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CYPRESS POLICE DEPARTMENT RETIRES K-9 ZORRO

The Cypress Police Department recently retired police canine Zorro, after his handler, Officer Brian Healy was promoted to police sergeant. Zorro, a 7 year-old Dutch Sheppard was born in Belgium on March 4, 2003, and given the name Cash Vom Damburgerschloss. While in Belgium, Zorro was tested for his tracking, obedience and protection abilities, as well as his courage, in order to be selected as a police service dog in training. At the age of three years-old, and after years of advanced training, Zorro was purchased and flown to the United States by Adlerhorst Kennels in Riverside, CA. In August of 2005, after a selective testing process, Zorro was selected and purchased by the Cypress Police Department. Zorro completed a basic handler course with his first handler, Officer Brian Danskin in September of 2005. He was later reassigned to Officer Brian Healy in September of 2007, who completed a 240-hour Basic Handler Course with Zorro at his side. Zorro is not only trained for protection work, but is also cross-trained as a narcotics detection dog. Brian and Zorro have been a successful and active team for the past two and one-half years. Police canines typically can only work for 4 to 7 years, depending on their health, after purchase due to the strenuous work related to searching and tracking for suspects and narcotics detection. K-9 Zorro will retire to the home of Brian Healy and will enjoy his remaining years as a family pet. The department plans to replace Zorro in the summer of 2010. Police services dogs typically cost anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000.



Please join the Cypress Police Department in acknowledging the 5 years of exemplary service by K-9 Zorro.

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