

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN

DATE: September 28, 2026

FROM: Dale Lane, Police Chief

SUBJECT: Retirement of Police K-9, “Joker” and Transfer of Ownership to Officer Hunter Brooks

INTRODUCTION:

The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to retire police K-9 “Joker” from service and transfer ownership to his handler, Officer Hunter Brooks.

BACKGROUND:

The Collierville Police Department acquired “Joker,” a Belgian Malinois, on August 9, 2019, for utilization as a dual-purpose police K-9. Joker is assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division and has served alongside his handler, Officer Hunter Brooks. Joker assists officers with the safe apprehension and tracking of suspects, narcotics detection, and the location of evidence.

Officer Brooks has recently been assigned a new K-9, “Loki,” and completed handler school on September 11, 2026. As Officer Brooks transitions to his new K-9 partner, Joker is approaching the end of his working career and is experiencing health issues associated with his age.

DISCUSSION:

Police K-9s generally have a working life of approximately five to seven years. Joker, who was acquired by the Collierville Police Department on August 9, 2019, is beginning to show signs of aging and has experienced health problems during the past year. These issues include blurred vision and problems with balance. Joker’s medical conditions have been monitored by his veterinarian and has resulted in the decision to retire him from police service.

Joker has served the citizens of the Town of Collierville as a dual-purpose K-9, assisting officers with the safe apprehension and tracking of suspects, narcotics detection, and evidence location. Throughout his service, Joker has been cared for and handled by Officer Hunter Brooks.

Due to Joker’s age and health concerns, it is recommended Joker be retired from police service and ownership be transferred to Officer Brooks. Officer Brooks has been Joker’s handler and has expressed a desire to continue caring for Joker following his retirement from police service. Upon transfer of ownership, Officer Brooks will be responsible for all costs and care associated with Joker, including any future veterinary and medical expenses.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

[K9 Joker Photo.jpg](#)

PROPOSED MOTION:

To approve the retirement of police K-9 “Joker” from service and transfer ownership to Officer Hunter Brooks.

Board Action: Motion By _____ Seconded By _____

Vote Total	Hall	Jordan	Robbins	Marshall	Stamps	Fraser
Yes						
No						
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