

**CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL**  
**Agenda Staff Report**

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM NUMBER</b>
September 16, 2014	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Chris Chapanar, Police Captain

Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

**ISSUE:**        **Recognize Retirement of Police K-9 Buddy and Senior Officer Mark Ereth for Years of Service as K-9 Handler**

**BACKGROUND:**

After 5 years of dedicated service and well over 200 deployments, K-9 Buddy is retiring from law enforcement. K-9 Buddy, a black Labrador Retriever, began his service as a Drug Detection K-9 with the Coos Bay Police Department in February of 2009.

Throughout his five year career, he not only served the Coos Bay Police Department, but he and his handler Senior Officer Mark Ereth also assisted other local law enforcement agencies in locating a myriad of narcotics and narcotics related evidence. Senior Officer Ereth and Buddy held certifications through the Oregon Police Canine Association as well as the Pacific Northwest Canine Association.

In addition to their police work, K-9 Buddy and Senior Officer Ereth provided many community presentations and served as goodwill ambassadors for the Police Department. The Coos Bay Police Department commends this extremely valuable K-9 team on their dedication and service to the citizens of Coos Bay.

**DISADVANTAGES:**

N/A

**BUDGET:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action is necessary at this time.