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### **Passing of retired Visalia Police Department K9 “Bosco”**

It is with great sadness the Visalia Police Department announces the passing of retired Visalia Police Department K9 Bosco, who passed away this morning after a recent battle with cancer.

Bosco, a Belgian Malinois, came to the Visalia Police Department in 2004 when he was 2 years old. Bosco was assigned to Officer Clay Moffett and served the community until his retirement in 2010. During his career, Bosco assisted with numerous apprehensions, the most notable in 2006 when Bosco suffered 2 stab wounds during the apprehension of an armed suspect. Bosco underwent surgery for his injuries and returned to the streets a short time later. Bosco received the department’s first ever K9 Medal of Valor for this incident.

Bosco earned several distinguished awards throughout his career. In 2007, he earned the Animal Rescue Hero award from the American Red Cross. He also participated in several Sierra K9 trials earning multiple trophies including the consecutive Top Dog Awards in 2009 and 2010.

After his retirement, Bosco remained with Officer Moffett and his family. Bosco enjoyed sun bathing and spending time with Officer Moffett’s children.

