

Colorado Springs Police Department InterOffice Memo

To: Whom it may concern

From: Lt. Mike Sand, Patrol Support Section

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Patrick O'Connor

Date: August 18, 2003

I have been involved in canine training and Law Enforcement Police Dogs for 29 years. In that time I have met and worked with many civilian and Law Enforcement trainers. Patrick O'Connor I am proud to say is among the best. Pat worked for and with the Colorado Springs Police Department Canine Unit from 1986 to 1995. Pat was instrumental in getting the unit off the ground and contributed greatly to our reputation as one of the finest units in the west.

Patrick is dependable and knowledgeable in canine training and all aspects of working a police dog. From picking a puppy to correcting a handler problem, Pat has a unique ability to look critically at the dog and handler and communicate needed corrections clearly and still not offend the handler. That is truly an art.

I have known Pat as a friend and dog training professional for the last twenty years. I would recommend Patrick O'Connor for any position of responsibility.

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