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SAGINAW POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE NEW K-9 MEMBER:

FEBRUARY 15, 2019 SAGINAW, MI – The Saginaw Police Department will introduce its newest K-9 member at the Monday, February 18 City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. The new recruit, a Belgian Malinois named Nvee, has completed a 5-week training program and will now join his partner, Police Officer Doug Stacer, as an official member of the Saginaw Police K-9 unit.

Nvee (pronounced “*En-vee*”) will replace Saginaw K-9 Canjo, who is retiring this month after more than 8 years of service with the Saginaw Police Department. The Police Department received the donation of the new police dog from the Saginaw Valley Police Canine Association (SVPCA) with help from the Nickless Foundation and the Wickson-Link Foundation. SVPCA has supported the Saginaw Police Department’s K-9 program since December 2012.

Nvee was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Ohio where he was acquired in the fall of 2018. He began training upon arrival to the Saginaw area. This included tracking and imprinting him with odors for detection work. Nvee’s training has prepared him to

detect narcotics, search for suspects or missing persons and to protect his handler. Nvee is now ready to go out on patrol with his new human partner.

Under the agreement approved by City Council in September 2015, the Saginaw Valley Police Canine Association will provide support for four canine officers, one for each of the police department's four patrol shifts.

Saginaw Police Chief Bob Ruth said "This will allow us to have a dog on every shift. We now have 24-hour coverage. That is a huge benefit for the department and the citizens of our city".

The police dogs' capabilities are broad as "dual-purpose narcotics" dogs. The Saginaw Police K-9 Division plays an important role in the department's efforts to curb drug activity on our streets and in the community. Nvee is patrol and narcotic certified which means he can seek out hidden drugs and contraband and also help to track lost children as well as fleeing suspects.

Saginaw Police Chief Bob Ruth also expressed his appreciation for the overwhelming support of this program. "The contributions these dogs will bring to our force is immeasurable. I am grateful to the generous supporters of this program and their commitment to safety for the City of Saginaw."

For more information on the Saginaw Police K-9 unit, please contact Officer Doug Stacer at 989 759-1218.

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