



# Newport Police Department

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## NPD MEDIA RELEASE

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**Incident:** *Rogue Donation to Police Canine Unit*

**Date:** *July 30, 2010*

**Details:** The Rogue Ale Brewery made a \$2,000 donation to the Newport Police Canine Unit. On Friday July 30, 2010, legendary Rogue Ale Brewmaster John Maier presented Newport Police Lieutenant Dave Teem, Officer and Canine Handler T.J. Eriksen, and K9 Eyan with the donation.

Officer Eriksen gratefully accepted the generous gift with his canine partner, Eyan, watching intently. Officer Eriksen said, "I am honored that even in these current tough economic times, a respected company like the Rogue was willing to make such a significant donation."

According to Officer Eriksen, the donation will be used to purchase needed training equipment and supplies for Eyan that hadn't been financially feasible prior to the donation.

Officer Eriksen has been working with Eyan since the Newport Police established the canine program in November 2008. Eyan, his initial training, and the specially outfitted Chevrolet Tahoe were paid for by federal grants and local donations. Officer Eriksen and Eyan are currently certified in Oregon through the Oregon Police Canine Association, and nationally through the National Police Canine Association.

The Rogue Ales Brewery, headquartered in Newport, has been an integral part of the community for more than 20 years. The Rogue has a history of generously supporting the local community. The Rogue subscribes to the belief of Mo Neimi, founder of Mo's

Restaurant, that “When times are hard you take care of your own, and when times are good they’d take of you.” This donation is an example that demonstrates that belief.

Officer Eriksen and Eyan are not strangers to the Rogue crew. The duo made presentations at the Rogue’s annual Brewer’s Memorial Festival, which is held in memory of Maier’s old friend named Brewer, a black Labrador retriever.

Newport Police Chief Mark Miranda reported that the Canine Unit has assisted in the arrest of more than 100 subjects for drugs offenses since the program’s inception. Lt Teem described the canine unit as “another valuable tool available to our officers who work diligently towards the Police Department’s goal of ensuring Newport is a safe place to live, work, learn, play, and visit.”

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