

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has a new K9 "Kahr", and he has been awarded a ballistic vest

The Fairfield County Sheriff Office K9 Kahr has been awarded a ballistic vest thanks to a non-profit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and an anonymous donor provided \$950.00. The vest will be embroidered with "Vested by a proud USAF Veteran"

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA. Whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1198 law enforcement dogs in 40 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of \$1,138,100.00

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. announces their calendar on sale now through Feb. 2015 for \$15.00 online at www.vik9s.org. Proceeds from the sales will provide bullet and stab protective vests. All goods and services for the calendar were donated by generous sponsors, photographers and participating law enforcement agency, for police dogs actively working without the potentially lifesaving equipment.

The organization orders the U.S. made vests exclusively from distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor. Vests are manufacturer by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

New K9 graduates as well as K9's with expired vests are eligible to participate. The program is open to law enforcement dogs who are US employed, certified and at least 19 months of age.

For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call [508-824-6978](tel:508-824-6978). Tax deductible donations accepted via mail to: Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718 or via the website: www.vik9s.org.