



## AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

**District  
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- ☐ 1 = Anzolitto
- ☐ 2 = Woolard
- ☐ 3 = Boyd
- ☐ 4 = Cisneros
- ☐ 5 = Colvin
- ☐ X All

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	INTRODUCE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S NEW K-9 “TUCKER”.
<b>STAFF’S RECOMMENDED ACTION (be specific)</b>	No action necessary.
<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>	Chief James Kohler
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<p>In late 2016, the City Manager was approached by a citizen that had a client that wanted to donate funds to the Police Department in light of what was occurring in policing around the United States. We held a short meeting and discussed several needs.</p> <p>After that meeting and several other conversations the decision was made to purchase a K-9 for the department and set a budget. The private anonymous donor donated \$30,000. It was also determined that the funds would be donated to the newly formed Boerne Police Foundation, 501(c)(3), for this purpose and a budget was created.</p> <p>It was during this time that the Police Department announced the new K9 Officer position and took internal applications from those interested in the position. After applications were received we held an oral interview process and selected Officer Kris Ujueta to be our new K-9 Officer.</p> <p>We researched several different K-9 companies and chose Pacesetter K-9 out of Liberty Hill, Texas. The owner of Pacesetter is a navy veteran and the package he offered was superior to the other companies. The cost of the K-9 and an 8 week training regimen was \$14,000. We decided on a K-9 that is dual purpose, narcotics detection and tracking. The K-9 selected is a year and a half old Belgian Malinois female, named “TUCKER”. The name of the K-9 was chosen because it has a nexus with the anonymous donor.</p> <p>Officer Kris Ujueta attended and completed the 8 week class at the end of February 2017.</p> <p>There are many other expenses associated with a K-9 program and one of the first things we had to do was to outfit one of the Tahoe’s with a K-9 Transport Insert that allows safe transportation of the K-9. The K-9 Transport Insert is “state of the art” with several features to</p>

	<p>protect the animal such as; an alarm system designed to notify the officer if the cooling system has failed and a remote door opener for the door on the Tahoe. There also have been materials purchased to house the animal at the officer's residence in the most secure fashion. We are still purchasing items that are needed.</p> <p>The Boerne Police Foundation has purchased over 40 emergency medical kits that officers carry on their person, 5 Patrol Rifles, and the most recent donation "Tucker".</p> <p>It is very humbling that a private citizen would donate the funds for such a wonderful program. The donor has met "Tucker" recently and was overwhelmed with joy!</p>
<b>COST</b>	N/A
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>	N/A
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	

This summary is not meant to be all inclusive. Supporting documentation is attached.

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