Media Advisory
Ceremony Logistics for Herriman Police K9 Hondo
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Media Instructions
Coverage of memorial service and procession of K9 Hondo

Memorial Services – Saturday, February 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

The memorial services will begin at 11:00 a.m. on February 29, 2020, at Herriman High School, 11917 S. Mustang Trail Way (6000 W), in Herriman City. Reporters will be allowed to attend the services and carry the services live if desired.

Although cameras (still and video) will be allowed in the school auditorium, there will be a designated area from which all photography will be done.

*Absolutely no flash photography is allowed during the services.*

Media representatives are asked to please respect the other attendees by not moving about the auditorium once the services have begun.

Parking
There will be a section of the parking lot designated for media vehicles; this will be adjacent to the front entrance of the school in the west parking lot. Please note that media parked in the school parking lot will not be allowed to leave until all public safety and emergency vehicles have departed in the procession. *See map for media staging. It may be advisable to have a second crew staged along the procession route. (*see attached maps)*

Hondo will be transported to Herriman High School by the Honor Guard Saturday morning around 10 a.m. The media may film his arrival from outside the school but will not be allowed to film inside the auditorium until services have begun. Interviews will not be allowed during the arrival. Please keep adequate distance from the Honor Guard and casket to ensure safe transportation.

Media Interviews
A number of PIOs will be in attendance to assist with answering questions and providing assistance to media representatives. Interviews will be offered at a designated time and will not be given outside of the designated timeframe.

Lt. Cody Stromberg - Herriman Police Department, Herriman City Manager Brett Wood
and Sgt. Matt Harris - Las Vegas Metro PD K9 Unit will be available to speak with the media in the **commons area inside the front entrance of the school at 9 a.m.**; however, we are asking that no one else be asked for an interview. This is the family’s and department’s time to mourn and pay their respects. At this time the family has chosen not to address the media. Please contact Tami Moody, who will be the lead PIO for this venue. (Contact information below)

**Procession**

At the conclusion of the service, Hondo will be transported to the plaza at the northwest end of the school, where a rifle salute and flag folding ceremony will take place. Afterwards, a procession will proceed out of the west end of the north parking lot and along the predetermined route (*see attached map). The event will conclude as the procession arrives at the Herriman City Hall. There will be a private event in the City Hall at that point, but no media will be allowed at that time.

**There will be no interment**

**Memorial Services PIO Contacts and Social Media Information**

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Twitter @herrimanpolice and @herrimanocity and use the hashtag #K9Hondo
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The Ricks family would like to thank the media for respecting their privacy during this difficult time. We would like to extend our utmost appreciation to the members of the media for their patience, support and cooperation throughout this process; we couldn’t do this without your help.

**We are asking that all media respect the privacy of the Ricks family, as well as the members of the Herriman Police Department, by not asking for interviews at this time.**