



City Council
Regular Meeting
December 9, 2025

K-9 Purchase

Discuss and consider action: Authorization and approval to purchase a single purpose K-9 and provide training and equipment for the handler: B. Lee





Narcotics Detection K-9

- The recent departure of a handler necessitated the retirement of one of our K-9's, leaving us with only one K-9 drug detection team.
- The K-9 units have proved to be an immense resource for the police department and the community.
- Presence alone is a great deterrent to reduce narcotics activity.
- Public interaction is increased when the handler has the K-9 out of the vehicle.





Narcotics Detection K-9

The department held a selection process to fill the open K-9 position and Officer Justin Ornelas has been selected.

- The K-9 will be purchased from Hill Country Dog Center in Bandera, Texas.
- Officer Ornelas will attend three weeks of training in Bandera with the newly selected drug detection K-9
- Floppy ear
- Additional equipment will be needed to include leashes, harnesses, and other items to maintain the dog.
- Anticipated selection of the K-9 and training in January.





Questions?

Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of \$15,000 to acquire a second K-9 and provide training to the drug detection team.

