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## MEDIA RELEASE

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New K9 Coming to the El Paso County Sheriff's Office
In the coming months the El Paso County Sheriff's Office will be adding a new team member to their K9 Unit after securing sufficient funding. This funding will help the unit to obtain and train a new K9.

The relationship between a police K9 and his or her handler requires closeness and an ability to communicate and work together as a team. K9s and their handlers both receive specialized training in the detection of narcotics, persons, devices, and explosives. They both conduct continuous patrol training together which includes how to release a dog, call for backup, and track suspects. K9 enforcement training is intensive and requires a lot of time and dedication.

The intent is to train this K9 with dual purpose, where the K9 can handle everyday patrol activities and be able to track, complete criminal apprehensions, do article searches and be a drug narcotic detector.

The Sheriff's Office appreciates the many requests community members and businesses have offered in the last couple of weeks. The Sheriff's Office has secured sufficient funding and cannot thank the community enough for the support they have showered upon the Sheriff's Office after the tragic loss of their beloved K9 Jinx.

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