

## VPD K9 Officer Scott Garrett and his Partner “Eros” Retire from the K9 Unit.

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**Incident:** Ventura Police Department K9 Officer Scott Garrett and his Partner “Eros” Retire from the K9 Unit.

**Location:** City of Ventura

**Date of Release:** October 30, 2014

**Personnel Involved:** Ventura Police Department K9 Officer Scott Garrett and Partner Eros

**Narrative:**

On October 21, 2014, Ventura Police Department (VPD) K9 Officer Scott Garrett and his partner “Eros” officially retired from the K9 Unit. Officer Garrett will be transitioning back to Patrol, while Eros will now enjoy life as a “civilian” pet as he spends time at home with Officer Garrett and his family.

Officer Garrett is a ten and a half year veteran of VPD and had been in the K9 Unit for the last seven and a half years partnered with Eros. Eros is a nine year old German Shepherd whose time for retirement had come simply due to his age, versus any medical issues or concerns.

Said Officer Garrett of his retirement from the Unit, “The time I spent as a K9 Officer partnered with Eros has been one of the most rewarding and special times of my career.” Continued Garrett, “There is a special bond and trust that develops between any officer and their partner, especially a K9. Eros and I have been through a lot over the years and I will miss him being in the patrol car with me. It’s good to see Eros make it through his career as a K9 without any significant injuries and I’m excited that he gets to be, “just a dog” and hang out with my family and me. He definitely deserves it.”

Said K9 Supervisor, Sergeant Brian Hewlett, “Officer Garrett and Eros will be missed. Together they have truly made a difference in our community. During their seven and a half years together they made numerous arrests and took drugs off our streets. They also took part in countless community outreach and fundraising events, demos, meet and greets, and played a significant role in helping to raise thousands of dollars for our K9 Team. We will of course miss them but our K9 Unit is stronger today than before they came and we owe a lot of that to Scott and Eros for their contributions to the unit.”

National Police Dog Foundation (NPDF) and Fundraising Information:

The VPD is fortunate to be involved with the NPDF. The NPDF is a local non-profit organization that seeks donations from the community and uses the money to purchase and train police dogs for law enforcement agencies throughout Ventura County.

All of our canines (past and present) were purchased by the NPDF and not through taxpayer dollars. On average the cost for a canine is \$12,000, with an additional \$8,000-\$10,000 for training and certification, all of which is paid for through the generosity of the NPDF and our community.

**Officer Garrett & K9 Eros:**

