



# City of Red Bluff

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kyle Sanders  
Chief Of Police

555 Washington St., Red Bluff, CA 96080

Dispatch	(530) 527-3131
TDD	(530) 527-3131
Records	(530) 527-3134
Administration	(530) 527-8282
Investigations	(530) 527-8282
FAX	(530) 529-4768

### ***PRESS RELEASE***

#### RBPD K9 ARIES RECEIVES BODY ARMOR

February 8, 2018

Red Bluff Police Department's K9 Aries has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. The vest was sponsored by an Anonymous Sponsor and embroidered with the sentiment "Born to love - Trained to serve - Loyal Always".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) charity located in East Taunton, MA whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. The non-profit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 2,700 protective vests in 50 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over 2.3 million dollars.

The program is open to dogs actively employed in the U.S. with law enforcement or related agencies who are certified and at least 20 months of age. New K9 graduates, as well as K9s with expired vests, are eligible to participate.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$950.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,744 - \$2,283, and a five-year warranty and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There is an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 9 East Taunton, MA 02718.

The City of Red Bluff is an equal opportunity provider.

We, the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods throughout the city.