



## MEMORANDUM

To: Santaquin City Mayor & Council  
From: Benjamin A. Reeves, Santaquin City Manager  
Date: December 14, 2021  
Subject: Ratification of Out of State Travel Request – Police Dog

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Mayor & Council,

During the reports portion of the November 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, the council heard the request of Police Chief Rodney Hurst regarding an out of state travel request. (See attached memo).

While this could not be formally considered at the time since it was not posted on the agenda, your approval of his request would have allowed him the ability to purchase airplane tickets with more advanced notice, thus saving the city money.

If you recall, the council, though not formally, gave consent to his request with the anticipation that the matter would be ratified officially during the December 14<sup>th</sup> council meeting. We placed this on the December 14<sup>th</sup> consent agenda to fulfill this directive.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



# **SANTAQUIN/GENOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Rodney Hurst

Sergeant Ryan Shaw

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November 16, 2021

Out-of-state Travel Request

Mayor/City Council:

The police department is in the process of securing a new canine for the City. The breeder/trainer is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. Little Rock K9 is the same provider we previously used and is a nationally recognized training/breeding facility with a stellar reputation.

The cost of the canine is \$8500, which includes a one-week training class w/room and board + the cost of shipping the dog. The cost to the agency is air-travel and hourly wage. Officer Austin Lerwill will be the new handler with Corporal Wall as the supervising mentor.

This is a significant upfront cost and long-term investment decision for the City. I would feel more comfortable if Corporal Wall accompanied Officer Lerwill to help him pick the right dog. Corporal Wall will return immediately afterward while Officer Lerwill stays for the training.

The police department has funding available in the canine account from donations, shirt sales, and associated seizures. I respectfully request the approval to send Officer Lerwill and Corporal Wall to Little Rock, Arkansas for the purpose of securing a new canine.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Chief Rodney Hurst  
Santaquin City