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April 23, 2013

Ms. Susie Jean
Vest N° P.D. P., Inc.
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, NM 87801

Dear Ms. Susie Jean,

It is with the most sincere appreciation for you and Vest N° P.D. P., Inc. for providing our K-9 Deputy Jackson with his own protective custom fit bulletproof vest. As you know it is a challenge for our agency and others to find and justify the funds for K-9 protection. We recognize as you most certainly do that our K-9 is a valuable member of our staff.

Jackson's handler is Deputy Vanessa Weinrick. Our agency did not have a K-9 Unit for several years. Deputy Weinrick came to us with the desire and willingness to take on the challenge and responsibility of becoming a trained handler. As you know the cost of a canine, training gear, and handler training can be quite substantial. Your donation of this protective vest is instrumental in protecting a most valuable asset; Deputy Jackson – K-9 Unit.

Thank you once again for recognizing this as an important and critical need of the law enforcement canine community. The time and dedication you have committed to this project is beyond admirable.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Garcia
Santa Fe County Sheriff

Vanessa Weinrick
Santa Fe County K-9 Unit Deputy



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April 23, 2012

Susie Jean
Vest 'N P.D.P., Inc.
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, NM 87801

RE: K-9 Tomy's New Bulletproof and Stab Resistant Vest

Dear Ms. Jean,

Please accept our agency's sincere appreciation for providing K-9 Tomy a custom-fit bulletproof and stab resistant vest. Your collaborative efforts with Hal Schmidt in bestowing vests of this nature to law enforcement agencies are extraordinary and exceptional. Both of you have a love for K-9 teams, which is reflected through your notable generosity. K-9 Tomy will wear his vest with pride.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Vespa".

Kevin Vespa
Chief of Police



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These courageous animals risk their lives every day helping to keep our communities safe. Thank You for providing the protection our K-9 law enforcement officers need and deserve.



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**St. Clair County
Sheriff's Department
K9 Section**

*Certificate of Appreciation
Presented to:*

Vest 'N PDP

September 20, 2011

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Mearl J. Justus', written over a horizontal line.

**Mearl J. Justus
Sheriff**

St. Clair County Sheriff's Department
700 North Fifth Street
Belleville, Illinois 62220



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November 7, 2011

Mrs. Susie Jean
Vest N' P.D.P., Inc.
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, NM 87801

Dear Mrs. Jean,

We have recently received the ballistic K-9 vests which were so kindly supplied by your organization. Please accept my most sincere thank you for this generous donation.

Our agency maintains two K-9's; Targo and Balco, who must frequently accompany their handlers into harms way. Now, protected with bulletproof apparel, their safety margin has greatly increased; much to the satisfaction of their handlers and fellow officers.

The front line role of the K-9 in law enforcement has proven, time and time again, to be a benefit to society. By supporting our K-9's, you have directly supported our agency, and our community.

Sincerely,

DANNY R. MACAGNI
Chief of Police

DRM/mn



Pasadena Police Department
M. W. Thaler
Chief of Police

November 9, 2011

Susie Jean, Founder
Vest'N Police Dog Protection
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Ms. Jean:

The Pasadena Police Department wishes to express our sincere gratitude to you and *Vest'N Police Dog Protection* for providing our canines with protective body armor. The handling of high risk situations is an unavoidable element of our work; thus, the safety of our canines and their handlers is of paramount importance in the service they provide. Your vital contribution to their wellbeing serves to underscore your personal passion and your quest to provide body armor for canines across the country. We are especially pleased that our canines are among some 630 in 41 states, which your organization has outfitted at this point; and those numbers continue to rise.

On behalf of the Pasadena Police Department Canine Unit, the administration and staff, I wish to convey to you and your organization our direct and personal thanks. You are truly a valued advocate, friend, and *guardian angel* of the police canine community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Thaler".

Mike Thaler



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Dwight Sims, Warden
Reeves County Detention Center I / II
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May 19, 2011

Vest 'N P.D.P.
Susie Jean, President
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Dear Ms. Jean:

We wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the Reeves County Detention Center to thank you and the Vest 'N PDP organization for the donation of a stab protection vest for our K-9 'Jack'. The protection it will provide to 'Jack' will indeed be of great value.

Your hard work and dedication to the program which provides Bullet/Stab protection vests for law enforcement K-9s is greatly appreciated. Your thoughtfulness means so much to us here at RCDC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Sims".

D. Sims, Warden RCDC I / II

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Paz".

