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To Whom It May Concern:

I am not a member of your community. I am however a police accountability activist. I came across this article, and am extremely concerned by how, at least, one of your officers defines de-escalation.

The link to the article is at the bottom of this email. Here is the excerpt that caught my attention:

"It's really awesome to have the dogs," says Officer Eric Disch, " K9 Officer Bowie is certified in tracking article search area search, narcotics and apprehension, and handler protection."

Canines are also used to de-escalate tense situations. Officers say these dogs are often more powerful than a weapon.

"The mere presence of the dog alone is in the high 90 percentile of people just having a tendency to give up in an incident," says Disch.

https://wkow.com/2021/07/18/non-profit-helps-mpd-raise-funds-for-k-9-officers/

I hope someone will take action on this information. Thank you for your time.

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