

West Deptford Township
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the West Deptford Police Department has maintained the K-9 Unit within the Police Department since being re-established in 2007 to help maintain the safety of the citizens of West Deptford Township; and

WHEREAS, the K-9 Unit is a vital part of the Police Department that is not only used for the service of Senior Trip Luggage searches, Federal Prison Cell searches, County Jail Cell searches, Money Discrimination searches, as well as assisting all agencies in Gloucester County with K-9 related calls for service but also for community events such as K-9 demonstrations for National Night Out, Fun Day, and Dare Graduation; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Mako, Badge # K-5 started with the West Deptford K-9 Unit in January 2010 and completed a 16 week Police Patrol Dog Academy where he was trained in Tracking, Building Searches, Criminal Apprehension, Handler Protection, Crowd Control, Obedience, Article Searches, Field Searches, Socialization, and Agility; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2010 to December 2010 Mako completed a 12 week Police Dog Narcotics Academy where he was trained in the detection of Marijuana, Cocaine, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, Methamphetamine, Ecstasy, PCP, as well as trained to detect narcotic odors on U.S. Currency; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from both academies, Mako continued his training by participating, at a minimum of 24 times annually, at In-Service training to maintain proficiency in basic skills and to ensure continued effective performance; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Mako was deployed over 300 times: Over 100 times for narcotics searches, Over 100 times for Tracks, Over 100 times for Building Searches and as a result of these deployments Mako was directly responsible for the arrest of numerous suspects for narcotics and criminal related offenses.

WHEREAS, Mako was deployed for numerous violent criminal offenses including: Bank Robberies, Burglaries in Progress, Wanted Fugitives from Justice, Stolen Vehicles, Armed Robberies, and Vehicle Pursuits, which resulted in the surrender of 25 suspects during these incidents and was involved in 5 Physical Criminal Apprehensions of violent criminal offenders during his career; and

WHEREAS, In total Mako was directly responsible for the seizure of 1 motor vehicle, 10 illegally possessed guns, approximately \$100,000.00 in U.S. Currency all proceeds from narcotic related offenses, 10 bags of Methamphetamine, over 15 pounds of Marijuana, Over 200 bags of synthetic narcotics, 200 Vials of Crack Cocaine, 75 bags of Cocaine, 38.9 Grams of liquid PCP, over 800 bags of Heroin, Numerous illegally possessed prescription pills, and numerous items of drug paraphernalia; and

WHEREAS, upon his retirement, the West Deptford Township Committee desires to acknowledge the contribution and devotion Mako has given to the West Deptford Police Department K-9 Unit for the past 8 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize Mako for his years of distinguished service to the citizens of West Deptford Township and extending their best wishes for many years of good health and happiness.

ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2017

DENICE DICARLO, MAYOR

