



Press Release

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La Vista Police K9 Unit Awarded Protective Vest

In January 2013, the La Vista Police Department K9 Unit was selected to receive a protective vest for Police Service Dog Tar and his partner, Officer Mike Loyd.

The vest \$1,006 vest was donated to the Police Department by Vested Interest in K9s, after fundraising campaign to grant protective vests to police service dogs across the country. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501 c (3) all volunteer charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests for law enforcement dogs in the United States.

Tar, one of two La Vista police service dogs, is a 3 year old Dutch Shepherd trained in narcotics detection, criminal apprehension, tracking, evidence recovery, and handler protection.

Tar is often sent into dangerous situations and environments in the protection of the community and the police officers he serves. The vest will provide added protection for him while engaged in these dangerous assignments.

La Vista's other Police Service Dog, "Leda" was outfitted with a protective vest several years ago through another community partner.

Without organizations like Vested Interest in K9s, this equipment may not have been available to Tar. The La Vista Police Department appreciates the mission and goal of Vested Interest in K9s, and for providing this equipment.

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