

## WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Approval of Policy and Procedures Manual for Canine (K-9) Operations)

- WHEREAS, the White Mountain Apache Police Department (WMAPD) is requesting the approval of the Tribal Council for its Canine (K-9) Unit Operations Policy and Procedures Manuel; and
- WHEREAS, the policy is designed to utilize the canine personnel for support functions towards patrol, narcotics, and investigative functions to apprehend offenders, recover evidence, and improve officer safety; and
- WHEREAS, the policy also specifies the training required for K-9 Handlers and the K-9 for certification prior to deployment and proper paperwork on ownership and training of both the K-9 and its handler to submit to the WMAPD and Tribal property management for review and approval; and
- WHEREAS, the K-9 Policy and Procedures Manual shall also include certified police officers who wish to become K-9 handlers, other entities such as Tribal fish and game rangers, the school resource officer program and other Tribal programs which stipulates the related training and ownership paperwork to be submitted to the respective management office in which the K-9 is employed; and
- WHEREAS, dangerous drugs and narcotics have been introduced on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation (FAIR) which have created a major impact on the Tribal youth and our Tribal society as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, the WMAPD has been diligently fighting the problem as part of its war on drugs and narcotics, with very little equipment or funding; and
- WHEREAS, the WMAPD has received K-9 Officer Orres from the Navajo County Sheriff's Office which has an impeccable investigative record in retrieving narcotics and drugs; and
- WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the Tribe to authorize and approve the Canine (K-9) Unit Operations Policy and Procedures Manual as described herein.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves the proposed Canine (K-9) Unit Operations Policy and Procedures Manual and acknowledges the importance of strengthening the White Mountain Apache Police Department's capabilities for public safety of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances or Federal Laws, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on <u>AUGUST 6, 2014</u> duly adopted by a vote of <u>SIX</u> for and <u>ZERO</u> against with <u>ONE</u> abstaining by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).

Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

Date

Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

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