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K9 Ronja Memorial

Tacoma, Wash. – A memorial service to honor K9 Ronja who was killed in the line of duty will be held tomorrow, September 30 at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on TV Tacoma and at <https://www.facebook.com/TacomaPD>. In person attendance will not be available due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions.

K9 Ronja was a 2-year-old purebred German Shepherd who had served with the Tacoma Police Department for 8 months in training and on patrol. K9 Ronja started working as part of a generalist team on patrol in April 2020. She quickly established herself as an invaluable member of the Tacoma Police Department, protecting community members in Tacoma and Pierce County.

On August 13, 2020, K9 Ronja was shot during the pursuit and capture of an armed suspect who was being sought for a homicide that had occurred a few hours earlier in the City of Tacoma.

K9 Ronja's death was heartbreaking for her handler and the department. She will be remembered as a beloved member of the Tacoma Police Department. Her loyalty, bravery and dedication will continue to be an inspiration to all officers.

K9 Ronja, End of Watch: August 13, 2020. Gone But Not Forgotten.

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