



Chief's Update
November 12, 2013
"Remembering K9 Officer "Jaeger"

Dear Tempe Police Employees,

It is with a heavy heart with which I send this message to inform you of the passing of Retired K9 Officer "Jaeger."

For those who have worked with "Jaeger," and especially for his partner Ofc. Reed Ribotta and the entire Ribotta Family, his passing is both sad and difficult. As most of you know, "Jaeger" began his service on 4/26/06 and recently retired on 7/4/13. He was one of our most successful service animals and during his outstanding career, was responsible for conducting 800 narcotic sniffs which resulted in 362 criminal arrests, located and led to the apprehension of 42 fleeing suspects.

There is no doubt "Jaeger" excelled at his job and possessed many traits making him an excellent police K9 - namely his sheer size, drive, intelligence, tenacity and above all else, his loyalty. But more importantly, in addition to serving as a dual purpose apprehension and narcotics detection dog, "Jaeger" served as a dual purpose family dog; a valued and loved member of both the Ribotta Family and the Tempe Police Family.

Protective, playful, and exhibiting unwavering loyalty towards his handler/partner/ and best friend - Ofc. Reed Ribotta - "Jaeger" could always be counted on to protect all of us and "find the bad guy." What's more, for those police employees not intimidated by his overwhelming size, "Jaeger" could always be counted on to engage in a friendly - albeit challenging - game of "tug-o'-war" with his favorite toy for as long as a person wanted to play.

Though "Jaeger" will no longer be physically present, his contributions and memory will forever be a part of the success and history of our organization.

In closing, please take a moment to remember and appreciate the outstanding work of “Jaeger” and Ofc. Ribotta as they will forever remain a great team committed to “finding the drugs” and “catching the bad guy.”

Thank you “Jaeger” for a job well done!

Tom Ryff
Chief of Police

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Served from 4/28/06 to 7/4/13

