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Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 1:59 PM

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Subject: Funding of City of Newark K 9 - Response to Questions - Dr. Amy Roe

Councilwoman Hadden – Please find below some additional information in response to questions raised. Carol
Regarding how the city funds its K-9 program.

From the time Newark authorized its first K-9 unit it has been primarily funded by fundraising efforts. This funding mechanism has continued to be successful. Donations are tracked separately and to date, all aspects of the K9 unit's needs, with the exception of the Sworn officer have been fully funded including vehicle up fit, accommodation's for the K9 at our officers homes, vet care, training etc. The history of the program includes original grants from the Criminal Justice Council, Chrysler and Walmart. Les DuKart of Dukart Management spearheaded the original fund-raising effort.

Regarding the question of non-funding of other Officers:

The K9 unit – when it was started in 2007 was new to our dept. Prior to having our own K9 the city successfully relied on the county to provide K9 tracking and control services. As a result of increased demand and response time the dept initiated the fundraising effort that has, as noted above, been so successful that it has not needed to be addressed in the General Fund operating budget for the Police Department. The funding of all other officers (including our K9 Officer/Handlers) is handled through our budget process for the department as it always was, well before the introduction of the first K9 unit. The sworn Officers/Handlers of the K9 unit are funded through the budget and have changed over the course of the years. Officers have not been added specifically to fill K9 handler roles but have expressed interest in being considered for the position.

The only Police dept. positions that have in the past not followed the traditional funding process are those added in association with the Cops grant that provides three years funding with a dept/city guarantee to continue the position after receiving the funding. Newark has been approved for this on one occasion and has continued to apply. It has been our thought/understanding that if our K9 unit fundraising support began to subside we would have a conversation regarding the continued support of this need. This is especially pertinent as we now have 9 years' experience with the units which was not available when originally introduced.

Thank you – Carol Houck

City Manager

From: Marge Hadden [<mailto:haddenmargrit@gmail.com>]

Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 1:53 PM

To: Paul Tiernan <paul.tiernan@cj.state.de.us>; Carol Houck <CHouck@Newark.de.us>; David Del Grande <DDelGrande@newark.de.us>

Subject: Fwd: Re: Funding of City of Newark canine unit

Hi Chief, please see Amys two questions below regarding where in budget the canine ops is and whether you choose to not fund other officers.

Best,
Marge

----- Original message -----

From: Amy Roe <amywroe@gmail.com>

Date: 11/19/2016 1:49 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Marge Hadden <haddenmargrit@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Funding of City of Newark canine unit

Dear Marge, I wanted to follow up on this prior to the budget meeting. I never received a response from you, and it has

been more than two months and I have heard nothing back from you. Some clarification would be appreciated. Thanks,
Amy

On Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 1:03 PM, Amy Roe <amywroe@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Marge, where is this information detailed in the city budget? Are there other police officers that the city chooses not to fund? Thanks, Amy

On Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 2:17 AM Marge Hadden <haddenmargrit@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Amy,

I have asked for an accounting of funding of the canine police unit and was provided the following by the Chief of Police:

I was also provided this information by Finance Director Mr. Del Grande:

For comparison purposes, New Castle County's K9 Unit is funded via their operating budget and grants. Grants pay for the main expenses of the program. The information below is from NCCPD's Finance Officer. To sum up, here is a listing into source of funds:

Operating:

Food
Vet services
Supplies

Grants/donations:

Bullet proof vests
Kennels
Purchase of dogs

Best,
Marge

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