



Proclamation

- Whereas, the United States Police Canine Association, Inc. (USPCA) was established in 1971 when two canine associations joined, and;
- Whereas, much has been learned about Police Canines in over fifty years of service, there is still more to be done to develop their potential, and;
- Whereas, USPCA members have found that participation in the certifications and training is an invaluable tool for performing their jobs, and;
- Whereas, the strength of both the Regional and National offices lies in the diversity of the membership. This diversity facilitates the sharing of ideas and information within an organized and neutral forum, and;
- Whereas, the USPCA is the nations largest, continuously operating organization that promotes quality-trained and certified canine teams, and;
- Whereas, the City of Foley hosted the 2023 USPCA National Field Trials with the help of Competition Director, Foley Police Department Seargent Carlos Lizarraga on September 24-29, 2023. Over 80 participants from all over the United States came to compete in obedience, hidden suspect recovery, article search, and apprehension work, and;
- Whereas, the competition is a chance for all participants to showcase how much work they have put in to meet the high standards set forth by the USPCA, and;
- Whereas, Foley Police Sgt. Carlos Lizarraga and his K-9 Tua took 1st place overall in hidden suspect recovery, evidence recovery, and 1st in all apprehension exercises and 3rd place overall, and;
- Whereas, Sgt. Lizarraga was also the number one overall handler at the Regional Competition in March, 2023, which placed him on the Region 1 Team at the National Competition and took 1st place overall, and;
- Whereas, Corporal Curtis Ricks and his K-9 Niko, Officer Eric Morris and his K-9 Bo participated in the competition and certified nationally and Officer Mark Whorton helped host the event.

Now, therefore, I, Ralph Hellmich, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, and on behalf of the City of Foley City Council, do hereby commend the Foley Police Department and their K-9 team for a job well done.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Foley, Alabama, this 4th day of December, 2023.