

PRESS RELEASE

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***Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano Presented a
Check for \$28,382.65 to Pasco Sheriff Chris
Nocco
In Support of K-9 “Join the Pack” Promotion***

During a July 20, 2015 media event at the Pasco Sheriff’s Office administrative center in West Pasco, **Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano** presented a check for \$28,382.65 to **Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco**.

During the month of June the *Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office’s* featured charity was the *Pasco Sheriff’s K-9 Association*. *The Association’s “Join the Pack”* promotion garnered the attention and support of our local community. Over \$28,000 was donated by generous customers, business owners and others who were willing to give of their resources in support of this fine organization.

Employees actively involved in the promotion from the Pasco Tax Collector's Office, deputies and command staff from the Pasco Sheriff's Office, and others watched as the presentation was made. Additionally, the sheriff introduced **K-9 Officer Shep**, who just arrived from overseas late last week. **K-9 Shep** and his handler **Deputy Nick Carmack** will soon begin training together as the newest K-9 team. A donor who wished to remain unnamed gave \$11,000 to the drive in the hopes that a dog would be purchased in honor of her late husband. Shep is that dog.

"It was our privilege to raise funds to support the Pasco Sheriff's K-9 Association," states **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. "These brave animals and their handlers go into places that most people are not able to venture. They track down escaping criminals or lost adults and children. They deserve all the support we as a community can give them. I'm excited that due to the generosity of all who gave so freely, that during the time of our promotion not only was over \$28,000 raised, the sheriff was able to expand the size of his K-9 unit."

"We appreciate our **Tax Collector, Mike Fasano**, his members and all our citizens who helped raise this incredible amount for the K-9 Unit," comments **Sheriff Chris Nocco**. "The funds will go to help put our newest K-9, Shep, on the streets and to assist our current K-9s in their training programs. The money also goes to assist our retired K-9 to enjoy a higher quality of life in their retirement."

The *Pasco Sheriff's K-9 Association* supports and equips K-9 teams throughout the county. The funds raised will help purchase, train and provide needed medical care for both active and retired K-9 officers. The fundraiser will resume during the month of September. Please consider stopping by one of the tax collector offices to make a donation.

For more information regarding the Pasco Tax Collector's "Join the Pack" promotion please call Greg Giordano, Director of Customer Relations at 727-847-8179. For more information regarding the K-9 program or other sheriff's office-related services please call Kevin Doll at 727- 844-7759.

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