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Medal Committee  
Animals in War & Peace

Members of Medal Committee,

I highly recommend Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer (TFO) and Baltimore City Police Department Detective Donald Hayes (H139) and his K9 partner, Roscoe (4136), for consideration for the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal.

Since December 2023, Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe have worked together and are currently assigned to the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) Group 3 Weapons and Narcotics Trafficking. Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe share a unique bond and a work ethic that allows them to make a significant impact on the everyday fight against our nations "War on Drugs".

Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe are easily available and ready to assist any agency within the State of Maryland. As of July 2024 to present, they have together conducted over 200 narcotics related scans that have provided probable cause and ultimately resulted in the seizure of **350,000 Fentanyl Pills** (28.60 kg / 63 lbs), **Fentanyl Powder** (29.19 kg / 64.37 lbs), **Cocaine** (262.87 kg / 579.52 lbs), **Methamphetamine** (1.2 kg / 2.2 lbs), **MDMA** (583 grams), and **Heroin** (170 grams). Additionally, 28 firearms and \$772,232 in U.S. Currency were also seized during this



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timeframe. These seizures also contributed to numerous arrests and criminal convictions in both State and Federal court.

Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe have specifically assisted my agency, the Baltimore County Police Department on numerous occasions conducting scans on vehicles and residences. During the execution of a residential search warrant for illegal narcotics in July 2025, Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe conducted a scan on a vehicle being stored in a garage attached to the home that was ultimately set up to function as a mechanic shop. The vehicle scanned had never been seen by investigators prior to the execution of the search and seizure warrant. Upon conducting the scan, K9 Roscoe immediately alerted to the presence of illegal narcotics on the passenger side of the vehicle. K9 Roscoe was relentless and unable to be pulled off of the vehicle. Investigators were not initially able to locate any narcotics in plain sight being stored inside of this vehicle. Upon a more in-depth search of the vehicle, approximately 3 kilograms of Cocaine were located in a hidden compartment that was accessible from the underneath of the floor of the front passenger seat.

This is just one example of their dedication, professionalism, knowledge, and expertise that has shown timelessly their unwavering commitment to police work and public safety. Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe make great candidates for the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal.

Sincerely,

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