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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 10, 2023 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

ITEM: APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR ONE (1) LATHROP POLICE DEPARTMENT SERGEANT TO ATTEND CANINE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT COURSE IN MAY 2023

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Approving Out-of-State Travel for One (1) Lathrop Police Department Sergeant to Attend the Canine Program Management Course in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada from May 2, 2023 to May 4, 2023

SUMMARY:

The Lathrop Police Department (LPD) has established a K-9 Unit that consists of three (3) K-9 Teams (handler and canine). The LPD K-9 Unit is led by a Police Sergeant who oversees the K-9 Unit operations which includes the day-to-day operations and deployments and field activities of each team. To efficiently and clearly understand their role as a K-9 supervisor, attending a canine program management course is essential. Staff is proposing Council approval to have one (1) Sergeant attend an upcoming canine management course.

The management course will take place in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The cost for one (1) LPD Sergeant to attend the canine program management course is \$1,182. There are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training.

Staff recommends City Council approve the out-of-state travel for one (1) LPD Sergeant to attend the Canine Program Management Course in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada from May 2, 2023 to May 4, 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Lathrop Police Department has established a K-9 Unit that consists of three (3) K-9 Teams. Two (2) of the three (3) K-9 Teams has completed the basic handler's course and is currently deployed and on patrol, with the third K-9 Team in process. These teams are supervised by a designated Sergeant who oversees the day-to-day operations, which include training, schedules, handler evaluations, equipment, record keeping, and deployments and field activities of each K-9 Team.

The K-9 Unit is regarded as one of the highest liability units within any law enforcement agency. To effectively manage K-9 Teams, the K-9 Unit supervisor should be knowledgeable and be up to date on all policies and regulations regarding K-9 deployment within law enforcement. The canine program management course will help the supervisor utilize K-9 Teams properly, obtain consistent productivity

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from the K-9 Teams, and understand legal concerns to help mitigate liability to the City. Attending the canine program management course is essential for the growth and development of the K-9 Supervisor and Team.

As required by City policy, any out-of-state travel requires Council approval. Staff was able to secure a spot in an upcoming P.O.S.T certified canine program management course taking place in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada. This three-day course will cover K-9 legal updates, K-9 Use of Force, Critical Incident Reviews and Scenarios, and many more essential topics that would equip our K-9 Sergeant in the day-to-day operations of the K-9 Unit for the Lathrop Police Department.

The cost for one (1) LPD Sergeant to attend the canine program management course is \$1,182. This includes the registration, hotel, and per diem cost for one (1) Sergeant. There are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:

To effectively manage K-9 Teams, the K-9 supervisor should be knowledgeable and be up to date on all policies and regulations regarding K-9s within law enforcement. Attending a canine program management course is essential to the growth and success of our K-9 Unit Supervisor and will provide our K-9 supervisor the tools to mitigate liabilities to the City. Staff recommends City Council approve the out-of-state travel for one (1) LPD Sergeant to attend the Canine Program Management Course in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada from May 2, 2023 to May 4, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

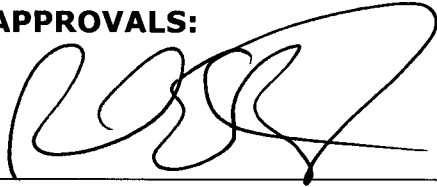
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ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution Approving Out-of-State Travel for One (1) Lathrop Police Department Sergeant to Attend the Canine Program Management Course in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada from May 2, 2023 to May 4, 2023

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APPROVALS:



Raymond Bechler
Chief of Police

3/20/23

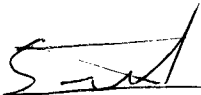
Date



Cari James
Finance Director

4/4/2023

Date



Salvador Navarrete
City Attorney

3-30-2023

Date



Stephen J. Salvatore
City Manager

4-5-23

Date

RESOLUTION NO. 23 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHROP APPROVING OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR ONE (1) LATHROP POLICE SERGEANT TO ATTEND THE CANINE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT COURSE IN SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, NEVADA FROM MAY 2, 2023 TO MAY 4, 2023

WHEREAS, the Lathrop Police Department (LPD) has established a K-9 Unit that consists of three (3) K-9 Teams (handler and canine); and

WHEREAS, LPD K-9 Unit is led by a Police Sergeant who oversees the K-9 Unit operations which includes the day-to-day operations and deployments and field activities of each team; and

WHEREAS, to effectively manage K-9 Teams, the K-9 supervisor should be knowledgeable and be up to date on all policies and regulations regarding K-9s within law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the canine program management course will help the supervisor utilize K-9 Teams properly, obtain consistent productivity from the K-9 Teams, and understand legal concerns to help mitigate liability to the City; and

WHEREAS, as required by City policy, any out-of-state travel requires Council approval; and

WHEREAS, staff was able to secure a spot in an upcoming P.O.S.T certified canine program management course taking place in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the three-day course will cover K-9 legal updates, K-9 Use of Force, Critical Incident Reviews and Scenarios, and many more essential topics that would equip our K-9 Sergeant in the day-to-day operations of the K-9 Unit for the Lathrop Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost for one (1) LPD Sergeant to attend the canine program management course is \$1,182. This includes the registration, hotel, and per diem for one (1) Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the Lathrop Police Department's training budget to cover the cost of the training.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lathrop does hereby approve the out-of-state travel for one (1) Lathrop Police Department Sergeant to attend the canine program management course in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada from May 2, 2023 to May 4, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted this 10th day of April 2023, by the following vote of the City Council, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:


ABSTAIN:

Sonny Dhaliwal, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Vargas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Salvador Navarrete, City Attorney

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