcotics Ty was certified to detect are methamphetamines, heroin, marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy and their derivatives.

During Ty's career, he conducted approximately 160 narcotic searches, 58 violent felony suspect searches, 9 evidence/ article searches, and performed 15 public/ school canine demonstrations for the community of El Segundo. Ty was directly responsible for the apprehension of 5 violent felony suspects. He directly assisted in the seizure of approximately \$800,000 in US currency used in illicit drug trade. Throughout Ty's career, he located over a hundred pounds of the drugs he was trained to detect. One of Ty's notable cases included the find of a large marijuana grow containing over a 1,000 marijuana plants. Ty not only assisted the El Segundo Police Department with narcotic and suspect searches, but also assisted a majority of the other South Bay agencies. He also assisted numerous local and federal narcotics task forces, including the FBI, Homeland Security, US Customs, Los Angeles Airport Police and various multi-agency narcotic task forces.

In June of 2013, Ty unfortunately suffered a life threatening and career ending medical condition called Laryngeal Paralysis that deemed him unfit to continue his work as a police service dog. After years of catching bad guys and seizing drugs, Ty was officially retired from his police duties on June 23rd, 2013. Ty will spend the remainder of his life retired at home with Cory and his family.

Ty has retired from the dangers of police work but he will continue to face a life threatening medical condition for the rest of his life. To minimize the chance of suffering another potentially fatal episode of Laryngeal Paralysis, Ty requires medication and proper care that the city of El Segundo does not cover. Ty's medical expenses in retirement can be substantial.

In 1999, the City of El Segundo created a Police Canine Retirement Fund as a result of a life threatening disease affecting retired canine "Cita." This fund continues to provide financial assistance for unexpected medical care of retired police canines such as Ty. Funds raised help ensure the canines that have risked their lives over the years to make El Segundo a safer place receive the medical care they so often deserve.

If you would like to make a donation, please mail a check or cash to the El Segundo Police Department, 348 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245, in care of the "ESPD K-9 Retirement Fund."

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