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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NKPD's Newest Officer**

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North Kingstown, R.I. – The department is pleased to introduce to the community our newest four-legged furry officer.

K-9 ROKO is an 18-month-old Belgian Malinois from the country of Czech Republic. He makes his new home on the beat in North Kingstown serving its citizenry.

He and his handler, Officer John Barker, recently completed 12 weeks of training at the R.I. K-9 Academy certifying them as a police patrol dog team. Future training will certify ROKO as a narcotics detection dog as well.

This program is being fully funded – thanks to a grant awarded by the Stanton Foundation. Chief Flanagan presented the grant opportunity to Town Manager Ralph Mollis last year. The Manager was excited to present it to the town council, which they unanimously approved.

See attached pictures – photo credit: Officer Ryan Morgan

Anyone that would like to interview and/or capture additional pictures of the pair, may contact:

**Officer John Barker**

**K-9 Handler**

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