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Young Girl Present K-9 Deputy with Ballistic Vest

Six year old Kayleigh Crimmins -- she would want you to know she's 6 1/2 -- is on a mission to outfit ALL police dogs with ballistic vests. And she is doing an outstanding job!

The latest dog to benefit from her philanthropic efforts is Vader, a Newport News Sheriff's Office K-9 (NNSO). Vader is a dual-purpose canine trained in both narcotics detection and patrol.

Vader and his handler, Corporal Wayne Hill, will be presented with the vest at an upcoming City Council meeting. The special presentation will be held prior to the start of official business. Please join us in thanking Kayleigh. Interview opportunities are available with her, her mother Lee, Corporal Hill and Sheriff Gabe Morgan.

WHO: Newport News Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit and 6 1/2-year old Kayleigh Crimmins
WHAT: Ballistic vest presented to Vader, an NNSO canine
WHEN: Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m.
(FYI, regular Council business begins promptly at 7:30 p.m.)
WHERE: City Council Chambers
2400 Washington Avenue
Newport News, VA

Kayleigh started raising money in March, 2009 by selling her own toys on Craig's List and yard sales. Recently, she began collecting and recycling cans. That part of her fundraising efforts is called "Cans for K-9s". Vader is the fifth dog to receive this generous and potentially lifesaving gift from Kayleigh. We cannot thank this little girl enough for her caring heart! According to her mother, each vest costs \$670.

You can learn more at Kayleigh's website: www.kidsfork9s.com or you can contact her mother, Lee Crimmins, at 757-636-7906.

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