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INNOVATION SHOWCASE

Mayor Diana Merdian, Sterling, IL

SUMMER
2024



Sterling, Illinois

COMFORT K9



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ABOUT US

The Comfort K9 program at Sterling was initiated in 2017 after the Sterling Police Chief proposed the idea, which was considered a bit unconventional for a police K9 unit. Brinkley, named after Hezekiah Brink, the Founder of Sterling, quickly won over the hearts of the community from the very beginning.



DATA



- Millie has been to 60 cases since May 2024.
- Millie's name was selected to honor our industrial past from our steel mills.
- Millie has been an overnight hit with the community.



- Brinkley had 778 "cases" from 2017 to 2024 *few cases during Covid.
- Brinkley is a pioneer in her field.
- Brinkley is relaxing and living her best life in retirement.



LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT



COMFORT K9 TO COUNCIL K9





IDEA!



Engage the community on Council matters



MILLIE'S COUNCIL MEETING MEMO

Approved



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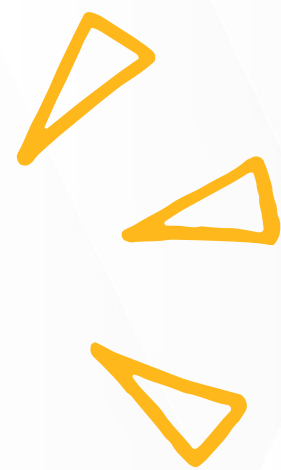
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