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## **K9s4COPS TO GIFT K9 “LIBERTY” TO THE FRENCH NATIONAL POLICE**

(Houston, TX) **K9s4COPS** is proud to announce that it is going to grant a trained police canine to the French Police SWAT Team Raid to supplement the loss of the heroic efforts of K9 Diesel, the apprehension dog that was killed during the November action against the terrorist cell near Paris on November 13, 2015.

**K9s4COPS** is a non-profit that was founded in 2010 by **Kristi Schiller**, in Houston, Texas. Since the organization’s conception, they have donated over 120 highly trained K9 officers and provided thousands of hours of training to police departments in 29 states. These police dogs have resulted in the confiscation of over \$100 million dollars of illegal contraband and cash. Paris, France will be the first **K9s4COPS** dog placed internationally.

After the terrorist attack on Paris, K9 Diesel perished defending innocent bystanders. **K9s4COPS** immediately reached out to the French Embassy offering to assistance. From there word spread to French officials in Washington, D.C. and continued to climb the chain of command, until they connected with **Pierre Edouard Colliex**, the French National Police and Homeland Security Attaché in Washington. Colliex furthered the process by coordinating transatlantic conferences calls with Diesel’s Parisian handler. Together, it was a mutual decision that **K9s4COPS** would donate a single purpose Belgian Malinois patrol dog to the Police Nationale. Diesel’s Parisian handler is now working to find his perfect new partner who appropriately to be named *K9 “Liberty.”*

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015 the official announcement was made at the French Embassy’s Holiday party during a special presentation given by K9s4COPS. Guests got a chance to first hand hear from the Deputy and dog that started it all. Deputy Ted Dahlin told his heartfelt story

of how he lost his K9 Blek six years ago this week during an active pursuit of a suspect. Founder and Chairman Kristi Schiller also spoke about the work K9s4COPS is doing around the country. K9s4COPS just received the FBI's Directors Community Leadership Award. This is the most prestigious award gifted to a civilian by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Houston Special Agent in Charge, Perrye Turner made the announcement that in May of 2016, K9s4COPS will travel in Washington, DC where the award will be given by FBI Director James Comey.

For more information about this most recent announcement, please contact Executive Director, **Roseann Rogers** at [roseann@k9s4cops.org](mailto:roseann@k9s4cops.org) or 713.523.2677