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Police K9 Gunner Retires from Dayton International Airport

Explosive detection K9 joined DAY in January 2016

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Dayton, OH – After serving for six years, TSA Explosive Detection Canine, Gunner, celebrated his retirement this month. During his time at the Dayton International Airport, Gunner, a Labrador Retriever, has protected Dayton’s passengers, staff, pilots, and crew by sniffing out potential hazards in luggage, cargo, and more until a medical condition made it necessary for him to retire.

“We look forward to sending Gunner off to a relaxing retirement and thank him for his service,” says Director of Aviation, Gil Turner. “We’ll miss seeing him hard at work around the airport, but we’re happy he’ll be spending his golden years in retirement with this handler and now owner, Sergeant Ted Priest.”

Dayton International Airport first began its Explosives Detection Canine Unit in June 2006. “The purpose of the TSA Explosive Detection Canine Unit here at DAY as well as other airports is to provide a proactive additional layer of security, which provides protection for the passengers, employees, and the community,” explains Gunner’s handler, Sergeant Ted Priest.

A new K9 Team of a handler and K9 will join the unit in the future. In the meantime, Gunner will spend his days playing fetch, snuggling up to his favorite humans, and napping.



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About the Dayton International Airport

Located near the “Crossroads of the America” – Interstates 70 and 75, the Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience making DAY an easy to and through experience. For more information about the Dayton International Airport, visit www.flydayton.com or call the Marketing Manager, at 937.454.8200.