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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Requested Action:

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State of Police (NHSP), to accept the donation of a Dutch Shepard canine to be used for detecting firearms and spent ammunition. The animal is valued at approximately \$8,500. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

Explanation

This canine will be initially trained in the detection of firearms and spent ammunition during a nine-week period and subsequently certified and available for deployment in early 2021. The focus of the training will be on locating gunshot residue (GSR). With the addition of this resource, the State Police will have the ability to detect firearms and shell casings that are concealed by prohibited persons or that are evidence of crimes. This type of detection dog will be an invaluable resource for the State Police and agencies throughout the State and specifically to the NHSP Major Crime Unit. The Canine Unit, within the Division of State Police, began in 1965 and currently consists of twenty four (24) canine teams. Upon retirement, the canines are relinquished to the handler to live out their years as a family pet.

Respectfully submitted,


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Commissioner of Safety