THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: January 29, 2008

What: Opportunity to videotape and photograph Jake, the police service dog who was injured on duty at 5000 El Cajon Blvd. on 1/22/08.

When: 11 a.m. – noon, Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Where: SDPD K9 facility, 4240 Federal Boulevard

Contact: Mónica Muñoz (619) 531-2675

Lt. Carey Brooks of the K9 Unit and Officer Larry Adair, Jake's handler, will be available for interviews regarding Jake's condition and the dangers faced by police service dogs. No information will be given regarding the officer involved shooting during which Jake was injured.

See attached release regarding donations to the San Diego Police Foundation which facilitate the purchase of police service dogs. Wenda Alvarez, president of the SDPF will be available for interviews as well.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Wenda Alvarez, (858) 453-5060
or (760) 271-6546 mobile

Citizens donate to Police Foundation in support of canine crime fighters

SAN DIEGO – Individuals, organizations and local businesses contributing to the San Diego Police Foundation have funded more than 20 police dogs since 2004. "Jake" is one of the Foundation's gifts.

Police dogs' primary function is officer protection. They respond to crimes in progress citywide and usually serve until they are about eight and a half years old. They spend 40 hours a week working alongside their Canine Unit officer, and go home with them each evening.

The bond between canine handler and dog, and the work they do, is crime fighting that everyone understands.

Generous individuals like Craig and Rebecca Irving and Robert and Marjorie Beck and San Diego businesses like Donovan's Steak & Chop House have contributed more than $9,000 each to keep the Canine Unit at full force.

Each year, five to ten canines reach retirement age and settle in to full-time life at home. And that's where the San Diego Police Foundation comes in: Citizens who love working dogs make sure a new dog is always ready.

Beyond K9, Foundation President and CEO Wenda Alvarez says contributions to the Foundation have put more than $2.3 million in law-enforcement assets to work.

If you can help, or if you'd like to attend a future K-9 Unit demonstration, contact SDPF at (858) 453-5060 or www.sdpolicefoundation.org.

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