

Check Presentation - Land Rover Jaguar Ventura Donates \$12,000 to Help Purchase Ventura Police Department's Newest K9 – "Rover".



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Contact: Sgt. Brian Hewlett, 805.339.4474

Location: Donation & Check Presentation to be Held at Land Rover Jaguar Ventura Dealership, 3190 Perkins Ave., Ventura, CA 93003, Tel: 805.654.0100

Date/Time To Occur: Tuesday, August 5, 2014, 10:00 a.m.

Personnel Involved: Ventura Police Department Police Chief Ken Corney, K-9 Unit Personnel including Officers and Partners, Personnel from Land Rover Jaguar Ventura, and representatives from the National Police Dog Foundation.

Narrative:

Recently, on July 19, 2014, the Ventura Police Department (VPD) held its 3rd Annual Bark Out Loud Comedy Night benefitting the VPD's K9 Unit. The event raised over \$45,000, which included a generous donation of \$12,000 from Land Rover Jaguar Ventura to help purchase VPD's newest K9, aptly named "Rover".

Tomorrow, Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., Phil Vass President, of Land Rover Jaguar Ventura, will present a \$12,000 check to VPD's Police Chief Ken Corney and the entire K9 Team.

The media is strongly encouraged to attend the event. The ceremony will include a check presentation, photo opportunities, and light refreshments will be served.

Said Sergeant Brian Hewlett, supervisor of the K9 Unit, "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."

VPD currently has five K9 Teams. Two members of the team will be retiring in the near future and we anticipate selecting a new K9 officer in September. Once the selection process is complete we will then work with the National Police Dog Foundation (NPDF) towards the purchase of our new K9, Rover.

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, our community, and of course organizations like Land Rover Jaguar of Ventura.

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- National Police Dog Foundation: www.usk9fund.org
- Information on VPD's K9 Unit: www.cityofventura.net/pd/community/k9s
- Link to recent Bark Out Loud event press release: <http://bit.ly/1pvNSmV>