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## MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K9S KATO, HARY, SABRE, AND DYNO TO GET DONATION OF BODY ARMOR

Rochester, NY (October 10, 2019) – Monroe County Sheriff's Office K9s Kato, Hary, Sabre, and Dyno will receive bullet and stab protective vests thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9s Kato, Hary, Sabre and Dyno's vests are sponsored by Victoria Judd of L & T Insurance Agency and will be embroidered with the sentiment, "Honoring those who served and sacrificed." Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.



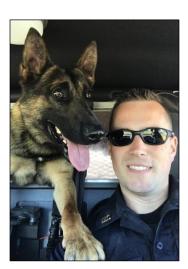
Deputy Lane K9 Kato



Deputy Root K9 Hary



Deputy Priola K9 Sabre



Deputy Bell K9 Dyno

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 – \$2,283, weight an average of 4-5 lbs., and has a five-year warranty. There is an estimated





30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

\*Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 3,500 protective vests, in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a value of \$5.7 million dollars.

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