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(A)  Report Only  Recognition

**Presenter(s): Chief Joe Ramos, EPISD Chief of Police**

**Briefly describe the subject of the report or recognition presentation.**

Recognition of EPISD Police Department K9 Tanja, who recently passed away, for her 8 years of service to the Eagle Pass Independent School District.

(B)  Action Item

**Presenter(s):**

**Briefly describe the action required.**

(C) **Funding source: Identify the source of funds if any are required.**

(D) **Clarification: Explain any question or issues that might be raised regarding this item.**



# EAGLE PASS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Mr. Gilberto Gonzalez, Eagle Pass ISD Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Jose A. Ramos, Eagle Pass ISD Chief of Police

DATE: May 25, 2016

REFERENCE: EPISD Police Department K9 Tanja

Mr. Gonzalez, as you are aware, May 20, 2016 was a heartbreaking day for the Eagle Pass ISD Police Department and for Eagle Pass ISD Police Department K9 Handler Roberto Martinez.

On May 20, 2016 the Eagle Pass ISD and the Eagle Pass ISD Police Department lost not only a co-worker but a part of its family. Eagle Pass ISD Police Department K9 Tanja passed after battling illnesses over this last year.

Tanja began her tour of duty with Eagle Pass ISD K9 Handler Martinez and the Eagle Pass ISD Police Department in 2008. Tanja was assigned to CC Winn High School where she served not only as a deterrent to crime but played a major role in this districts fight against drugs. During Tanja's tenure with the Eagle Pass ISD Police Department she assisted with countless amounts of drug prevention presentations to include but not limited to D.A.R.E. and Red Ribbon rallies. Tanja and K9 Handler Martinez enjoyed the pleasure of meeting and presenting alongside Ms. Myrna Camarena (Kiki Camarena Sister) at a rally titled War against Drugs which was hosted by the Maverick County Anti-drug Coalition.

Tanja was assigned to conduct random searches of school buses, schools, student / staff parking lots and other Eagle Pass ISD owned properties. Tanja consistently trained and worked along side local, state and federal agencies. Tanja's assistance both on and off campus was the embodiment of teamwork.

Tanja's most significant find during her tenure occurred on 05-03-2011 where she assisted in the recovery of a useable amount of marijuana, 13.8 grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, restraints, ammunition, one Romanian assault rifle, one Mossberg 12ga. shot gun, a .38 caliber revolver, and a Hi - Point 9mm handgun from a residence within Maverick County.

The loss of Tanja is a tragic moment within our district and our department but most heartfelt by her Handler. With your approval, I humbly request that her remains be kept by Eagle Pass ISD Police Department Officer Martinez who hand fed her, nurtured her and sadly witnessed her slip away.

Thank you, in advance and if there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

