



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022 – 163

Public Safety Committee

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 FLASH
AND HIS ADOPTION BY HANDLER LIEUTENANT IAN TODD**

WHEREAS, K9 Flash joined the Salem County Sheriff's Office on December 31, 2015 and was partnered with Lieutenant Ian Todd, then an officer, and began his training with the New Jersey Department of Corrections K9 Academy where he was able to develop essential qualities needed to certify as a Narcotics/Patrol Canine graduating June 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a dual purpose K9, Patrol/Narcotics dog, Flash has served the citizens of Salem County proudly, responding to nearly a thousand calls for service and performing over 200 K9 related details. Flash's vital role in narcotics investigations led to the discovery and seizure of a large quantities of illegal narcotics throughout his career. As a patrol canine, Flash aided in criminal apprehension, multiple suspect surrenders, and multiple firearm recoveries. Flash had a few notable cases, including the tracking of an escaped inmate from Delaware through Pennsville Township, which resulted in the recapturing of the inmate; and

WHEREAS, Flash also liked his time hanging with the Community Services squad at the Salem County Sheriff's Office. He would visit schools, community events and anywhere else he could, nuzzling up to people so they would scratch him behind the ears. Flash had earned the nickname "Fluffy" due to his large amount of hair, and how loveable he was; and

WHEREAS, Flash has greatly contributed to helping keep Salem County residents and law enforcement officers safe, he will now enjoy his retirement with the family of his devoted partner, Lieutenant Ian Todd, relaxing and enjoying the good life that he has truly earned and deserves; and

WHEREAS, the Salem County Board of County Commissioners desire to release Flash from his patrol and narcotics responsibilities and allow him to happily live out his remaining years with his long-time partner, Lieutenant Ian Todd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners that K9 Flash be retired from active service with the Salem County Sheriff's Office; and the Board of County Commissioners is authorized to enter into an agreement transferring custody and care of Canine Flash to Salem County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant, Ian Todd.



R. SCOTT GRISCOM, County Commissioner
Chair, Public Safety Committee

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on April 6, 2022.


STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
G. Ostrum, Jr.		✓	✓			
E. Ramsay			✓			
L. Ware			✓			
R.S. Griscom	✓		✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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