

# City of Brodhead

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Brodhead Police Given Ok to Start K9 Program Fundraising.

BRODHEAD, Wis. – At their October 18th meeting, the Brodhead City Council approved allowing the Brodhead Police Department to begin fundraising to implement the department’s first ever multi-purpose police canine.

Police Chief Chris Hughes states it is the department’s mission to continuously research and implement proactive programs which prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for everyone in and around the Brodhead community. “I have a great appreciation for a canine’s team ability to detect drugs, locate missing and endangered persons, as well as, cutting down the human resources and time spent doing so.” Hughes said.

Officer Brian Bennett, who is slated to be the assigned K9 handler, told the Council during his final presentation on the program, the initial startup would be \$85,000. This amount would cover purchasing the canine itself, obtaining the required training and certification, care and equipment, as well as, the purchase of a patrol car outfitted specifically for the canine patrol. He also informed the Council the annual costs to maintain the team’s certification, and to care of the canine would be \$5,000. The goal Bennett told Council was to keep the program self-sufficient, through donations and fundraising.

Officer Bennett realizes with such an initial cost, fundraising over the next year will not be easy. Though he is in the early planning stages for fundraising events, such as a bowling tournament, selling t-shirts and plush police canine toys, he has started to contact businesses and organizations seeking their help. Though fundraising started just before Thanksgiving, Bennett has received \$1,200 in donations, and created a partnership with Wisconsin Vest-a-Dog.

If you wish to help you can donate to by sending a check or money to the Brodhead Police Department, 1004 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead, WI 53520; be sure to indicate that it is for the K9 Fund. Contributions can also be brought to the Sugar River Bank in Brodhead. The donations are tax deductible. You can also watch for future fundraising events on Facebook at “Brodhead Police Association”.

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- For additional information contact Officer Brian Bennett at 608-897-2112 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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