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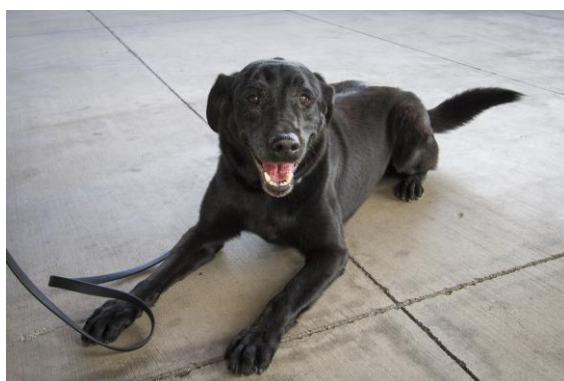
RETIREMENT OF TUCSON POLICE K9 “JR”

On September 14, 2017, “JR”, the Tucson Police Explosives Ordinance Detection (EOD) K9 was retired after ten years of service to the department and residents of the City of Tucson.

JR was born in September of 2005 and is a hunting bred, Black Labrador Retriever. He was originally in a Duck Hunting Retrieval Program in California and then went to an Explosive Detection K9 School in Wisconsin. He was hired by the Tucson Police Department in September of 2007. JR is a credentialed EOD certified K9 due to his completion of the ATF National Odor Recognition Training School. He passed all of the annual National Police Canine Explosive Certification processes and is also trained to detect firearms and shell casings.

In JR’s ten years of service, he was deployed on approximately 1,200 missions to help keep the residents of Tucson safe from explosive hazards. JR was a common fixture and is well known by University of Arizona Football and Basketball fans for his work sweeping the area for danger at each of the home games.

Since his retirement, he has already made several appearances at the police stations to say hello to his friends and former co-workers. JR plans to enjoy his retirement, which will include Sunday barbeque’s and family vacations with his handler, Officer Rob McCusker. Thank you JR for keeping us safe over the last decade.



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