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SUBJECT: Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force Welcomes K9 Maverick

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Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force Welcomes K9 Maverick

The Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force (LSDVCTF) is excited to welcome a new four-legged member to the team, K9 Maverick. K9 Maverick is a 1-year-old Black Lab from South Dakota. He just graduated from McDonough K9 training last week.

The LSDVCTF has wanted a single-purpose narcotics K9 for a number of years, and for the first time in the task forces history, that dream is now a reality with the use of a federal grant.

“The Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force are funded through a number of federal and state grants,” said Lieutenant Chad Nagorski, Task Force Commander. “One federal grant we were able to secure is the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area grant, which will pay for all of K9 Maverick’s expenses.”

Investigator Stutsman has been part of the LSDVCTF for 3.5 years and with DPD for nearly 10 years. She was selected to be K9 Maverick’s handler.

“I feel extremely proud to be a part of the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force and am very excited to add Maverick to our team,” said Investigator Stutsman. We look forward to putting our training to work and forwarding our mission of removing harmful substances from the streets.”

K9 Maverick is considered a regional task force asset and will be available to LSDVCTF partner agencies. His first day on the job was on Monday, June 27.

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