



## City of Marion ***POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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Dear Community Partner:

The Marion Police Department is pleased to announce it has been authorized by the City Council to implement a police canine program. With recent court decisions and the increase of drug activity in and around the Marion area the Marion Police Department feels this is an important next step in keeping with our Mission Statement of keeping our community safe. The month of May starts our first major funding efforts. **The National Chief's of Police will match dollar for dollar all funds raised towards the Marion Police K9 Unit for the entire month of May.** Checks made out for the month of May must be made out to "NACOP" and mailed to the Marion Police Department.

The Marion Police Department has determined the start up costs associated with a police canine program to be \$22,000.00. Thus, we are seeking community support of this worthy cause through donations received, which is the purpose of this correspondence.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in helping in our fundraising efforts. We have several organizations, such as Catholic Knights and Thrivent Financial, who will match the funds we raise. Attached you will find several ways you can help bringing this worthy program to fruition. As always the means by which you choose to assist in our fundraising efforts is tax deductible.

If you or your organization should need additional information, have additional questions, or would like a presentation on the importance of a police canine in a community, please contact me at 715-250-3751. Otherwise, we thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **IMPORTANCE OF A POLICE CANINE IN A COMMUNITY**

Due to a police canine's extraordinary ability in smell, agility, courage and determination they are an effective public safety resource. The police canine would be cross-trained in the ability to;

- Track to find lost children and missing adults due to medical issues.
- Perform public relations between the police and community.
- Provide appearances and demonstrations at various community functions.
- Be a highly visible deterrent to criminal activity.
- Track and apprehend criminals for prosecution of their crimes.
- Locate illegal drugs
- Reduce the hours needed to search buildings, to locate illegal drugs, and to find people in distress.
- Provide income from recovered cash and property.

However, we also understand you may want additional information in regard to this worthy program. If you would like to be provide additional information, or have any questions please feel free to contact Officer Eric Krause. In addition the City of Marion's website has additional information regarding this venture and can be found at;  
[www.marion.govoffice2.com](http://www.marion.govoffice2.com)

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***Dedicated People Keeping Our Community Safe Through Partnership and Professional Service***

**HOW CAN WE HELP  
REACH THE \$22,000 POLICE CANINE FUNDRAISING GOAL**

Private Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organizational Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above)

Please specify who we should contact to coordinate the donation or sponsorship option selected below:

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above)

Please check any or all of the boxes below to indicate you or your organization would like to help:

- Donating the enclosed dollar amount.**

***MAKE YOUR CASH DONATION GO FURTHER: The National Association of Chief of Police will match dollar for dollar any donations made to this program during May 2011. During May 2011 checks need to be made payable to the "NACOP". Checks should still be mailed to the Marion Police Department at the above address.***

- Sponsoring a Golf Hole for \$100.00 during the Marion Police K9 Golf Outing.**

*Marion Police K9 Golf Outing on June 18, 2011 from the 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Perry's Landing Golf Course on Mavis Road in Marion*

- Donating items for a raffle to be held during the Marion Area Family Night Out.**

*Marion Area Family Night Out on August 2, 2011 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Lion's Point Park on W. Garfield Ave, Marion, WI.*

- Create a Match Fund Option.** (similar to what we have with Thrivent Financial Solutions and Catholic Knights, etc.)

- Donate Goods or Services.** (i.e. provide pet grooming services, pet food, or constructing a dog kennel or vehicle cage, brats, soda, condiments, etc.).

- I or my organization has another way in which we would like assist please call Officer Eric Krause directly at 715-250-3751.**

\*\*\*\*If you are unable to mail or drop off a donation to the Police K9 Unit, please contact us at 715-754-5060 and we will make arrangements to pick up items or donations from you.\*\*\*\*