

**John Bertang**

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**Subject:** Fw: We Ride to Provide Donation Letter Request  
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Capt. Bertang,

This was what I was briefing you on the other day that Hyde was working on for first aid kits. I was just about to go through all of our kits and see where each handler stands and I also learned Turner didn't have a full kit. This seems to be very similar process to when we got the bullet proof vest for K-9 Alli, Roscoe, and Kelly a while back. If you need any further details please let me know and PFC. Hyde or myself will try and get them answered.

Thanks,  
 Cpl. Harlow



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**From:** Brendan F. Hyde  
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**To:** Kenneth W. Harlow, Jr.  
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City of Myrtle Beach  
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2019 AUG 19 PM 1:55  
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**MEMORANDUM**

*I have no issues - This is  
a good resource, non-profit  
donation that is for safety  
for the K9's  
J. Bertang 8-19-19*

**TO: Captain Bertang**

**FROM: Pfc. Brendan F. Hyde m- 8224**

**DATE: 07-16-10**

**Summary:** Recently while visiting the doctor's office I struck up a conversation with my nurse. During our conversation what I do for work was mentioned. The nurse advised me that while she was living in Georgia she was a member of a not for profit organization called we ride to provide. She advised me that they provide medical kits for working service dogs. She provided me with the information to contact the president of the organization, which I have done and have been in contact with.

On 08/14/2019 I spoke with Holly Cripps who is the founder/president of we ride to provide, I told her about the organization member I spoke with she. Holly advised me that they provide medical kits for working service animal throughout the nation and that she would be happy to provide them for our dogs. She explained how process works, each medical kit cost 99 dollars, a picture of the K-9 only is required, she then obtains a sponsor for each medical kit, and the medical kit is then shipped to the department. Once the medical kit is received all that is asked is for a picture of the K-9 with the medical kit be provided so they can share it on their social media outlets.

**Purpose:** Since 2018, the K-9 Unit have added 3 new K-9s and 3 new K-9 handlers. I was fortunate enough to receive a handed down medical kit from the previous handler, but the new handlers were not as lucky. We have had to piece together functioning medical supplies in the event of an injury to a K-9. To replace 5 medical kits could cost upwards of 1000 dollars, which could put a dent into a unit's budget and can be utilized for other needs within the unit.

**Additional Information:** The medical kits that are provided have been assembled by a veterinarian to ensure that the handler has everything they need to provide first aid care to their K-9. The Kits are covered for the life of the dog even after retirement, meaning if something expires, or is used, the organization will replace that item. They also offer

additional services to for line of duty deaths for K-9s. They have offered to honor K-9 Cees and host a Myrtle Beach K-9 handler at their memorial event they do for fallen K-9's.

Background: We ride to provide is a non for profit organization that was formed by Holly Cripps in 2009. It began as a service to provide bullet proof vests for a department in Georgia. Holly's husband is a Chief of Police in Georgia, and still actively works as a K-9 Handler. Since 2009, the organization has developed additional programs from providing medical equipment to hosting the only K-9 memorial event on the East coast. We ride to provide has provided 2,670 first aid kits, that were or still active throughout 10 Countries. There have been 19 confirmed K-9 saves as a result of utilizing the provided first aid kits, and an additional 4 people. Their motto is "Paying tribute to those lost by providing for those who were left behind"

I have provided a link for the organization, the numbers have not been updated but, it provides additional information that may be needed.

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Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.