



CITY OF MANITOWOC

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Dear Manitowoc Council Members,

I am writing to request permission to initiate fundraising efforts for a K9 Memorial statue at the Manitowoc Public Safety Building.

In late 2023, a local citizen inadvertently came across one of our K9 handlers putting on a K9 demonstration for a group of children. A short time after that, she was at a local vet clinic when the same K9 handler was putting down K9 Major. Shortly afterward, she and her husband expressed their desire to contribute to a K9 Memorial at the Public Safety Building to honor the bond between the handler and the K9, symbolizing their dedication to the community.

A small planning committee was formed and we have chosen a sculpture named "Liberty," a bronze statue of a German Shepard crafted by Sutton Betti from Loveland, Colorado. The estimated cost of the project is \$25,000.00, with \$10,050.00 already raised through designated donations. We plan to work with a local monument company for the installation of a granite base.

Attached is a copy of the statue and a similar granite base that is displayed at the Brown County Sheriff's Office.

Please advise if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Freiboth
Assistant Chief of Police