



SANTAQUIN/GENOLA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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
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