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PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – Putnam County Sheriff's Office Awarded Ben Roethlisberger Foundation Grant

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a Ben Roethlisberger Foundation grant to purchase a new K9 dog and provide training and equipment for the K9 unit. The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation, founded by Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, disperses grants to police and fire departments' canine units throughout the US.

"As Sheriff of Putnam County, Tennessee, I am proud and honored to lead the agency that has been chosen as a recipient of a Ben Roethlisberger Foundation K9 grant," said Eddie Farris. "The citizens of Putnam County rely on our agency to provide a safe community. To achieve this, it is vital for us to have quality trained personnel and resources. The Ben Roethlisberger Foundation grant will enable our agency to retire one of our older K9's and purchase a new narcotics/patrol dog as well as pay for the necessary training/certification for our handlers and equip our patrol dogs with safety vests."

Putnam County, similar to Nashville's Davidson County, is a partner in the State of Tennessee Emergency Management Agency's Middle Region. Through this collaborative partnership, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is committed to responding within the region with all special designated assets, such as K9 units, for large-scale events as well as officer and community safety.

"Our K9s are important to us and to the citizens we serve. They help track missing people, locate subjects, narcotics and explosive devices as well as provide extra safety for officers who must confront very dangerous situations," added Sheriff Farris. "Budgets have limitations. Thanks to organizations like the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation we will be able to advance our K9 unit and provide a greater level of service to the community we serve."

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