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SAN PATRICIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ADDS A NEW BOMB DETECTION CANINE TO THEIR ROSTER

JUNE 21, 2022 [SINTON, TEXAS] The San Patricio County Sheriff's Office was able to retire their 10-year-old bomb detection canine, Bak, and add a new dog to their roster thanks to Phillips 66's philanthropic giving. The donation amount of \$12,000 was used to purchase a fully trained explosives detection canine, Roky.

The duties of a Sheriff's Department include serving as licensed peace officers, enforcing criminal laws of the state, managing the county jail, providing security for the courts, serving warrants and civil papers, and overall keeping citizens safe. To ensure safety throughout the community, the department partners with industry and other local law enforcement agencies to respond to active bomb threats. Bomb detection, or explosive detection, canines have been used by law enforcement officers for decades and these highly trained dogs are able to identify scents in several common explosive materials with their sensitive noses. After 8 years with the San Patricio County Sheriff's Office, Bak has retired and the donation from Phillips 66 was used to purchase Roky to take over Bak's responsibilities.

Roky was born in the Czech Republic, trained in Boerne, Texas, and receives all his commands in Czech. With Roky being only two years old, his handler, Sergeant JR Benavidez, shared his excitement to work with a young, eager dog.

"We take any type of threat in our community very seriously, and to have a dog that specializes in detecting explosive materials during a threat is critical in an area heavy with industry," shared Sheriff Oscar Rivera of San Patricio County. "We're very thankful to Phillips 66 for their donation to our department."

Phillips 66's core values are Safety, Honor and Commitment which includes supporting community safety and preparedness programs and initiatives. Currently, the company's assets in San Patricio County include two pipelines, Gray Oak and Clemens to Gregory, an ownership interest in South Texas Gateway Terminal, and the proposed Bluewater Texas Terminal.

"All of us at Phillips 66 are happy to fill a need within the county and partner with the Sheriff's Office," shared Kasey Brown, Ingleside Area Supervisor at Phillips 66. "Focusing on the safety of the communities where we operate is important to our business and we're pleased to present this check today."

ABOUT SAN PATRICIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The San Patricio County Sheriff Office / San Patricio County Jail, located in Sinton, Texas, is a law enforcement agency that promotes public safety in San Patricio County through public policing and the management of county jails

and inmates. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for patrolling any unincorporated areas of the county or areas not covered by the municipal Police force as well as enforcing legal judgments such as foreclosures, repossessions, and tax delinquencies.

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