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RIP K-9 SIXX

WAKE FOREST, NC – February 16, 2010 – The Wake Forest Police Department and the Town of Wake Forest are mourning the loss of K-9 Sixx who died last week of natural causes.

The five-year-old Slovakian Shepherd began serving the citizens of Wake Forest in April 2006. A dual purpose K-9, Sixx was trained to patrol and detect narcotics, such as cocaine, heroin, and marijuana.

“K-9 Sixx was an incredibly unique dog and a true asset to the Wake Forest Police Department,” said Officer J. Myers, Sixx’s handler. “I have lost an important part of my life and the department has too.”

Once used primarily to intimidate and track criminals, the modern police dog is more highly trained and effective in a variety of roles. K-9s still track criminals but they also detect narcotics, search areas too dangerous for human police officers, find lost children and elderly persons who have lost their way, and search crime scenes for evidence – including weapons.



The Wake Forest Police Department’s K-9 program was created in 1997. Today, the department’s K-9 Unit is comprised of K-9s Maverick, Lagos, and Kyra.

For more information about the Wake Forest Police Department’s K-9 Unit, contact Officer Anthony Puckett at (919) 554-6150.

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