A. Paz, K-9 Handler


The House of Representatives
of the
State of New Mexico

FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2009

*A Certificate Sponsored by Representative Don L. Tripp
Expressing the Recognition of the House of Representatives to
Susie Jean*

WHEREAS, police dogs are a valuable law enforcement tool, often quickly accomplishing with their noses what it would take hundreds of man-hours to do; and

WHEREAS, just like their human counterparts, police dogs are required to undergo hundreds of hours of rigorous training; and

WHEREAS, police dogs are often the first to enter a crime scene, and they must often chase down dangerous suspects alone, which puts those canine officers directly in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, unlike their human counterparts, many police dogs are forced to go into the field without protective vests, exposing them to severe injuries and death, many of which are preventable; and

WHEREAS, Susie Jean began working to help police departments equip their canine officers after she saw a 2002 newscast about a fleeing criminal who fatally shot a police dog; and

WHEREAS, she learned that many police departments simply do not have the funds to equip canine officers with bullet-resistant vests; and

WHEREAS, Susie began to solicit donations for protective vests for police dogs by placing donation boxes at local pet stores and veterinary clinics, collecting enough within two months to equip the police department in her hometown of Douglasville, Georgia, with two canine police vests; and

WHEREAS, Susie Jean soon expanded her fundraising efforts by starting a nonprofit organization called Vest 'N P.D.P. and creating a website, www.vestnpdp.com; and

WHEREAS, despite her small organization, which consists mostly of her and her husband Ross, Susie remains passionate about her cause, and her efforts mean a great deal to the officers, both canine and human, that she helps; and

WHEREAS, Susie, now a New Mexico resident, has helped provide more than two hundred sixty vests to police departments across the nation, often personally presenting the vests to the officers who request them;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be extended to Susie Jean for her hard work in helping to protect canine police officers across the country.



*Signed and Sealed at The Capitol,
in the City of Santa Fe.*

Ben Lujan
BEN LUJAN, SPEAKER

Don Tripp
REPRESENTATIVE DON L. TRIPP
CATRON, SOCORRO & VALENCIA COUNTIES



Office of the Sheriff
County of Mathews
Sheriff Danny C. Howlett



Thursday, September 03, 2009

Susie Jean
Vest 'N P.D.P., Inc.
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, NM 87801

September 3, 2009

Mathews County Sheriff's Office
P.O. Box 190
Mathews, VA 23109

Dear Mrs. Jean and Vest 'N P.D.P Inc.,

Thank you for providing our canine Zoey with a bullet proof vest. All of our deputies are issued vests and we are glad now to have our canine partner wearing a vest. Zoey performs well for us here in Mathews and does it all for a chance to play with her favorite toy, the least we can do is provide her with the best protection available to ensure her safety during her years of service.

Thank you,

Sheriff D.C. Howlett

Deputy C. W. Rhodes

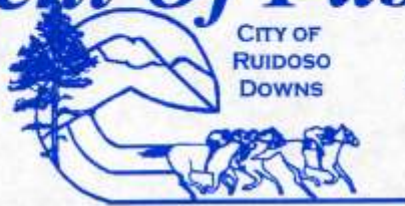
Canine Zoey



City Of Ruidoso Downs

Department Of Public Safety

Alfred C. Ortiz
Chief of Police



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May31, 2007

Vest 'N P.D.P., Inc.
c/o Susie Jean
1201 Vista Dr.
Socorro, NM 87801

Dear Ms. Jean:

