



STATE OF IDAHO
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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The Honorable Brandon Woolf
Secretary of the Board
State Board of Examiners
VIA E-MAIL

RE: Request for Approval of Permanent Vehicle Assignment

Dear Secretary Woolf:

On behalf of the Attorney General, and pursuant to section 3.F. of the State Travel Policy and Procedures, I am requesting the Board of Examiners' approval for a permanent vehicle assignment for our office's new K9 handler, Forensic Investigator Anthony ("Tony") Cox. This request is essentially a transfer of the previously approved permanent assignment¹ from the prior K9 handler to Tony.

Tony is a POST-certified law enforcement officer assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit. As the new handler, Tony will utilize the same retrofitted vehicle previously utilized by the prior K9 handler.

Electronic Detection K9s are used by ICAC Task Forces and other law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The K9 can detect electronic storage devices such as flash drives. The Office's Electronic Detection K9 assists our investigators as they execute search warrants looking for child sexual abuse material that is often stored on hidden electronic storage devices.

The Office's K9 also serves as an emotional support animal. ICAC investigators are required to view graphic and disturbing content showing the sexual abuse of children. The K9 is part of our office's mental wellness program used to support the

¹ The Board approved a permanent vehicle assignment for the prior K9 handler in December 2024.

ICAC investigators and their mental health. In addition, having a calm, approachable K9 on the scene of the search warrants assists in situations where children are physically present when the search is conducted.

Tony needs a permanently assigned state vehicle to accommodate his new role as a K9 handler. He will be responsible for the full-time care of the K9. He will take the K9 with him on investigations throughout the state and will take the K9 home with him every evening. Transporting the K9 requires a properly equipped state vehicle that is permanently assigned to Tony.

Sincerely,



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