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OCPD RETIRED HORSE PASSES AWAY

The Ocean City Police Department is mourning the loss of a recently retired member of the OCPD Mounted Unit. Mounted Patrol Horse "Buddy" retired last month after nearly 16 years of dedicated service to the Town of Ocean City and was put to rest on Monday, October 6, 2008 after sustaining an injury to his right rear leg that was inoperable.

"Buddy" was a faithful and loyal partner to several OCPD mounted patrol officers. He was 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 2nd 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 27 years old and has enjoyed a distinguished career with the OCPD.

"Buddy" spent his retirement, and remaining days, in a safe and tranquil environment where he was cared for by his police family, and where enjoyed lush green pastures in a safe and peaceful setting. He will be greatly missed, not only by the members of the Ocean City Police Department, but also by the citizens that knew him well. His friendly demeanor and his hard work will be forever remembered.

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