



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Rancho Cordova Police Department Introduces Detection K9 Zoe

What: As students head back to school, the Rancho Cordova Police Department is introducing the newest member of the Youth Services Unit that supports Rancho Cordova schools: detection K9 Zoe! Zoe is a 20-month-old German shorthaired pointer who is focused, driven, playful and friendly. Zoe is certified to California Peace Officer's Standards and Training, which followed a 120-hour training course from Top Dog Police Canine Training Center. She is trained to identify narcotics, firearms, ammunition and explosives to help keep our students and schools even safer. Meet detection K9 Zoe and learn how she will support Rancho Cordova schools.

When: August 22, 2018
7 - 8 AM: Media Interviews

Where: Cordova High School, 2239 Chase Drive, Rancho Cordova

Visuals:

- Detection K9 Zoe interacting with students at Cordova High School
- Detection K9 Zoe playing a game
- B-roll footage of detection K9 Zoe during training will be available for download

Interviews:

- Officer Steve LeCouve, Rancho Cordova Police Department
- Jerad Hyden, Principal, Cordova High School

Why: The Rancho Cordova Police Department is focused on making the City of Rancho Cordova a safe and inviting place. This year, the Rancho Cordova Police Department created a Youth Services Unit to enhance its efforts to build relationships with local schools and youth through youth-focused programs. School districts in the City were looking for innovative approaches to address the changing landscape of school safety. The Youth Services Unit partnered with the school districts to expand its program with a detection K9 to proactively patrol Rancho Cordova

schools and extracurricular activities, such as school sporting events. The detection K9 program, which includes the detection K9 and a marked patrol car, are funded by the City of Rancho Cordova's Community Enhancement Fund. For the 2018/2019 fiscal year, the Community Enhancement Fund provides an additional \$1.3 million in funding to the \$20 million+ annual police budget.

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