



NEW Swansea Police K-9 Fundraiser



The Swansea Police Department wants to start up a **NEW Police K-9 Unit**. Police K-9 Units have shown to have huge rewards for the community including increased Officer Safety, finding missing children and lost senior citizens, community relations, crime deterrent, criminal tracking, narcotics detection and it's a lot of fun for the kids!

Police K-9 Unit startup costs are substantial including a police car dedicated to the K-9 Unit, the price of the K-9 and associated significant training, a special K-9 vehicle kennel (if the vehicle overheats the alarm sounds and the windows roll down to protect the K-9), all safety equipment and toys for the dog! Police K-9 startup costs are around \$70,000.

If you are interested in helping us form a new Swansea Police K-9, please send

donations to: **Swansea Police K-9 Fund**
1400 N. Illinois Street
Swansea, IL 62226



ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Top Ten Reasons the Village of Swansea Needs a New Police K-9 Unit:

1. **To Protect and Serve.** The true motto of every law enforcement agency. This includes finding lost children and missing seniors.
2. **Officer Safety.** The Police K-9 partner is a great resource to combat crime. They hear, see and smell everything and are extremely loyal to their handlers.
3. **Citizen Safety.** In the times we live in with increases in certain aspects of crimes the Police K-9 is a great tool to fend off criminals and track them down.
4. **Community Relations.** Patrolling with a Police K-9 and stopping at the parks and schools so the kids and parents can pet the dog...need we say more?
5. **Tracking Suspects.** After a crime has occurred we frequently need to call on other departments for their help tracking our suspects. Many times the response is delayed because of the travel time or they are busy or simply not on duty. Sometimes by the time they arrive it is hours later.
6. **Narcotics Detection.** Police K-9s are a great tool for locating illegal drugs and keeping our families and children safe.
7. **Crime Deterrence.** Criminals know which police departments are proactive and which are not. One recently told an undercover officer, "I don't like to drive through Swansea with my dope because they will stop you."
8. **Building Searches.** Although 97% of the time a Police K-9 is used for its nose and not its mouth it is important to protect officers and citizens.
9. **It's Kind of Cool.** Knowing your community is protected by a Police K-9 gives some a sense of security. If the bad guy runs, he isn't getting away!
10. **Proactive Law Enforcement.** Having a Police K-9 is not just about narcotics searches it is more about community involvement, force multiplier against evil-doers and showing your citizens you are prepared and care about their safety.

