

MEMORANDUM



TO: VICTOR CARDENAS, CITY MANAGER
FROM: ERICK W. ZINSER, 
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF
SUBJECT: NEW POLICE K-9
DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

Mayor and Council –

With the passing of Officer Daisley's partner Diesel, the Novi Police Department recommend the following plan forward, see below.

- Victor

On July 20, 2023, the Novi Police Department lost a valuable member of our team with the unexpected death of K-9 Diesel. The effects of his absence have not only been felt by those who worked closely with him, but also in our ability to provide the same high-quality service to our citizens. The K-9 program is a force multiplier for enhanced service to the Novi Community. It is with this knowledge and understanding that a replacement K-9 be sought for the vacancy left by Diesel's death.

With the approval of a K-9 replacement Officer Daisley would be retained as the K-9 handler. He is recognized regionally as an expert in the police K-9 community and has received his Master Trainer Certification. Officer Daisley's continuance in this position would reduce general operating costs as he is outfitted with uniforms and other associated equipment.

Cost associated with the purchase of a new K-9 would be that of the dog who comes partially trained and a K-9 academy that would allow the handler to receive 200 hours of hands-on training needed for certified deployment.

The cost of dog and all training equipment is listed below:

K-9	\$10,000
Patrol Dog Academy	\$5,000
Total Cost	\$15,000

The purchase of the dog, handler training, and equipment are an allowable use of State Forfeiture Funds of which will be utilized if available.

If you have any questions, please let me know.