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K9 Hobbs of Edmonds Police Department has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to the efforts of Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. a Massachusetts based nonprofit organization and The Petco Foundation. The nonprofit was the beneficiary of the Petco Foundation's fundraising efforts through the "Helping Heroes" campaign that raised \$10,687.00. The fourteen K9 vest recipients are located in the states of CO, IL, MD, OH, PA, NM, TX, WA, WV.

Officer Jason Robinson and his partner K9 Hobbs were excited to receive the vest and will have it with them as they prepare for their next shift. The Edmonds Police Departments other K9, Kira will also be receiving a custom made vest, having also been selected by Vested Interest in K9s earlier this year.

**The Petco Foundation has served as a voice for companion animals across the country since 1999. Each year, they assist animal-welfare organizations find lifelong, loving homes for millions of orphaned pets, as well as fund spay and neuter efforts, animal assisted therapy programs and humane education.**

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) all volunteer charity located in East Taunton, MA. whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests for law enforcement dogs throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 930 law enforcement dogs with protective vests since their inception in August of 2009. Over \$880,000 in K9 vests have been donated in 39 states including Alaska and Hawaii.

The organization orders the Armor Express vests made in Central Lakes, MI exclusively from distributor Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor.

New K9 graduates as well as K9's with expired vests are eligible to apply for the ballistic vests.

For more information visit [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or call 508-824-6978.

Donations by mail to Vested Interest in K9s P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718 or via the website.

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