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Press Release: 1/3/2017: K9 Pete retires.

K9 Pete was retired last night by the LeRoy City Council. Pete faithfully served the citizens of LeRoy for over 5 years, and will be 7 years old this year. Pete's retirement was hastened by the lingering injury of his handler, Ofc. Sean Spencer. Ofc. Spencer was injured in September 2017 while arresting a combative subject, and has not been able to return to duty or train with Pete since then, and no return date is in sight.

The city council agreed with my assessment that due to training needs and the age of Pete, training efforts should be spent on a new dog that will be able to serve the citizens of LeRoy for many years.

Pete will live out his retirement years with Officer Sean Spencer and the Spencer family. Ofc. Spencer was given ownership of Pete by the council pursuant to the Retirement of Police Dogs Act (510 ILCS 82 et sq.)

Officer Theo Facer, a four-year veteran of the LeRoy Police Department, was selected as the new K9 handler for the LeRoy Police Department. He will begin training with a new police dog at the end of January. There will be more updates on this soon.

I anticipate grant funds will be secured to purchase the new dog. True Value generously donates food for the LPD police dog and the LeRoy Vet Clinic graciously donates veterinary care.

On behalf of the LeRoy Police Department, and the citizens of LeRoy, thank you for your service

Pete !

Chief Jason Williamson

