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Collaboration with Hillsborough High School Students Create K9 Unit Logo

It was late in 2007 when Hillsborough Township first initiated a K9 Unit for the Township's Police Department, as a result of contributions from the Hillsborough-Millstone Municipal Alliance and Duke Farms. That generous donation yielded Fritz, who was known around Hillsborough Township as Officer Raider, was Hillsborough Township's first K9 Officer. He was a German Shepard that came to the Township via Hungary. K9 Officer Raider assumed his service role with the Township in 2008 and proudly served the residents and visitors of Hillsborough Township until his retirement in 2014.

K9 Officer, Raider was peacefully laid to rest on September 12th of last year, after a brief battle with cancer.

In 2013, Dr. Caesar DePaço and Deanna Padovani-DePaço purchased a second K9 for the Hillsborough Township Police Department, a Belgian Malinois. K9 Officer Marco assumed the position of K9 Officer for Hillsborough Township upon Officer Raider's retirement and is partnered with current K9 Officer Chris Engelhardt, Raider's former partner.

It wasn't until late in 2018 when Hillsborough Township's K9 officially became a K9 Unit with two K9 Officers, when then-Mayor Gloria McCauley welcomed Freddy the new K9. Through the generosity once again of Dr. Caesar DePaço and Deanna Padovani-DePaço, K9 Freddy is the Township's third Police K9. K9 Officer Freddy was named in honor of Sergeant Freddy Wacker who unexpectedly passed away in November of 2016.

Freddy is a Czech Shepard who comes to Hillsborough Township from Hungary. He is partnered with K9 Officer Richard Tichenor.

With two official working K9 Officers, Hillsborough officially has a K9 Unit. In a collaborative effort between Officer Engelhardt and Miss Carlin Dunne, Applied Technology Teacher at Hillsborough High School a logo contest for one of her classes was initiated. The result was some very creative and thought-provoking logos for the K9 Unit. The contest involved creating

a front pocket sized logo and then a larger one for the back to be adorned on T-shirts and sweatshirts.

And the winners are.....Front Winner-Leigha Giranda and Back Winner-Logan Miller.

Leigha Giranda is a senior at Hillsborough High School and is the only student at Hillsborough High School enrolled in the Advanced level Graphic Arts class. Leigha has created several projects at the high school, including a cookbook for the Baking Class that is being sold to the public. Outside of school, Leigha works for Hillsboro Farm managing their website, social media, photographing events and helping with the daily running of the produce market. Leigha will be attending Kutztown University in the fall to major in Communications and Design.

Logan Miller is a sophomore at Hillsborough High School in the Digital and Graphic Arts class. An avid soccer player, Logan plays for the Hillsborough High School team and Global Premier Soccer. Logan is also a member of Hillsborough High School's winter and spring track teams. In his spare time, Logan is a referee for youth soccer leagues. Although unsure of his future career, Logan plans on attending a 4-year college after graduating from high school.

“Thank you to Officer Englehardt for initiating this project with Miss Carlin Dunne. All the designs were very impressive and it was difficult for the team to make a selection,” commented Mayor Frank Delcore.

“We are thankful for the continued support of our K9 initiatives,” concluded Mayor

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