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Edmonds PD Announces retirement of Police Dog Rocky

On January 16th, 2011 Ofc. Shane Hawley and Edmonds Police Dog Rocky officially brought their long, successful working relationship to a close. Police Dog Rocky was retired in January of this year after seven years of service to the citizens of Edmonds.

The Police K9 is still one of the most effective tools a police department has in the tracking and apprehension of criminals and the team of Ofc. Hawley and Police Dog Rocky were no exception. In his seven year career Rocky apprehended 102 suspects involved in various crimes. Many of those crimes would have gone unsolved had it not been for the unique ability of a trained police dog to precisely track and locate a suspect immediately after leaving the scene of a crime. Even in the instances where a suspect was not located there were many cases in which Police Dog Rocky located key pieces of evidence which became valuable later in solving a crime and prosecuting a suspect.

The working life of a police patrol dog is a hard one and Rocky certainly had his trials and endured his share of hardships. Rocky survived being hit by a car while tracking a suspect, survived a life threatening surgery for a stomach injury suffered during a chase and also ended up losing a major portion of his tail as a result of an injury sustained during a training exercise. Rocky battled back from each of these injuries and even after breaking his tail, the night before his surgery, he tracked and located a suspect that was later determined to be responsible for over 20 residential burglaries.

Ofc. Hawley has remained in the patrol division and is currently working dayshift as a Patrol Officer. Ofc. Hawley has purchased Rocky from the city and Rocky will remain with Ofc. Hawley and his family.

For your use I've attached a photo of Ofc. Hawley and Police Dog Rocky. If follow up information is needed Ofc. Hawley has indicated that he'd be willing to respond to questions. He can be reached by phone at the main line of the Edmonds Police Department (425-771-0200). As he is on patrol, please leave him a voice mail message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.

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