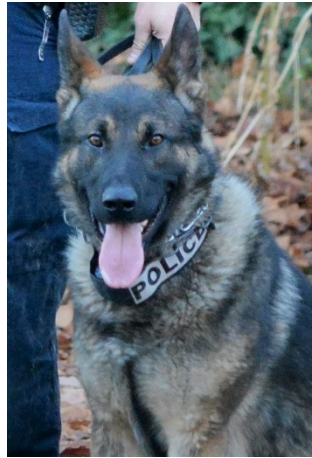




Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation

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**SAN JOSE, CA, February 10, 2014**—The Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation announces the presentation ceremony for Santa Clara police K-9, Dex, on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Santa Clara City Council Chambers.

The purchase and training of the dog was provided by a grant from the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation. K-9 Dex is a dual purpose dog and will be used for patrol work and detecting explosives. He is also trained in tracking criminals, and locating missing children and the elderly. Dex is replacing K-9 Evo after his retirement last year.

***The Sean M. Walsh Memorial Foundation was founded in 2011 by the friends and family of SPC Sean M. Walsh. Sean was killed in the line of duty in November 2011 while serving his country as an MP in The California Army National Guard in Afghanistan. Sean's dream was to become a K-9 police officer. The goal of the Foundation is to provide police K-9s to law enforcement agencies in need.***

In 2012, the Sean M. Walsh Foundation provided grants to the Santa Clara Police Department for the purchase and training of the police K-9 Argo. That same year, the Foundation also provided a small grant to the K-9 unit of the Visalia Police Department.

In 2003, the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation provided a grant to the San Rafael Police Department for the purchase of K-9, Faro, and helped to reinstate the San Rafael Police K-9 team, which was terminated due to budget cuts in 2003.

***The Sean M. Walsh Memorial Foundation is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization. For more information, please visit our website at [www.seansk9s.com](http://www.seansk9s.com) or contact Cheryl Walsh at [cheryl@seansk9s.com](mailto:cheryl@seansk9s.com) or by phone, 408.209.4338.***