



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: June 11, 2025

Department: Sheriff's Office

Title:

Meeting Bloodhound K9 Otis

Management Update/Work Session Date: NA Audio/Visual aids ☐

Time Required: 5 minutes Contact: Sadie Haynes Phone: 5035885116

Requested Action:

NA

Issue, Description
& Background:

K9 Otis is a 3 year old pure breed Bloodhound from southern California and is nationally certified in tracking through the National Police Bloodhound Association. A bloodhound's olfactory capabilities surpass those of our standard patrol K9s. They also do not bite, so they can be utilized in almost any situation where we are searching for people or articles. Otis can be deployed during search and rescue (SAR) missions, missing persons cases, and evidence searches. Our office responds to calls for missing elderly patients and missing children on a weekly basis. Recently, Grants Pass Police Department circulated a statewide notice indicating they were looking to rehome or sell one of their K9s as they were currently underutilized in their patrol operations. In May the MCSO purchased Otis and conducted an extensive selection process to identify Otis' handler. Deputy Dane Wright was selected to be paired with Otis. +

Financial Impacts:

NA

Impacts to Department
& External Agencies:

NA

List of attachments:

NA

Presenter:

Cmdr. Jason Bernards and Deputy Dane Wright

Department Head
Signature: