



**CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
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**POLICE CANINE ROCCO**

**PITTSBURGH:** On Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 6:17PM, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Canine Officer Rocco succumbed to his injuries sustained in the Line of Duty on January 28, 2014. Canine Rocco passed from this life at the Pittsburgh Veterinary Specialty Emergency Center (PVSEC) where he received the utmost in professional medical treatment. The Bureau of Police and the family of Officer Lerza are grateful to the staff and medical personnel who were attentive to his care.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

***Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Hall & Museum Trust, Inc.  
4141 Fifth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
February 7, 2014 11:00AM***

A Canine Officer motor procession will stage at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Canine Training Academy located at 1395 Washington Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 and depart at 10:00AM for Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall.

Per the wishes of the Officer Lerza family the funeral service will be closed to the general public. All Public Safety personnel and Public Officials are welcome to attend. Media will be permitted inside the service but no cameras will be allowed out of respect for the family. A location for a staging area for media will be determined and information provided in the next few days.

The heartfelt expressions of condolence and public support have been overwhelming and very much appreciated. As we prepare to lay our fallen canine officer to rest with full honors, we ask for your continued prayers for the family and Bureau of Police.

**~ Lest We Forget ~**