



Steamboat Springs K9 Amon Receives Body Armor Donation

Non-Profit Vested Interest in K9s Provides Bullet & Stab Protective Vest

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 23, 2025-Steamboat Springs Police Department (SSPD) K9 Amon will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Amon's vest was sponsored by Don and Misty Fike of Galesburg, IL, and will be embroidered with the sentiment "Born to Love-Trained to Serve-Loyal Always". Delivery is expected within ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity 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.

This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is US made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 6,159 vests valued at \$6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to US dogs at least 20 months old, actively employed, and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

SSPD's K9 Unit consists of Officer Brenden Andrews and his partner, Amon — a highly trained Belgian Malinois certified in narcotics detection, including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and ecstasy. Amon joined the department in January 2025, completed his training and certification early in the year, and has been actively patrolling since March.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$1,050 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1800, weighs an average of 4-5 lbs., and comes with a five-year warranty.

For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and [accepts donations through its website, www.vik9s.org](#), or individuals may mail a contribution to PO Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

[-WeServeTheCity-](#)

Contact

Mark Beckett, Chief, 970-879-4344 or [email](#)

Brenden Andrews, K9 Officer, 970-879-4344 or [email](#)

Michael Lane, Communications Manager, 970-871-8220 or [email](#)

