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SUBJECT: K9 Fitz, DPD's New K9

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INCIDENT DATE:

INCIDENT TIME:

INCIDENT LOCATION:

K9 Fitz, DPD's New K9

The Duluth Police Department is pleased to welcome the fifth member of our K9 Division, K9 Fitz. Officer Shane McKee and K9 Fitz began K9 School on February 3 and graduated on May 22. Their first day on the job was on May 26.

K9 Fitz is a 1.5-year-old German Shephard/Malinois from Hungary. He is a dual-purpose dog specializing in narcotic detection, tracking, article searching, and criminal apprehension. Fitz got his name from the ship, Edmund Fitzgerald.

Officer McKee has been part of the Duluth Police Department for six years and has been an officer for a total of nine years. He's a member of DPD's Tactical Response Team and now is a K9 Handler.

"I look forward to the continued training with Fitz and assisting the community, and my partners, to ensure we provide the best possible service to our community," said Officer Shane McKee.

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