

Florida K9 Unit: CritterZone Air Purifier Donation Improves Air Quality in Officers' Cars, Homes

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. ([PRWEB](#)) January 03, 2013 -- To thank the West Palm Beach, Fla., K9 unit for the work of its officers in protecting the community, CritterZone recently donated six air purifiers and car adapters to remove animal odors from patrol cars and officers' homes. The CritterZones quickly remove particles that cause unpleasant smells and aggravate allergies for officers who spend many hours confined with their K9 companions.

"We wanted to show our appreciation for the level of dedication and service the West Palm Beach K9 unit provides to residents," said Bill Converse, president of CritterZone. "In addition to spending time together in the patrol cars, the dogs go home with the handler, and all the work odors go with them. The officers really like what the units did in the house as well as the workplace. Also, we wanted to give them something that would get rid of the odor and not cover it up. By restoring the air naturally, we did not need to be concerned with altering the dogs' highly developed sense of smell."

There are close to 10,000 police canine teams in the United States. K9 officers can play a major role in investigations and search-and-rescue efforts, using their powerful noses to guide other officers to suspects, evidence or missing individuals.

Converse said he admires "the commitment required to train and to handle a K9 dog. It shows the dedication of the officers and the loyalty and intelligence of their animal partners."

West Palm Beach Police K9 officer Brian Gellin said the department appreciated the donation, and their officers said the air purifiers were greatly improving the air quality in their vehicles and homes.

Officer J. Sniffin works with K9 Officer Thor. Sniffin plugged a CritterZone in his patrol car. "As a police K9 handler, I'm in close quarters with my dog day and night. ... Within a few hours I could tell that [the CritterZone air purifier] was doing something. The air inside the car smelled 'cleaner' and I could breathe easier."

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