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Police Narcotics K9 Jennka Retires

After three years in the line of duty K9 Jennka is now enjoying retirement with her handler Officer Mattison. Jennka’s retirement ceremony was held on August 22, 2018 at the Hearth Lounge in the Student Union. Many officers from the surrounding area attended the event as Jennka was frequently called upon to serve the greater community. 0-9 Jennka is a Belgian Malinois and served as the university’s second narcotics canine. She was a tremendous asset to the community and will be greatly missed. Enjoy your retirement Jennka!

2018 Operation Move-In

Our favorite time of year is when we welcome new and returning students back on campus during Move-In Day. Our officers were on duty all day and night meeting students and their families and ensuring everyone had a safe and productive day. We can’t help but think about those warmer days as we head into the winter months!