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PRESS RELEASE

Marshall Police Department K9 Amor will receive a Ballistic Vest from a Nationwide Campaign to honor fallen Hero K9 Kye of Oklahoma

The Marshall Police Department has been awarded a K9 Ballistic Vest thanks to a nonprofit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. and Hayward DuPont Staffing. This vest was awarded during the recent “Doctors Vesting K9s Heroes” campaign to outfit police K9’s with bullet and stab protective vests, which ended October 10th at 11:59pm Pacific Standard Time in honor of K9 Kye of the Oklahoma City Police Department. K-9 Kye of the Oklahoma City Police Department sacrificed his life in the line of duty on August 25, 2014.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is the nationwide non-profit organization and charity partner selected by Hayward DuPont Staffing to participate. The online fund raiser suggests interested persons make a tax deductible donation through the secure website:

<http://igg.me/at/doctorsvestingk9heroes/x> where all funds will be allocated to purchase ballistic vests for the four-legged crime fighters who put their lives on the line for the community and their partner. The goal is to raise \$100,000 to provide 100 ballistic K9 vests nationwide. All vests provided with the proceeds of this event will be embroidered with the sentiment, "In Memory of K9 Kye, Oklahoma City Police Department".

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Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA. Whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life-saving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1192 law enforcement dogs in 40 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of \$1,132,400.00.

The organization orders the U.S. made vests exclusively from the distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. Who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor. Armor Express of Central Lake, MI is the manufacturer for the K9 vests.

Hayward DuPont Staffing is a comprehensive staffing agency for healthcare professionals. The leadership has a combined decade of medical recruitment and staffing experience. Hayward DuPont is dedicated to the healthcare communities they serve, matching high quality providers with first-class healthcare facilities. You may visit their website: <http://haywarddupont.com>

Chief of Police Jesus “Eddie” Campa believes that the use of K9’s in law enforcement is a very important tool and the donation of this vest will help keep K9 Amor safe while he performs his duties. Chief Campa stated, “I would like to thank everyone who donated to the “Doctors Vesting K9s Heroes” campaign. Through your generosity, we are able to add a layer of safety for K9 Amor, while he works to help keep the City of Marshall safe.”

Captain John S Best
Patrol Bureau Commander
Marshall Police Department

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