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City of Escanaba Public Safety to Replace Retired Bomb Sniffing Canine with Help from \$5,000 Plum Creek Foundation Grant

ESCANABA, Mich. – The Plum Creek Foundation recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to the City of Escanaba Public Safety Department to help replace its bomb-sniffing dog to better serve the communities of the Upper Peninsula and northeastern Wisconsin.

The city's current bomb sniffing K-9, Akim, is 11 years old and was recently reduced to minimal duty due to medical issues. The Plum Creek Foundation grant will help the Public Safety Department acquire a new K-9 as well as provide training to the handler. The new dog will assist the department in the fight against domestic terrorists, as well as threats to school districts and other public facilities and private industries. The department will retire Akim upon receipt of the new bomb-sniffing K-9.

“With our current K-9 so close to retirement, we are thankful to the Plum Creek Foundation for giving us this grant and getting us closer to acquiring a new bomb-sniffing dog,” said Lt. James Segorski of the City of Escanaba Public Safety Department. “Because of the rural landscape of this region, it is imperative that we have a bomb-sniffing dog readily available in case of emergencies.”

The mission of the Plum Creek Foundation is to provide philanthropic contributions to support and improve the general welfare of life in the communities that Plum Creek serves. The Foundation board meets quarterly to review applications submitted from organizations in the company's operating communities. Visit the Community Involvement page on Plum Creek's Web site at www.plumcreek.com to download an application.

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