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Delhi Police to Receive Canine from the Matt Haverkamp Foundation

The Delhi Township Police Department is the latest recipient of a grant awarded by the Matt Haverkamp Foundation.

Matt Haverkamp, a Golf Manor police officer who founded that department's canine unit, passed away in July, 2005 as the result of an auto accident. The non-profit Matt Haverkamp Foundation was formed by family and friends as a way to keep Matt's memory and passion alive. The Foundation raises funds through two annual events, a 5K run/walk in April and a golf outing in July. Proceeds from these events enable the Foundation to assist local law enforcement agencies by providing funding for the purchase of canines.

Police canines can be trained for one or more specific functions in addition to general duty. In the fall of this year Delhi's canine and handler will attend a fourteen week training class hosted by the Cincinnati Police department and taught by Officer Dave Kennedy, a nationally known canine instructor and handler. Delhi's canine will be trained for tracking and drug detection.

This will be the second canine in the history of the Delhi Police department. Narco, the first canine, was not replaced after his retirement from the force in 2000. Without the generosity of the Matt Haverkamp Foundation, Delhi Police would not have obtained another canine.

Although they have not yet even been introduced to each other, both the canine and the Delhi Township Police Officer to whom the canine will be assigned already share one common trait, both are unnamed.

For additional information, please contact Police Chief Jim Howarth, 513-922-0060.