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Dodge County Sheriff's Office K9 Cade

On March 14, 2017, Dodge County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a car accident in southeast Dodge County. As a result of that accident a 14 year old boy, Cade, lost his life but his family made sure the legacy of Cade lived on. Cade immediately became a true hero, as his organs were donated which resulted in saving the lives of four others. His family and loved ones started a local fundraiser to raise awareness for organ donations called Play 4 Cade. Throughout the years, the Play 4 Cade organization has raised funds that have been donated for scholarships, activities, memorials, to other organizations, and raised awareness for organ donations in memory of Cade.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is very thankful to the Play 4 Cade organization which donated \$15,000 to the Dodge County Sheriff's Office K-9 program on December 15, 2022. That generous donation was used to purchase and pay for training for a new K-9 for the sheriff's office. The Dodge County Sheriff's Office K-9 program is fully donor funded. Deputy Matthew Mayer was selected to be our new K-9 handler and a 14-month-old German Shepherd/Belgian Malinois mix was selected as the next K-9. Deputy Mayer and Captain Jason Boeck brought the new K-9 to meet with family members and loved ones of the Play 4 Cade Organization and respectfully asked permission to name the new K-9 "Cade", to which they accepted.

The sheriff's office is grateful to be able to honor Cade's legacy through his name. K-9 Cade and Deputy Mayer start a five week K-9 training course through Jessiffany Canine Services, LLC out of Iron Ridge on March 6, 2023. K-9 Cade will be trained in narcotics detection, article searches, tracking, area/building searches, and handler protection. Once training is completed, K-9 Cade and Deputy Mayer will be assigned to second shift patrol. Thanks again to the Play 4 Cade Organization, because of their generous donation K-9 Cade will help make Dodge County a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and visit.

Questions can be directed to Sheriff Dale Schmidt

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