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Glendale Heights Police Department Welcomes Newest K-9

Photos Attached (Credit Village of Glendale Heights)

Glendale Heights, Illinois (January 5, 2024) – On Thursday, January 4, 2024 at the Glendale Heights Village Board Meeting, the Glendale Heights Police Department introduced their newest K-9 Officer, Ivy. Ivy isn't your traditional K-9 as she is the Department's first ever bloodhound who is being trained to locate missing individuals and aiding in the search for suspects. Ivy will be partnered up with her handler, Glendale Heights Police Officer Gabrielle Lessner.

After the unexpected loss of K-9 Officer Lobo, a German Shepard who had been with the Department since 2017, local cannabis dispensary, Ivy Hall, wanted to continue their support for the Glendale Heights community. Ivy Hall helped to fully fund K-9 Ivy for the Glendale Heights Police Department.

"Ivy Hall is committed to being a good steward of our license, a great corporate citizen, and on behalf of our ownership group and team members, we welcome Ivy to the force. We know she will serve the residents of Glendale Heights with dedication in the years ahead," said Greg Elliott, chief growth officer of Ivy Hall and the majority owner of the Glendale Heights dispensary license. "We thank the Village Board and Chief Pappas for the opportunity to serve area adults and contribute to the community." Ivy Hall officially opened on Friday, August 11 as the first and

only dispensary in Glendale Heights.

“I want to thank Ivy Hall for their continued dedication to the Glendale Heights community,” said Glendale Heights Chief of Police George Pappas. “Their support of the Glendale Heights Police Department and the residents of the Village of Glendale Heights helps make our community safer each and every day. Having Ivy as our newest K-9 Officer, through the support of Ivy Hall, is a great asset to everyone. We are thrilled to have her join the Department.”

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