



NEWS RELEASE

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VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Event: K9 Jag Meet & Greet

Location: Land Rover Jaguar Ventura, 3190 Perkin Ave. Ventura CA, 93003

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD K9 Unit

Narrative:

Land Rover Jaguar Ventura will host a law enforcement appreciation reception honoring K9 Jag, the Ventura Police K9 Unit and law enforcement county-wide. The family friendly meet and greet will feature entertainment and is open to the public. The event will be held November 15, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In March of 2016 Officer Hrynyk was selected as the Ventura Police Department's next K9 handler. He was paired with K9 Jag. Jag was brought directly from Germany to Ventura at 18 months old. Jag was purchased through a generous donation from Land Rover Jaguar Ventura.

"Most folks do not realize that our police dogs are purchased through public and private donations, and without support of the public and companies like Land Rover Jaguar Ventura, we wouldn't have these wonderful animals out on the streets keeping our community safe," said Sergeant Kenny Welch, supervisor of the K9 Unit.

The Ventura Police Department has four K9 Teams assigned to Patrol. The K9 Teams are available for deployment seven days a week, providing protection to our community twenty-four hours a day. The Ventura Police K9 Unit and the National Police Dog Foundation (NPDF) work together to raise funds for the K9 Unit. The funds raised by the K9 Unit, and the NPDF, help pay for the canines, their training, and medical bills. All Ventura Police canines, past and present, were paid for through the generosity of the NPDF and from local businesses, like Land Rover Jaguar Ventura, and individuals. No taxpayer dollars were used in the purchase or training our canines. The cost of a canine can range from \$6,000 – \$7,000, not including training and certification, which can be upwards of an additional \$8,000 – \$9,000.

Our department wants to express our sincere appreciation to all the companies, organizations, and individuals who have continued to support the Ventura Police K9 Unit. A special thanks to Land Rover Jaguar Ventura for the continued support of our K9 Unit.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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