



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD'S FIRST THERAPY DOG, K9 JILL, RETIRES

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is announcing the retirement of one of our K9s. K9 Jill is an eight-year-old Labrador adopted through the Brevard County Paws and Stripes Law Enforcement Child Comfort Dog Program.

She began her career with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department in 2018 and was assigned to Officer Diaz. Together, K9 Jill and Officer Diaz served on the Community Engagement Team, loyally serving the neighbors and visitors of Fort Lauderdale by visiting schools, nursing homes, hospitals, daycare facilities and city events.

Throughout her career, K9 Jill has had nearly 1,000 interactions with the community, helping cultivate stronger relationships with Fort Lauderdale's diverse population of residents and visitors. One of K9 Jill's most important roles within FLPD was to support and comfort children that have either been victimized or are facing depositions and ongoing trials. K9 Jill and her partner Officer Diaz also worked closely with school resource officers where children with behavioral challenges were given an opportunity to spend time with K9 Jill in an effort to minimize issues and problems during school.

K9 Jill will now be enjoying retirement at home with her partner, Officer Diaz. Please join us in thanking K9 Jill for her service and wishing her lots of treats and naps in her much-deserved retirement!



(Photo of K9 Jill)

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