



# City of Placentia Press Release

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## **LYNCH EMS TEAMS UP WITH PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST POLICE K-9s**

**PLACENTIA, CA** – Lynch Emergency Medical Services has teamed up with the Placentia Police Department to provide emergency medical transportation for on-duty injured police K-9s. If an on-duty police K-9 is injured, Lynch EMS can now respond to the scene and transport the injured police K-9 and the handler to a local veterinarian hospital for immediate medical treatment. As it stands now, when a police K-9 is injured on-duty, the handler transports the police K-9 in the back of the police unit and cannot care for the police K-9 during the transportation. This new and unique program addresses that need.

“I am so happy that our Lynch EMS partners are now equipped to help our police K-9s in the event of injury. Police K-9s are significant and important members of our Police Department, putting their lives on the line daily, and I am so thankful for them and proud that Lynch can now offer this service of support,” said Mayor Rhonda Shader. “This is another great example that truly highlights our efficient and effective partnership with Lynch EMS.”

“Police K-9s are highly intelligent, trained, and regularly put their lives on the line to help protect the community. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the job, police K-9s are often subject to injury and death while serving the community, and that’s why Lynch EMS is proud to now team up with the Placentia Police Department to assist police K-9s injured in the line of duty,” said Lynch EMS CEO Walt Lynch.

“With Lynch EMS handling the transport, it will free up the K-9’s handler to focus on treating the injured police K-9. Police K-9 handlers have basic training in K-9 first aid, which can be vital during the transport to the veterinarian hospital,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. “We see our K-9s as members of our family and want to treat them as such. Though we hope that we never have to use this one-of-a-kind program, the City is grateful that Lynch EMS now has the capability to help our heroic police K-9s.”

Lynch EMS ambulances are now equipped with two medical kits specifically designed for police K-9 emergency response. This includes trauma dressing, gauze, chest seals, trauma shears, forceps, tongue depressor, syringe razor, pulse oximeter, electrodes, blood pressure cuff, and canine oxygen masks.

“Police K-9s are vulnerable to the same line of duty injuries as their human partners. In fact, Police K-9s are often the first to enter a danger zone with their human partners. The partnership with Lynch EMS to have immediate medical transportation for our police K-9s is invaluable,” said Police Chief Brad Butts.

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