

Press release -- VPD to Hold 3rd Annual "Bark Out Loud" Comedy Night Benefiting the Department's K9 Unit.



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Incident: Ventura Police Department to Hold 3rd Annual "Bark Out Loud" Comedy Night Benefiting the Department's K9 Unit.

Contact: Sgt. Brian Hewlett, 805-339-4474

Location: The Majestic Ventura Theater, 26 S. Chestnut St., Ventura, 93001

Date/Time To Occur: Saturday, July 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Personnel Involved: Ventura Police Department K-9 Officers and professional comedians from throughout the Southern California area

Narrative:

Event Information:

On Saturday, July 19, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Ventura Police Department (VPD) will hold the 3rd Annual "Bark Out Loud" Comedy Night benefiting the department's K9 Unit. The event takes place at the Majestic Ventura Theater in downtown Ventura.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., dinner, provided by Stephen's Market of Ventura, will be served at 7:00 p.m. and the comedy show will begin at 8:00 p.m. Professional comedians performing include Sandy Stotzer, Billy Batz, Roger Rodd, Jamal Coleman, and Chad Ridgely. Our K9 Team will of course be on site not only conducting demonstrations throughout the evening but will be roaming the crowd so individuals can meet the officers and their partners, have their pictures taken with them, or even purchase VPD K9 merchandise. The evening's festivities also include a silent auction and raffle.

Tickets are \$45 and are available at www.venturapdk9.org, www.venturatheater.net, or by calling 805.207.7484, or 805.339.4474.

Bark Out Loud Background Information:

The idea of having a comedy night to benefit the K9 Unit came from members of the K9 Team themselves. The department's K9 Unit is very active in the community hosting a number of "meet and greets", K9 events, demonstrations, and other functions. Said Sergeant Brian Hewlett, supervisor of the Unit, "When we first came up with the idea of "Bark Out Loud" (in 2012) we were all in agreement in that we wanted to host a fundraiser that that would not only draw a number of people, but something that was unique and a fun way to interact with the public while at the same time shining the spotlight on our k9 program." Continued Hewlett, "Bark Out Loud is now in its third year and has become the most successful K9 fundraiser we have. Over the last two years we've raised \$44,000 through Bark Out Loud and the community's support of not only the event but our department is very rewarding and appreciated."

National Police Dog Foundation and Fundraising Information:

All proceeds from the event will go to the local non-profit organization, the National Police Dog Foundation (NPDF). The NPDF has been a generous supporter of our K9 Team for several years and seeks donations from the community to purchase and train police dogs for law enforcement agencies throughout Ventura County.

In fact all of VPDs K9s (past and present), along with the costs of their training, are paid for through the generosity of community donations and the NPDF, and not through taxpayer dollars. On average, the cost for a canine is \$12,000 with an additional \$6,000 to \$10,000 for basic and advanced training and certifications. Additional information on the NPDF can be found by visiting www.usk9fund.org

Our department wants to again express our sincere appreciation to the community for their support and to all the companies, organizations, and individuals who have helped to make the event such a huge success.

THE VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



SANDY STOTZER
As seen regularly at
The Comedy Store
and The Improv



BILLY BATZ
Co-Host, Guy Talk Radio,
As Seen on
Radio 911 & MTV

3rd Annual

BARK OUT LOUD COMEDY NIGHT



ROGER RODD
Versatile actor, writer,
and stand-up comic



JAMAL COLEMAN
A natural entertainer - one of the
funniest upcoming comedians



CHAD RIDGELY
LA based sketch-comedy
writer, actor, producer and
stand-up comic

**July 19th, 2014 @ 6pm to 10pm at
The Ventura Majestic Theater**

Tickets \$45

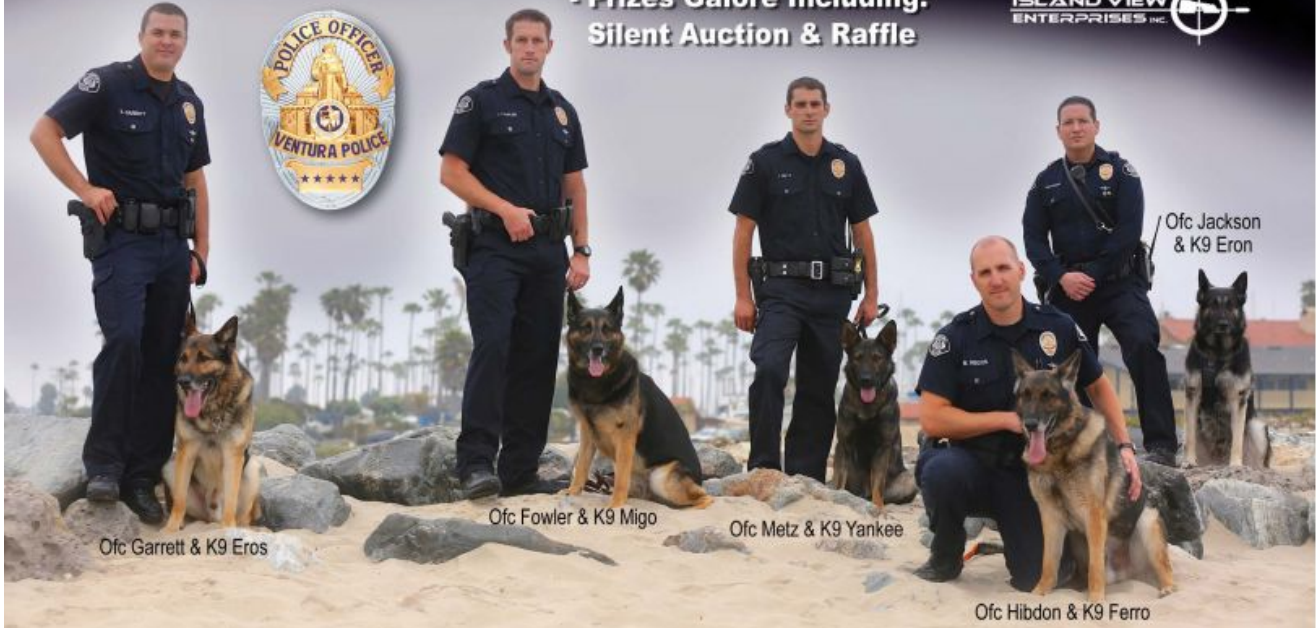


Available at venturatheater.net
805.653.0721 & 805.339.4474

- Cocktail Hour: 6-7 pm
- Dinner 7-8 pm catered by Stephens Market & Grill
- Comedy Show: 8-10 pm
- Meet K9 Officers & Partners
- K9 Merchandise
- Prizes Galore Including:
Silent Auction & Raffle



Sig Sauer handgun
raffle donated by



Ofc Garrett & K9 Eros

Ofc Fowler & K9 Migo

Ofc Metz & K9 Yankee

Ofc Hibdon & K9 Ferro

Ofc Jackson & K9 Eron

All proceeds from bark Out Loud go to support the non-profit National Police Dog Foundation and the Ventura Police K9 Unit. Funds raised from the Bark Out Loud are used to purchase and train the K9's. The average cost of a K9 is \$15,000 plus additional money for more training.



Steve Thomas BMW



For tickets, sponsorships, donations and more information contact Ofc. Fowler
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