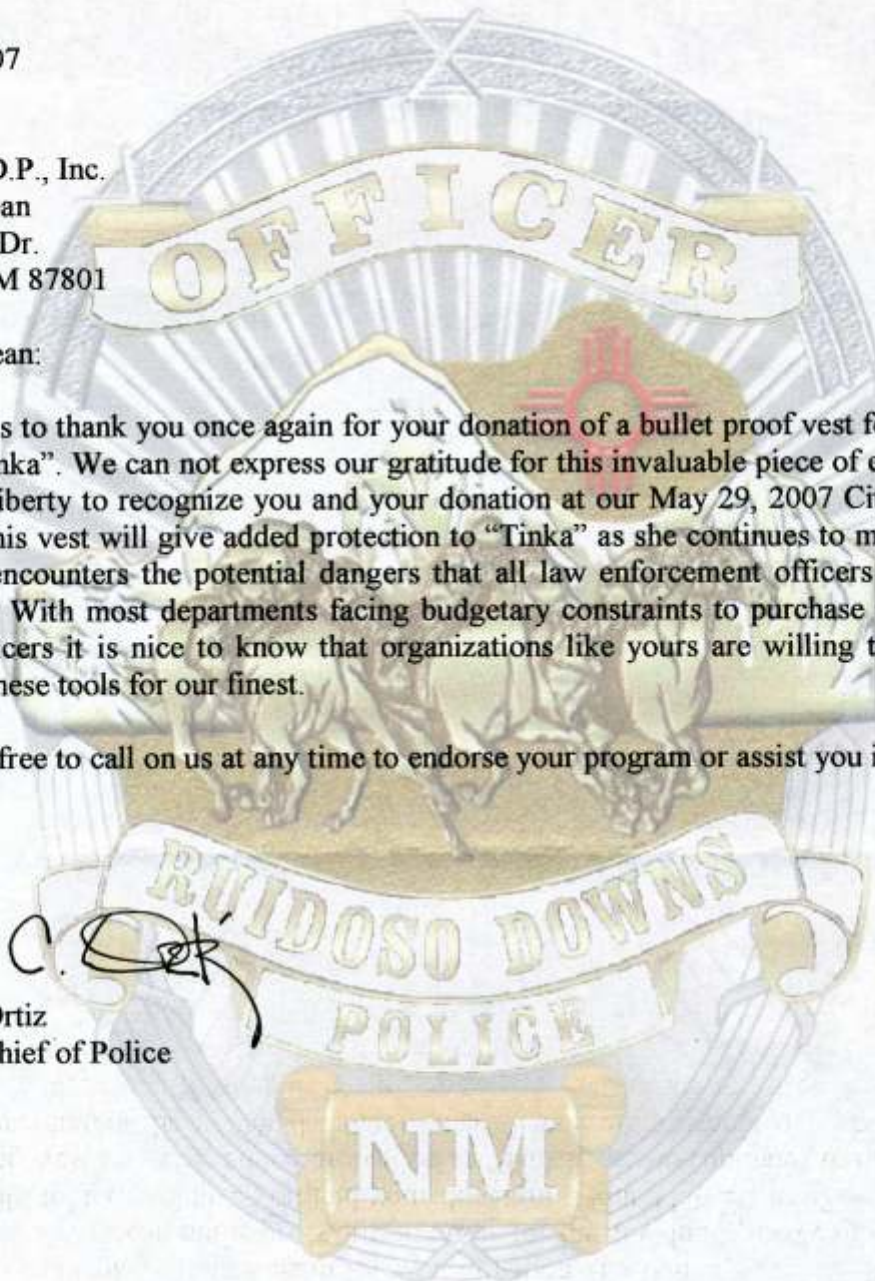
This letter is to thank you once again for your donation of a bullet proof vest for our K-9 Officer "Tinka". We can not express our gratitude for this invaluable piece of equipment. I took the liberty to recognize you and your donation at our May 29, 2007 City Council meeting. This vest will give added protection to "Tinka" as she continues to make traffic stops and encounters the potential dangers that all law enforcement officers face on a daily basis. With most departments facing budgetary constraints to purchase equipment for our officers it is nice to know that organizations like yours are willing to assist in providing these tools for our finest.

Please feel free to call on us at any time to endorse your program or assist you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alfred C. Ortiz".

Alfred C. Ortiz
Director/ Chief of Police





Burlington Police Department

Michael I. Williams
Chief of Police

Major R. T. Flack
Assistant Chief
Support Bureau

Major S. C. Black
Assistant Chief
Operations Bureau

April 18, 2008

Mrs. Susie Jean, President
Vest 'N P.D.P., Inc.
P.O. Box 756
Lithia Springs, Georgia 30122

Dear Mrs. Jean,

The Burlington Police Department remains immensely appreciative of the bulletproof vests you issued to our K9 Unit. Your recent donation further illustrates the thoughtfulness and resourcefulness for which your compassionate organization is renowned.

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your kindhearted and benevolent gifts; assuredly, our canine police officers will benefit considerably from them.

Sincerely,

Michael I. Williams, Chief
Burlington Police Department

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November 21, 2008

Ms. Susie Jean
1201 Vista Drive
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Dear Susie Jean,

Thank you very much for the donation to the Coralville Police K-9 program. The bullet proof vest is a welcomed addition to the gear Ivan will use. Ivan loves his vest, and I feel much better knowing he is protected.

Ivan has already used the vest. The Coralville Police Department was called to a local motel for an armed robbery where the suspects displayed shotguns and took off on foot. Ivan attempted to track them, and it was very nice to know we had a vest to protect him.

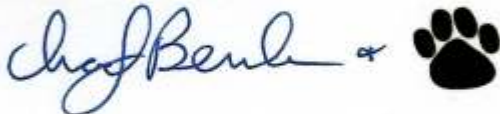
Thank you again for your support in our K-9 program.

Sincerely,



Barry W. Bedford
Chief of Police

Officer Chad Bender & Ivan



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JOE WHISENANT
Chief of Police

September 20, 2005

Mrs. Susie Jean, President
VEST N P.D.P., INC.
P. O. Box 756
Lithia Springs, GA 30122

RE: K-9 vests

Dear Mrs. Jean,

I wanted to send you a letter thanking you for your efforts in equipping our Douglasville Police Department K-9's with bulletproof vest free of charge. I have been extremely impressed with your energy, determination and resourcefulness in securing funding to provide this kind of protection for high-risk deployments of our six Patrol dogs, which serve our community around the clock.

Considering the acquisition and training investments made by the City of Douglasville to get K-9 teams operational, the K-9 body armor provided by your non-profit organization is essential to protect our K-9's from injury or death. My understanding is that you have also been instrumental in the outfitting of several K-9 teams in the greater metro Atlanta area. Every K-9 handler I have spoken with has applauded your efforts, and I wish you all the best in your continuing endeavor to provide this type of body armor to all law enforcement K-9's.

Sincerely,

Joe Whisenant
Chief of Police