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**For Immediate Release:**

OCPD Mounted Patrol Horse Retires

The Ocean City Police Department is announcing that long time veteran Mounted Patrol Horse “Buddy” is being retired after 16 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ocean City.

Throughout “Buddy’s” career, he has been a faithful and loyal partner to several OCPD mounted patrol officers. He has been involved in hundreds of arrests as well as crowd control situations, searches for lost children, public events, demonstrations and parades.

Because of his demeanor and dependability, “Buddy” was regularly used as the primary “new mounted officer” training horse. His vast experience made him a regular choice for high profile events such as President William Jefferson Clinton’s 2<sup>nd</sup> inauguration parade that took place in January 1997, in Washington, DC.

Upon his retirement, Chief Bernadette DiPino has promoted “Buddy” to the rank of Sergeant. “Buddy” is approximately 26 years old and has enjoyed a distinguished career with the OCPD. To ensure “Buddy’s” safe and tranquil transition to retirement, an OCPD officer and his family have agreed to stable “Buddy” at their farm for his remaining days. “Buddy” will continue to be cared for by his police family, enjoying lush green pastures in a safe and peaceful setting.

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