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## Columbus Police Department to Host K9 Swearing-In Ceremony

The Columbus Police Department will hold a special ceremony on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Public Safety Center (510 10<sup>th</sup> Street) to officially swear in its four newest K9 officers.

This milestone marks the largest K9 Unit in CPD history and the first time the department has had full-service K9s, trained in narcotics detection, explosive detection, tracking, and apprehension.

The new K9 officers are:

- **K9 Havoc** – German Shepherd, 2 years old, partnered with Cpl. Brent Wilson. Trained in narcotics detection, tracking, and apprehension.
- **K9 Colt** – Belgian Malinois, 2 years old, partnered with Cpl. Brendan Martin. Trained in narcotics detection, tracking, and apprehension.
- **K9 Neytiri** – Belgian Malinois, 8 years old, partnered with Cpl. Keith Black. Trained in explosive detection, tracking, and apprehension.
- **K9 Redd** – Dutch Shepherd, 8 years old, partnered with Cpl. Keith Black. Trained in narcotics detection.

In addition, K9 Frog, a seasoned narcotics dog already serving CPD, will be transitioning into a new role within the department.

“These dogs are more than partners; they’re protectors of our city,” said Chief Stoney Mathis. “We’re proud to welcome the largest and most capable K9 Unit in department history, and this ceremony gives us the chance to formally introduce them to the community.”

Media outlets are invited to attend and cover the event.

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