



# ***Belle Isle Police Department***

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Chief Travis Grimm

**DATE:** August 26, 2025

**SUBJECT:** K-9 Magnet & Calendar Fundraiser – Public Communication & Donation Approval Request

Mayor and Council,

I wanted to provide an update and request formal approval regarding a K-9 fundraising campaign currently underway in the community.

Law Enforcement Partners, a third-party organization, is conducting a magnet and calendar fundraiser to support the Belle Isle Police Department's K-9 program. While there was some internal miscommunication regarding the timing of the launch, the program itself is fully legitimate and authorized.

I had the opportunity to personally visit Law Enforcement Partners' booth at the Florida Police Chiefs Conference in January 2025, where I reviewed their materials, confirmed their long-standing history working with law enforcement agencies across the country, and verified the structure and professionalism of their operation. The company handles all outreach, printing, and logistics at no cost to the City, and the department will receive a donation upon the campaign's conclusion.

To inform the public and prevent confusion, we have issued the following press release, which will be posted to the City's official website and Facebook page:

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## **NOTICE: Community K-9 Fundraiser is Legitimate – Not a Scam**

The Belle Isle Police Department would like to inform residents and supporters that a third-party organization, Law Enforcement Partners, has launched a magnet and calendar drive to help raise funds to support our K-9 program.

We understand that some residents may have been contacted before we had the chance to announce the initiative formally. While this fundraiser was initiated independently, we want to assure the community that it is 100% legitimate and authorized. Law Enforcement Partners has worked with police departments across the country on similar projects, and all proceeds from this program will go toward supporting the care, training, and equipment needs of our K-9 unit.

We appreciate the community's continued support as we work to build a stronger, safer Belle Isle one paw at a time.

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We will provide more information as we receive it. If you have any questions or would like to confirm any details, please contact the Belle Isle Police Department directly at (407) 240-2473.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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In conjunction with this notice, I respectfully request formal approval to accept the resulting donation from Law Enforcement Partners once the campaign is complete and proceeds are disbursed to the department.

Please let me know if you have any questions or want additional information for Council review.

Respectfully,

Travis Grimm  
Chief of Police  
Belle Isle Police Department Police Department

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