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CLEARWATER POLICE K-9 TEAM GRADUATES

WHO: Clearwater Police Department: K-9 Team: K-9 Officer Michael Spitaleri and "Major"
Multiple K-9 Teams from St. Petersburg & Largo Police Departments

WHAT: Police Canine Graduation, hosted by the St. Petersburg Police Department

WHEN: March 5, 2009
7:00 p.m.

WHERE: Largo High School (football field)
1410 Missouri Avenue North
Largo, Fla.

WHY: The Clearwater Police Department announces and welcomes the department's newest canine team: K-9 Officer Michael Spitaleri and his partner "Major." The team completed sixteen weeks of training, including dog obedience, tracking suspects, building and open area searches. "Police canine teams can be critical in locating and apprehending criminals, evidence detection and searches," said Clearwater Police Chief Sid Klein.

K-9 Officer Spitaleri and Major will graduate K-9 school during a special ceremony at Largo High School on March 5, 2009. Chief Sid Klein will present K-9 Officer Spitaleri with a certificate of completion. A total of nine canine teams from Clearwater, Largo and St. Petersburg will be graduating. The ceremony is open to the public.

K-9 Officer Spitaleri and Major are one of Clearwater's five canine teams. Officer Spitaleri has been with the Clearwater Police Department since 2006. Major is a 16-month-old German Shepard from Holland. K-9 Officer Spitaleri and Clearwater Police Canine Supervisor Sergeant Jim Hall will be available for interviews at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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