



**TUPELO POLICE DEPT
400 FRONT ST.
Tupelo, MS**



Date: March 22, 2023

To: Chief John Quaka
CC: Deputy Chief Anthony Hill

Subj: Retirement Request/Asset Transfer

Sirs,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to retire Canine Enzo. Enzo is approximately 9 years old and has been in service with the City of Tupelo for over 7 years with the same handler.

In 2022 it was discovered during a routine visit that his teeth, specifically his canine teeth, were wearing down significantly. The latest exam shows further wear to the point the veterinarian and his handlers feel he may no longer be able to hold a bite and he is already having issues with this in a sterile training environment. This presents a safety issue for officers and a liability issue for the city. For this reason he was recently temporarily moved to detection only pending retirement. Due to his age and condition we request to retire this canine and allow transfer of this asset to his handler Sgt. Mike Ray pending city approval.

Please see accompanying medical evaluation from his veterinarian to support this request. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Capt. Sam Bell
Special Operations