



Office of the Community Ombudsman  
**Progress Update**

## **POLICE SERVICE ANIMALS**

November 26, 2012

In a report dated December 13, 2011, the ombudsman made several recommendations for improvement to the Boise Police Department (BPD) Police Service Animal (Canine) Unit. In response, BPD set certain goals for the Canine Unit. On June 30, 2012, the ombudsman reported on the progress made by BPD towards these goals. While some progress had been made, collection of training and deployment data remained inadequate. As a result, the ombudsman reported in June 2012 that evaluation of the effectiveness of the Canine Program was still not possible.

Since the publication of the last report, the Canine Unit has made significant progress regarding collection and retention of deployment, training, and expense information. Assuming continued progress in the area, it is expected that BPD is now able to reliably assess the effectiveness of its Canine Unit and the costs associated with it.

It is the intent of the ombudsman to conduct a follow-up review of the Canine Unit's progress in January 2014. This will allow for review of 12 to 18 months of reliable data.

A progress update will be issued and posted by the ombudsman by March 31, 2014.