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Dear Chief,

The Prentiss County Sheriff's Department is working toward starting a K-9 Unit. This K-9 will be used for search, rescue, narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, and public relations.

Deputy Jason Moore will be the K-9 handler. Deputy Moore has seven years of law enforcement experience. Over these seven years, he has worked at Prentiss, Tishomingo, and Itawamba County Sheriff's Departments. He completed his law enforcement training at Mississippi Delta Law Enforcement Training Center. Deputy Moore also completed the part time Law Enforcement Certification Class with North Mississippi Law Enforcement Training Center in Tupelo.

Deputy Moore has a love for animals. At one time in his career his partner was a K-9 handler. He has worked around K-9's and has a knowledge of what it takes to be a handler. The responsibilities of a K-9 officer does not end with the shift. The dog is the police officer's partner not only at work but at home. Deputy Moore, his family and his department are prepared to care for the K-9. He understands the time and dedication that this will take and takes full responsibility for K-9.

As important as K-9's can be to a department, many agencies are unable to provide this service due to the cost involved in purchasing the dogs, training them and their handlers, housing and feeding the animal and outfitting patrol vehicles to accommodate a dog. The value of a police K-9 unit to a law enforcement agency is obvious. Financially, creating one and sustaining it may take a lot of effort, but it will be well worth it in the terms of increasing public safety. Deputy Moore has taken it upon himself to start a community donation fund for a department K-9 unit. He has put many hours into this and is determined to accomplish his goal. He is very close to currently accomplishing this.

We are in need of a K-9 Unit or any K-9 accessories. In addition to purchasing a single K-9 this endeavor requires a big budget. The current cost of outfitting a new K-9 patrol unit is not cheap. Our department's goal is to seek assistance with this. We know that Tupelo Police Department handles several K-9's and have had several patrol units assigned to their department. If any of these vehicles or accessories are eligible for donations to other departments Prentiss County Sheriff's Department would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy M. Tolar".

Randy M. Tolar
Sheriff