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**Acton Police Department
Intra-Departmental Communication**

To: Chief Widmayer
From: Lieutenant Palma
Subject: Canine Proposal
Date: May 30, 3007

Chief Widmayer,

Enclosed please find the cost estimate for a start up Canine program for the Acton Police Department. An exceptional amount of research and work has been done by Officer Daniel Holway concerning the proposal. Officer Holway and I are recommending the proposal for a dual purpose dog.

A dual purpose dog is used to conduct building searches, track human scent in search and rescue as well as apprehension situations, narcotics detection and evidence gathering. Additionally, the dog is used as a community policing tool for demonstrations with groups, particularly children and elderly, crowd control, and officer safety, as an alternative to a potential lethal force situations.

As always, Officer Holway and I would be available for any questions concerning the program.

Respectfully,

Donald Palma
Lieutenant Donald Palma

NOTE TO BOS -
CHIEF WIDMAYER PROPOSED
THIS PROGRAM TO ME AND I
RECOMMEND BOARD APPROVAL.
YOU WILL NOTE THAT HE HAS A
GRANT TO COVER THESE COSTS .

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Acton Police Department Intra-Departmental Communication

To: Chief Widmayer
From: Lieutenant Palma
Subject: Canine Proposal Cost Analysis
Date: May 30, 2007

Chief,

As directed, I have prepared an initial cost analysis for a K-9 program for the department. Equipment, veterinary care, food and supply costs are based on number supplied by Officer Holway (see attached). Academy and training are at no cost through the Boston Police Department. Costs have been budgeted through the Community Policing Grant.

Service Dog	\$5,500.00
Start up supplies	\$1,200.00
• Includes, leashes, grooming supplies, training aids	
Cruiser Equipment	\$3,000.00
• Includes	
○ Cage for dog	
○ Automatic door release	
○ Fan	
○ Window and deck protective screens	
Housing for dog	\$2,000.00
• Kennel at home of handler	
Housing (handler vacation, disabled, etc.)	\$ 26.00 (per day)
• Average two weeks vacation	\$ 364.00 (year 1)

- Training (Certified K-9 training @ Boston Police Department)

- Tuition

- Dog \$ 0

- Handler \$ 0

Veterinary Care \$ 2,000.00 (per year est.donated)

Food for dog \$500.00 (per year donated)

Total estimated costs for start up of K-9 program **\$12,064.00**