



To: Members of the Common Council

From: Chief Tim Styka 

Date: March 30, 2016

RE: Police Elementary School K-9 (Facility Dog) UPDATE

In September 2015, and again during the budget hearing, we presented the Common Council information on using a "Facility Dog" in conjunction with the duties and responsibilities of Officer Jorgenson, who is assigned to the Elementary Schools. I am pleased to announce we have received the final approval from Canine Companions, the organization providing the K-9. Officer Jorgenson is scheduled for training in May and we anticipate he and his new partner will be up and running by the middle of May.

There is considerable research that animals can transcend normal methods of communication which will allow us to provide an exceptional level of service. We anticipate this will decrease the number of incidents at the schools where a student may act out, providing a better learning environment for all of the students.

This is an exciting and groundbreaking concept developed by Officer Jorgenson and we look forward to this one of a kind program coming to Menasha!