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Ballistic Vests 4 K9s Presentation

(North Charleston, SC) On August 20, 2015, at 11:00 a.m., Allen Hall, a former law enforcement officer, will present the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and several other local law enforcement agencies in the tri-county area with ballistic K9 vests. The presentation will take place at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center located at 3691 Leeds Avenue, N. Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Hall wanted to express the community's appreciation for our four legged fellow officers and highlight their value in public safety. A golf tournament fundraising event was put in motion and launched on April 27, 2015. The main goal of this event was to raise money to purchase body armor for law enforcement canines.

Through the golf tournament and donation drive, \$12,000.00 was raised for this worthy cause. Allen Hall and his team worked closely with the body armor manufacturer, Ray Allen, to maximize the purchasing power of the funding available. Though tough at times and with many hurdles to overcome, Allen and his wife, Kathy, along with Tracy Condon and Tricia Ford, pulled it off. With a lot of help from their friends, family and other volunteers and with the generous monetary and material donations needed to service the event, the Vests 4 K9s golf tournament was a success. The group reached its goal of being able to obtain 12 ballistic vests which are being distributed to area K9 units from the following agencies:

- Charleston County Sheriff's Office
- North Charleston Police Department
- Hanahan Police Department
- Dorchester County Sheriff's Office
- Summerville Police Department

It is with great appreciation, we recognize the following sponsors, donations, etc:

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- Patriot Point Links
- CCSO dedication to Deputy Matuskovic & Deputy Ackerman;
- Volunteers from Consolidated Dispatch

The media is welcome to attend this presentation. For additional information please contact Allen Hall at 843.696.0207 or by email at vests4k9s@gmail.com