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From the Office of Ford County Sheriff Bill Carr.



## Kyra

*Dodge City, Kansas* - It is with great sadness, that I announce the passing of our beloved K9 Kyra this afternoon.

Earlier this morning, K9 Kyra was requested to assist in a pursuit entering Ford County. At the conclusion of the call for service, she began to show signs of distress and was immediately taken to a local veterinary clinic for treatment and emergency surgery. Despite all efforts, she crossed over the rainbow bridge this afternoon.

K9 Kyra has heroically served the Ford County Sheriff's Office for the past 8 years.

Sheriff Bill Carr

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## **The Life of a Police Dog**

You brought me home  
One sunny day  
With you for years  
I would surely stay.

I met your pack  
Children and wife  
I began to love  
My new-found life.

I slept on your couch  
At the foot of your bed  
You looked at me lovingly  
While petting my head.

We trained for months  
And our bonding grew  
We were both partners  
Buddies in Blue.

We did school demo's  
And I never did wrong  
Over all of the years  
My love for you grew strong.

How I loved to work  
To stand up and bark  
In the back of our car  
From light until dark.

We went call to call  
Having fun all the way  
Until the call came  
On that one fateful day.

A man with a gun  
The dispatcher did say  
I jumped from my car  
When it pointed your way.

Before leaving home I was told  
"keep him safe" by your wife  
I knew at that moment  
For you I would give my life.

The bullet struck hard  
Steady and true  
The bullet struck me instead  
Of striking you.

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When you go home tonight  
Tell your wife I did good  
Strong, Tall and Proud  
On the ground that I stood.

I'm dead and gone now  
This much is true  
But I've done my job well  
Of protecting you.

Thank you  
Loyal partner,  
Faithful friend,  
You will be greatly missed.

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On behalf of Ford County Sheriff Bill Carr.

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