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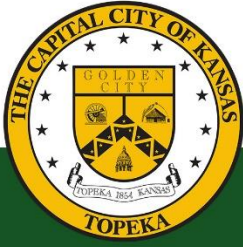
Thursday, December 13, 2018

Topek Fire Department Welcomes new Accelerant Detection Canine

TOPEKA, KS – The Topeka Fire Department is pleased to announce the addition of our new Alcohol Tobacco and Fire Arms (ATF) Accelerant Detection Canine Benny. Benny will take the place of Webster, who died in March of this year. The Topeka Fire Department would like to invite our media partners to come meet Benny and see a demonstration of his skills in detecting the presence of ignitable liquids.

Benny is a 2 year old male Yellow Labrador Retriever who completed his training at the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Canine Training Center at Front Royal, Virginia. His Handler, Fire Investigator James Vollintine, completed an intensive 6 week training program on December 7, 2018, where he was introduced to Benny and they received their ATF Accelerant Detection Canine certification.

Benny will respond throughout the City of Topeka, Kansas and assists investigators in detecting the presence of ignitable liquids at fire scenes. When requested, Benny will respond throughout northeast Kansas and the Midwest region to assist other agencies. Benny will also assist with public relations and educational programming.



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Please join us in welcoming Benny on Friday December 14, 2018 at 2pm in the basement of the Topeka Fire Department Administrative Office located at 324 SE Jefferson St. There will be a demonstration with Benny showcasing his skills.

