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POCATELLO K9 OFFICER “SPIRIT” TO RETIRE
Party Set for July 27, 2010

The Pocatello Police Department is hosting a retirement ceremony for K9 Officer Spirit on Tuesday, July 27, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Paradise Conference Room at City Hall, 911 North 7th Avenue.

Spirit has served as a member of the department for 7½ years as an explosive detection K9. During this time, she and her partner, Detective Eric Anderson, have been responsible for searching buildings and businesses for possible explosives, as well as doing dignitary protection detail when required. They have been sent all over Southeast Idaho on explosive detection calls. Memorable assignments include a nine hour search at Lamb Weston when the company received a bomb threat. Spirit, Detective Anderson, and their teammates – Sergeant Knapp and his K9 partner – worked throughout the night to make sure the building was safe. This team was also responsible for protection detail when Reverend Jesse Jackson visited Pocatello.

The public is invited to attend the retirement ceremony next week. For more information on K9 Officer Spirit’s career, please call 234-6100.

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