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Central Indiana K9 Association, Inc. Established to Serve and Honor Working Dogs in Indiana Announces the *Shadow Fund* Beginning August 1, 2019

PLAINFIELD, Indiana (July 16, 2019) - Founded this past March, the Central Indiana K9 Association's purpose is to elevate public awareness for the unique service of working dogs; and to foster a stronger affinity for the handler and units with whom the K9 serves. This will be done, in part, by the creation of the *Shadow Fund*. Effective August 1, 2019, the not for profit organization will begin accepting applications to award funds for medical costs to qualifying retired working dogs.

Working dogs are put through rigorous training and tasked with applying their skills for the betterment of our community. As a result, they are subject to extensive injury and health issues. Once a working dog retires, their handler or guardian is responsible for their well-being. They do not have a pension plan or 401K to depend on for living costs.

In an effort to support and honor these dogs, the Central Indiana K9 Association created the *Shadow Fund*. This fund is a grant program designed to supplement the high cost of medical care for retired dogs from law enforcement, military, search and rescue, fire, and the Department of Homeland Security. The *Shadow Fund* will also help cover advanced medical care such as emergency care, hospitalization, surgery, pain management, physical rehabilitation, and specialty treatments.

The *Shadow Fund* was named to be reminiscent of how the canine shadows its law enforcement or first responder handler during their tour of duty. The Central Indiana K9 Association has made it a priority to assist these retired working dogs so they may live out the remainder of their lives in relative comfort, as well as to decrease the financial burden on their handlers.

Donations to the *Shadow Fund* will assist active (memorial services only) and retired working dogs (memorial and medical services) who served or reside in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Morgan, and Shelby County.

To learn more about the Central Indiana K9 Association, visit <https://cik9.org/>, e-mail info@CIK9.org, or follow the organization on Facebook @CIK9.org.

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