

MEMORANDUM



TO: ERICK W. ZINSER
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY / CHIEF OF POLICE

FROM: SCOTT R. BAETENS, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

SUBJECT: NOVI'S NEWEST K9 OFFICER

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2023

Mayor and Council –

Please help us welcome the newest addition to the Novi PD team, James! Details and background are below.

- Victor

We are honored to introduce James, an esteemed addition to the Novi Police Department's specialized K-9 unit. James, a distinguished Belgian Tervuren-Malinois, is just 13 months old and boasts an impressive lineage from the Netherlands. Today, he embarks on a rigorous journey as he commences his official K9 training. Under the skilled supervision of Officer Mike Daisley, a seasoned handler with years of expertise, James is set to undergo comprehensive training modules tailored to harness his and his handler's innate abilities.

His impending role sets James apart: he is being prepared to become Novi's pioneering bomb detection specialist, a first in the department's history. This crucial initiative to bring James on board has been undertaken in the aftermath of the deeply regrettable and untimely loss of K9 Diesel, a dedicated member of the Novi Police who served with unwavering commitment and valor.

