

PRESS RELEASE

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Pasco Tax Collector Raises \$53,591.19 to Support the Pasco Sheriff's K-9 Association

This past summer **Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano** and his staff proudly supported the *Pasco Sheriff's K-9 Association* through a summer long "Join the Pack" promotional campaign. A total of \$53,591.19 in cash and in-kind donations were raised to support and equip K-9 teams throughout the county. A portion of the funds raised have already been used to purchase a new member of the K-9 Unit. Additionally the funds will be used to help train, provide needed medical care for both active and retired K-9 officers, equipment for handlers, safety gear for the dogs and other needed items and services.

"The Pasco Sheriff's Office would like to extend our sincere thank you to **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**, his staff, and the citizens of Pasco County for raising money for our K-9 Association," states **Pasco Sheriff Chris Nocco**. "The Tax Collector has raised \$53,591.19 for our association. The funds will be used to purchase the protective vests for our current K-9 Unit, help purchase new K-9s and assist in the cost of the healthcare for retired K-9's. We are truly grateful for this show of support."

“Sheriff Nocco had a vision when he created the Pasco Sheriff’s K-9 Association,” comments **Tax Collector Mike Fasano**. “He wanted to help find a way to assist the K-9 officers that put their lives on the line each and every time they are deployed. Their care, training and medical treatment during active service and especially after retirement can be costly. Through the generosity of Pasco County residents donations large and small came pouring in to our offices. It was an honor to present the sheriff and his K-9 Unit over \$53,500 to ensure their continued success, as well as insure the well being of the dogs. Whether it was spare change left at the end of a transaction, or large checks written out to the association, our community came together to support these fine animals and the law enforcement officers who work with them daily.”

For more information about the charitable giving programs offered by the Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office please contact Greg Giordano, Director of Customer Relations at 727-847- 8179. For more information about all services provided by the tax collector please visit our website at www.pascotaxes.com