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FARIBAULT POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRODUCES "CANNON" THE NEWEST POLICE CANINE.

In January, the Faribault Police Department took received its second police canine which was hand selected in Europe by members of the St. Paul Police Department's Canine Unit. After the canine's long journey to Minnesota, the Faribault Police Department would like to welcome and introduce "Cannon" a one year old Belgian Malinois (Belgian Shepherd) male from the country of Belgium. He will soon be partnered with Officer Adam Marvin as they head off to some intense canine training at the St. Paul Police Department's Canine Training Facility in March. The crime fighting duo is expected to hit the streets of Faribault after their training is completed in May.

Faribault residents and other supporters responded again with generous support for the police department's canine program raising an estimated \$35,000 through generous donations and fundraising from the sale of stuffed police canine "Chase" dogs at Paddington's Feed & Seed, Affinity Plus Credit Union, and the police department's main lobby.

Many people submitted over 100 name choices which made it very difficult to make a name selection. The department narrowed it down to six choices and ultimately, Canine Handler Marvin, selected "Cannon". He felt it portrayed the dog's personality and connected the animal to the City of Faribault because of the Cannon River. The name Cannon was submitted by Julie McCann.

Honorable mention finalists

"Otto" submitted by Lorraine Dudley
"Kotja" submitted by Lori Christensen
"Titan" submitted by five year old Jace Kotek
"Boone" submitted by 16 year old Anna Aaker
"Alex" submitted by Sandra Thomas, Kyle Roth, and Jennifer Shannon (named after Alexander Faribault)



All those that made the list will be given a special canine related prize. Cannon can be seen in the attached photograph. He is eager to start his training in March.