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Date: 11/30/2023 Time: 12:00 PM Contact: Officer Kate Mann Public Affairs/ Crime Prevention (920)236-5742 Subject: Memorial Service for K9 Magic

OSHKOSH, WI (November 30, 2023): In honor of the life and service of K9 Magic who passed away on November 25th, the Oshkosh Police Department is having a memorial service for K9 Magic on December 12, 2023 which will be open to law enforcement as well as the public.

The Oshkosh Police Department is saddened by the passing of Oshkosh Police K9 Magic. K9 Magic became unexpectedly ill and it was discovered that she had cancer surrounding her heart and other organs. Medical staff determined that there was nothing further that could be done to help Magic recover so she was euthanized to end her pain.

Magic was the department's therapy dog and she helped provide emotional support to both members of our community and Officers. She worked with our Behavioral Health Officer, Scott Sopata, and the Mental Health Crisis Specialist Co-Responder, Kayla Rodriguez. They respond to behavioral health related calls, highly sensitive/emotional calls for service, as well as being used to support employees of the Oshkosh Police Department after Critical Incidents. Magic had 364 deployments during her 20 months of service with the department.

The memorial service for K9 Magic will be held at the Best Western Premier Hotel (1 N Main St) in the City of Oshkosh and is open to the public. Doors will open at 9:30 AM and the service will start at 10:00 AM.

Public parking will be available in the hotel's parking lot and also in the parking lot located to the west of the Leach Amphitheater.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Oshkosh Police Department's K9 Program Attn: Sgt Romanowicz 420 Jackson Street Oshkosh, WI 54901.