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**DATE: 11/21/2014**  
**NATURE OF INCIDENT: Duluth Police K-9's Awarded Ballistic Vest**  
**CASE NO.:**  
**INCIDENT DATE :11/21/2014**  
**INCIDENT TIME:**  
**INCIDENT LOCATION: Duluth, MN**  
**SUBJECT: Duluth Police K-9's Awarded Ballistic Vest**  
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Duluth Police Department K-9 Unit awarded K-9 vests through nationwide non profit.

The Duluth Police Department's K-9 partners Malakai and Oakley have been awarded ballistic vests thanks to a nonprofit organization, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Over \$11,500 rose to protect Minnesota K9s with bullet and stab protective vests.

CaJah Salon in St. Paul hosted an Annual benefit for Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. on September 27th raising over \$ 11,500.00 that will outfit 12 Minnesota K9's with ballistic vests. The four Ramsey County Sheriff K9's receiving vests from the proceeds are Vito, Tonto, Boone, and Apache. Additional vest recipients are: K9 Bosco, Farmington Police, K9 Yankee, Cass County Sheriff's Office, K9 Yazz, Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Office, K9 Britt, Rochester Police, and K9 Freddie, Stearns County Sheriff.

The Van Sloun Foundation made a donation to the nonprofit for \$1900.00 for K9's Malakie and Oakley of the Duluth Police Department.

A private donation of \$950 by White Bear Mitsubishi in White Bear Lake covered the cost of the vest for the 5th Ramsey County Sheriff's K9 Reggie.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA. 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. Each vest costs \$950.00 and has a 5 year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially life saving body armor for their four legged K9 Officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1125 law enforcement dogs in 40 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of \$1,068,750.00

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. announces their calendar on sale now through Feb. 2015 for \$15.00 online at [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org)



Malakai



Oakley

