



Remembering A Community Hero



With great sadness, we announce the passing of K-9 “Luther” earlier this week. Our four-legged officer, handled by Officer Zach Wright, retired in January of 2015 after nine years of service to his Department and community.

Luther was born in January 2005 and completed basic K-9 training in October 2005. Over the years, Luther helped keep our City safe and secure and was always enthusiastic about coming to work. He was a generalist patrol dog who protected his partner, apprehended suspects, performed building searches, and located evidence. During his career, Luther was deployed 1,136 times, responsible for 301 arrests, had 200 evidence finds, and assisted other agencies 160 times. Luther was honored for his contributions, courage, and tenacity at a Department meeting.

The bond between K-9 Luther and Officer Wright was instantly recognizable to anyone who saw them together; whether at work or at play. He was loved and respected by Department staff and the community and was well known across the region for his relentless tracking skills. Luther spent his retirement with Zach and his family who unconditionally loved and cared for him until his death.

With broken hearts, we give special thanks to Luther for his courageous spirit and noble and dedicated service to the City of Mount Vernon.

