

**TAB 6**

## **PALMETTO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **POINT PAPER: K-9 RETIREMENT**

#### **PROBLEM:**

After more than 7 years service to the Palmetto Police Department and the Citizens of Palmetto, K-9 Talon has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. As such, it is no longer practical to continue utilizing him in the capacity of a police work dog.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Corporal Tom Smith has been K-9 Talon's handler for more than 6 years. K-9 Talon has performed his duties in an exemplary manner and has participated in many arrests and seizures of contraband. The relationship between Corporal Smith and K-9 Talon has created a bond that would ensure the comfort of Talon in his remaining life.

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Allow Corporal Smith to assume ownership of K-9 Talon during the remainder of K-9 Talon's life.
2. No suitable alternatives to the above currently exist.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Allow Corporal Smith to assume ownership of K-9 Talon during the remainder of K-9 Talon's life.

#### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None