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Lower Paxton Police K-9 German Shepherd “Rex” retires after 8 ½ years on the force

Lower Paxton Township, PA (September 27, 2023) – After 8 ½ years with the Lower Paxton Township Police Department and taking part in hundreds of searches for drugs, firearms and suspects, K-9 officer Rex is hanging up the leash.

The 9 ½- year-old German Shepherd is starting a well-earned retirement, living with his handler, partner and best pal, Cpl. Chad Miller, who joined the force in 2004 after serving in the Navy.

“Rex has been a great member of the force and has valiantly kept our community and his brother and sister officers safe,” said Lowman Henry, chairman of the Lower Paxton Township supervisors. “We also want to thank Cpl. Miller for doing a great job in training Rex and look forward to seeing him working with our new police K-9, named Six.”

Most recently, Rex helped search for convicted murderer Danelo Cavalcante, recently captured after escaping from the Chester County Prison on Aug. 31. The can-do canine was also instrumental in catching four men who robbed a Midstate Ulta Beauty last September, leading police on a car chase until the suspects lost control and then tried fleeing on foot – only to be brought to heel by Rex.

During the retirement ceremony, Michael Hyssong, the owner of 717 Supply automotive and related accessories company, contributed \$5,000 toward Lower Paxton’s K-9 program. Hyssong, who also represented Hurricane’s Heroes, a nonprofit that helps

cover veterinary care for law enforcement and military dogs, said the organization would be covering all Rex's medical needs.

Miller, who trains dogs for other area police departments as well, said Rex had all the right traits for a police K-9.

"The dog has to be social and have the ability to hunt," Miller said, adding he named the new K-9 "Six" for the military term "watching your six," meaning watching your buddy's back. "We look for social ability and drive."

Lower Paxton police have 60 sworn officers as well as three patrol K-9s and one arson dog, trained to detect accelerants. Miller said Six will be trained to patrol and detect firearms.

During his time on the force, Rex has kept busy, as shown by his impressive stats:

- Apprehension: 110
- Tracks: 107
- Building searches: 51
- Articles searches: 43
- K-9 Demos/Public relations 134
- School Narcotic searches 43
- Prison Narcotic searches 5
- Marijuana seized: 316 pounds, 100 plants & 200 THC vape cartridges
- Cocaine seized: 70.68 pounds
- Methamphetamine seized: 2 pounds
- Heroin seized: 1.2 pounds
- US Currency seized: \$271,647
- Firearms recovered: 61

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