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Protecting Plato

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Rationale

- Police dogs protect our community
- Animal lovers
- Recent K9 deaths



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Who did we contact?

- Franklin County
- Westerville Police
- Pataskala Police Department
 - Officer Alex Colles
- Hebron Bollistic Company



Background

- Police Dog Duties
- Pataskala Police Department
- In need of one vest
- Retiring K9s



Nero

Background

- New members of the K9 Unit!
- Mutin- May 31, 2015
- Second dog coming soon!



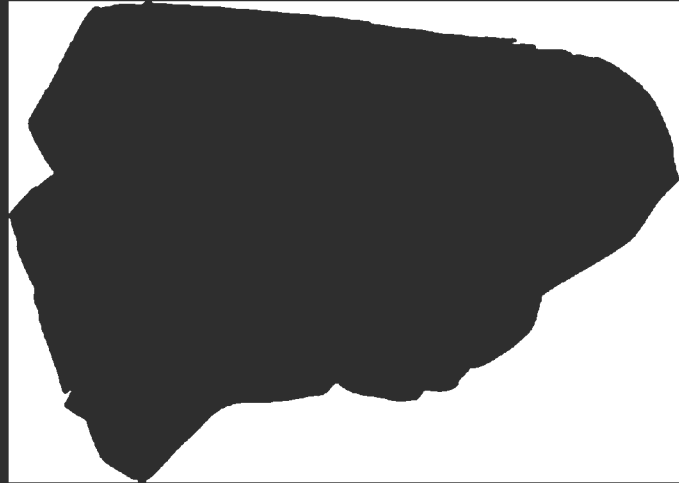
Mutin



Mutin and Ofc. Alex Colles

Goals

- Raise money to buy a vest
- Price Goal: \$1,200

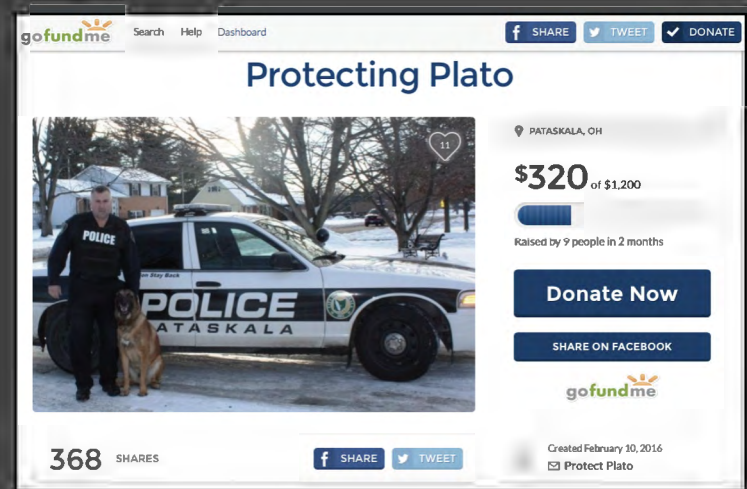


Community Stakeholders

- Pataskala Police
- Those who helped to raise money
- General Community

How did we raise money?

- GoFundMe Page
- Facebook



The screenshot shows a GoFundMe campaign page for 'Protecting Plato'. The page features a main image of a police officer standing next to a dog in front of a Pataskala Police car. The campaign is located in Pataskala, OH, and has raised \$320 of a \$1,200 goal. The page includes social sharing buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and a 'Donate Now' button. The campaign was created on February 10, 2016, and has 368 shares.

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Protecting Plato

PATASKALA, OH

\$320 of \$1,200

Raised by 9 people in 2 months

[Donate Now](#)

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gofundme

Created February 10, 2016

Protect Plato

368 SHARES

f SHARE TWEET

We are seniors at Otterbein University trying to raise money for Plato, the newest member of the Pataskala Police K9 unit. When Plato joins the force in September 2016, he will need a bulletproof, shatterproof vest to protect him in the line of duty. Every dollar counts!

Negative Feedback

- Poor community support
- Money raised for Ofc. Hickey and Ajax

What happened?

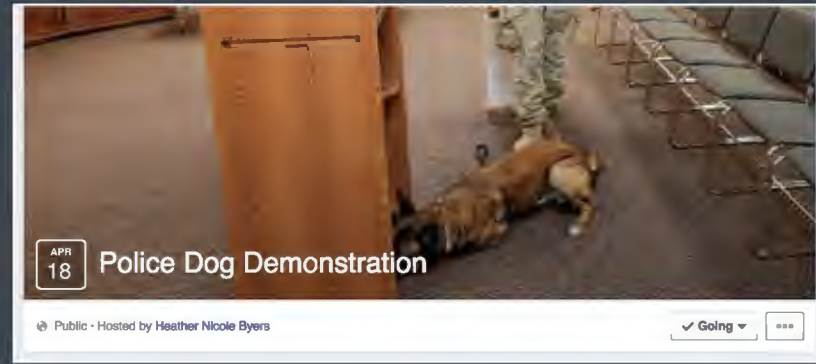
- We reached our goal!

UPDATE: Thanks to an anonymous donor, we have reached our donation goal of \$1,200 for a bulletproof vest for Plato! We are very thankful for each donation!

Our fundraising will continue and all money raised after this point will be donated to the Pataskala Police Department K9 Fund. This money will be used for food, medical bills and basic care for Nero, Mutant and Plato.

K9 Event

- Created Facebook Event
- Contacted Leah Schuh and Andrew Mills
- Contacted Otterbein Police
- Monday April 4th- Postponed
- Rescheduled for Monday April 18th



K9 Event



K9 Event













What next?

- Wait for the new member
- Continual contact with vest company
- Additional money to be donated to Pataskala Police Dog Foundation



Legacy

- Protection for the Dog
- Relationship with Otterbein

Personal Effects

- Communication
- We can make a difference



Thank You!

- Officers Colles, McClellan & Smith
- Newark Police & Heath Police
- Dr. Sullivan



Related Articles

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