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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.

Due to the numerous calls and outpouring of concern and support from the public for Canine Officer Rocco, Officer Lerza and his family have asked that the funeral service for Canine Rocco be opened to the public. However, law enforcement officers and their families, public safety personnel and public officials will have priority seating. Doors will open at 10 a.m.

The Lerza Family would like to thank everyone for the many calls and emails sharing heartfelt sentiments and condolences. The tremendous show of support has deeply touched the Lerza Family and the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

~ Lest We Forget ~