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## **City Mourns Officer's Unexpected Departure**

*Officer Zeke, Mounted Patrol Horse, Succumbs to Liver Ailment*

**Lancaster, PA, August 19, 2009** – Lancaster City's Mounted Patrol Officer Zeke, a Clydesdale Thoroughbred Cross, died Thursday, August 6, 2009. The 13-year old horse joined the city's police force in 2001. Zeke is survived by his partner, Officer Wayne McVey, and fellow mounted patrol horses Duke, a Percheron, Tom, a quarter horse, Liam, a Clydesdale/Hackney mix, and Ozzy, a quarter horse.

According to mounted patrol trainer Officer Mike Corso, Zeke had re-occurring annual flare-ups with his liver, but had always rebounded. This last occurrence was outside the typical timeframe for flare-ups and hit Zeke in a sudden and fatal way. "The entire episode began the last week in June with Zeke not responding to food, and was diagnosed about a week later with liver inflammations," reported Corso. Zeke was put on a high-end dose of antibiotics which his veterinarian prescribed specifically for his ailments. Unfortunately, Zeke passed before he was able to complete the full dose of medication.

Life expectancy for a horse like Zeke can be upwards of 30-35 years, which further highlights his untimely death. Earlier this year, the Mounted Patrol acquired Ozzy, making the unit complete. Zeke's passing and unexpected medical expenses has now shifted the balance of the Unit's already limited funds. Supported solely by the Lancaster City Police Foundation, the Mounted Patrol exists through donations from the community. Lancaster City's Mounted Patrol is a vital component to the city's police force. "The horses not only act as goodwill ambassadors for our police department (especially among children), they also provide a very real and functional role within crime fighting," explained Corso.

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Police horses have the ability to lift their partners above crowds and vehicles. They allow the officers who ride them the opportunity to see and assess the best way to begin pursuit, while their size and agility permits travel where patrol cruisers can't. In addition, a horse can navigate throughout the city, on and off road. In a crowd situation, a properly trained mounted officer can be as effective as 10 officers on foot.

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The Lancaster City Police Foundation was created in 2003 to fund essential equipment and programs for the City's Police Department not included in the city's budget. In 2008, the Lancaster City Mounted Patrol Fund and Canine Fund merged under the Foundation's umbrella of responsibility. The Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit, private foundation under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Lancaster City Police Foundation, PO Box 10171, Lancaster, PA 17605. For more information about the Foundation, please visit [www.lancasterpolice.com/policefoundation](http://www.lancasterpolice.com/policefoundation).

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