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### OCPD GRIEVING AFTER LOSS OF RECENTLY RETIRED K-9

The Ocean City Police Department is mourning the loss of a recently retired member of the Patrol/Narcotics Division, K-9 Semper. Semper, who retired from the OCPD in late September after nearly seven years of dedicated service, died on December 17, 2008, succumbing quickly to kidney failure.

Semper came to the Ocean City Police Department in February 2002 from the Czech Republic, at which time he became a loyal and courageous partner to PFC Michael Richardson. Semper spent over one thousand devoted hours in training and assisted in the detection of drugs in over 250 incidents. Perhaps one of his most significant discoveries involved the confiscation of a more than a kilogram and a half of cocaine.



"Semper was by far one of the best drug dogs we have ever had in this department," commented PFC Richardson. "I am not saying that because he was my partner. He just loved to find drugs."

Semper also assisted the United States Custom's in the Port of Baltimore, by searching large cargo-ships for contraband and illegal substances. In addition to his Patrol/Narcotic duties, Semper also assisted in several high risk warrant arrests and was actively involved in supporting other law enforcement agencies on Eastern Shore during drug seizures. He often assisted in crowd control situations and has had a significant number of physical apprehensions involving violent suspects.

When Semper was not working on the road, he often participated in demonstrations for local schools, summer camps and the Ocean City community. He enjoyed being involved in the Town of Ocean City's Bonfire's on the Beach and July 4<sup>th</sup> Jamboree.

Semper's love for his job and his commitment to his community will be remembered by many. His hard work and his loyalty to his colleagues and citizens will be cherished forever.

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