

## Waunakee Police kick off K-9 fundraiser



K-9 Alex with handler Sgt. Adam Kreitzman



Pictured, left to right: New K-9 Officer Mitch Houk, Steve Kraus from Waunakee Community Foundation, Phil Willems from Waunakee Rotary, and Police Chief Kevin Plendl  
Waunakee Community Foundation and Waunakee Rotary each donated \$2,000 to the K-9 fund

The Waunakee Police Department is starting a community wide fundraiser to replace K-9 Alex. Alex and Sergeant Adam Kreitzman worked together in Waunakee for eight years before Alex was forced to retire due to poor health. The 10 year old, drug sniffing black lab was retired earlier this year. K-9 Alex uncovered drugs such as heroin, cocaine and marijuana more than 140 times.

The cost of a new dog and training is approximately \$12,000. Officer Mitch Houk has been chosen as the new K-9 handler. He is scheduled to attend K-9 training in early 2017 and will be on patrol with the new K-9 by May 1. When not on duty, K-9's are members of their handler's household for life.

Donations to the K-9 fundraiser can be made by sending a tax deductible check marked K-9 to: Waunakee Community Foundation, Box 62, Waunakee, WI 53597. Contributions can also be dropped off at the State Bank of Cross Plains in Waunakee. 100% of the donations will go the K-9 program.