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News Release

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Retired Police Service Dog Passes



It is with regret that the SPD announces the passing of retired police service dog, "Marko."

Marko passed away on Sept. 2 at the age of 12. Whelped in Holland in June 2001, Marko served the SPD as Officer Phil Yarnell's partner from 2003-2012. In Marko's 9-year career serving the department, he had approximately 550 narcotic search deployments and about 400 patrol deployments. He was responsible for locating 53 suspects, several weapons and many lost and stolen items. Marko also assisted with cash seizures of approximately \$15,000.

The SPD appreciates the service of Marko to the department and the community he served. He is and will continue to be missed by his handler and the officers who have worked with him over the years. Marko is buried at the Police Service Dog Memorial on S. Lone Pine in Springfield.

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- [Photo of Marko and his handler, Officer Yarnell](#)
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