



Middleton Police Department

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James A. DiGianvittorio
Chief of Police

September 27, 2013

Stephen Sallan
The Stanton Foundation
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Dear Mr. Sallan,

The idea of having our own canine unit has been a far reaching goal since I became Chief in 2007, however, due to budgetary issues it has not been an attainable one. It is paramount for us to give our officers the tools needed to accomplish their jobs in a safe and efficient manner. The Town has been able to outfit our officers with the most up to date equipment in the industry. All our (26) sworn fulltime and part-time officers have been issued X2 Tasers, each member of our fulltime staff have recently been issued their own patrol rifles and our fleet is one of the best in the region. This "Canine Grant" would be the perfect fit for our pro-active police agency.

We have needed the services of the neighboring canine units on a much more frequent basis in recent years for a full gamut of law enforcement issues, such as missing persons, tracking criminal suspects, the rise of drug activity in our area.

As Police Chief with the Middleton Police Department, this endeavor has my full support and the support of our Elected Officials and the Town Administrator.

Based on the requirements for the grant, I can assure that all administrative aspects of this canine unit will be met.

Thank You for giving us this opportunity and we look forward to working with the Stanton Foundation.

Respectfully,


James A. DiGianvittorio
Chief of Police



TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Ira S. Singer

Town Administrator

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Dear Mr. Sallan,

I am pleased to offer my enthusiastic endorsement, and that of the Board of Selectmen, for the creation of a K9 program at the Middleton Police Department. At its meeting of September 10, 2013 the Middleton Board of Selectman unanimously voted to accept the generous offer of the Stanton Foundation K9 Grant Program to establish this important program within its Police Department.

The Town of Middleton has had the use of K9 Units from surrounding law enforcement departments for years and looks forward to reaping the benefits associated with establishing its own K9 Unit.

As the Town Administrator, I will work with the Chief DiGianvittorio to ensure the program's successful implementation.

Thank you for your consideration of our grant application, and please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief DiGianvittorio at 978-774-4424 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ira S. Singer
Town Administrator

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Police Chief DiGianvittorio