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WELFARE OF OTHERS"
-George Savord
Retired Cypress Chief of Police

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! The recent Night at the Races event was a huge success. It was great having the opportunity to see so many of you having fun. Everyone I spoke to said they had a terrific time. It is because of events like this, and the Police Appreciation Luncheon, that we can come along side and provide those extra things that the Cypress Police Department needs but are not included in their normal budget.

Speaking of the Police Appreciation Luncheon, it's never too early to mark your calendars and lock in the date so you can be there with us. The luncheon will be on **May 16, 2023**. Every year we have the opportunity to honor Cypress's finest during this event. I hope each of you have the opportunity to join us at the luncheon next year. It truly is a memorable event.

The Cypress Police Foundation would like to thank each one of you for your continued support throughout the years. I pray that each of you have a wonderful upcoming holiday season.

Until we meet again, stay safe.  $\mathcal{D}ow$ 





# Night at the Races October 8, 2022























## **MEET OUR K9 HANDLER**

By Mariellen Yarc

The Cypress Police Foundation is very proud that, over the years, we have provided our Cypress Police Department with four canine units (K9). These dogs are a valuable resource for the department by improving officer safety, helping to solve crimes, and are an excellent public relations tool. Recently, one of our two canines was injured in the line of duty. K9 Kubo was shot in the ear while assisting in a SWAT Team homicide investigation. Fortunately, Kubo has fully recovered, but after the incident, there were many questions from our citizens about our K9s. So, I met with one of the K9 Handlers, Officer Brook Marshall.



Officer Marshall started with the Cypress Police Department in 2010. After his training, he served on Patrol for two years then went on to become a

detective, working primarily on property crimes. He then advanced to the Task Force of Homeland Security Investigations for three years before becoming a Field Training Officer. He has now been a K9 Handler with Kubo for over four years.

I thought it was interesting how a K9 is selected. After Officer Marshall tested for handler, he went to the company who provides our K9s. After meeting several dogs who were already trained and certified to be a K9, Officer Marshall selects three, and then personally tests them for obedience, apprehending skills, etc. He then selects one of the three. After that, both Officer Marshall and Kubo went to a 6-week school together in Riverside to learn to work as a team. Kubo was 17 months old when Officer Marshall got him; Kubo will celebrate his 6th birthday on December 14th.

Kubo goes home every night with Officer Marshall. Officer Marshall lives with his wife and family and has another German Shepherd at home, a rescue dog, who is best friends with Kubo. When Kubo retires, Officer Marshall will buy Kubo from our Police Department - who charges \$1.00 for the purchase (this all warmed my heart and made me smile).

I asked him how K9s help our Police Department. His answer was immediate - they are a "force multiplier" and they help save officers' lives. I asked about precautions for the dog and was amazed when I heard all of the protection the K9 wears: bulletproof vest, rubber boots so they can walk in areas strewn with broken glass, goggles to protect their eyes, protective ear muffs, and they have special first-aid kits for dogs. Also, the backseat of the police car is set up for a K9 with special air conditioning tubes, water bowl, and a carpeted platform so the dog is secure and balanced.



We then talked about life at home with Kubo. Kubo is with Officer Marshall 24 hours a day/7days a week. Even on the officer's days off, Kubo needs care, exercise, food...and it is difficult to take extended vacations...but Officer Marshall is not complaining. Kubo is part of the family.

The City of Cypress is fortunate to have two K9s and two K9 Handlers. Many nearby small cities do not have any K9s. Make sure you meet our K9s and officers when you have a chance - not only are they a great addition to our police force, they are wonderful ambassadors for our City.

