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## **Two K-9 Units Join Beachwood Police Department**

*Belgian Malinois Swearing-In Ceremony: Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM,  
Beachwood City Hall Council Chambers, 25325 Fairmount Blvd.*

**BEACHWOOD, Ohio –May 2, 2019–** The two newest Beachwood Police Department (BPD) officers already have earned a reputation of being “confident, smart, hardworking... strong and well-muscled... with bright, questioning eyes the color of dark Belgian chocolate...”

...And that’s just the description from the Belgian Malinois breed American Kennel Club webpage.

The City of Beachwood will swear in its two new K-9 units at a City Council meeting this Monday, May 6, at 7:15 PM at Beachwood City Hall Council Chambers, 25325 Fairmount Blvd.

“Two of our officers have spent weeks at Shallow Creek Kennels in order to train with our new K-9 units,” said Chief Gary Haba. “The result is that they are not only ready to assist with narcotics and explosives detection, but also with community outreach and demonstrations.”

“Our BPD officers are among the best-trained in the State of Ohio,” said Mayor Martin S. Horwitz. “With the addition of these new K-9 units, they have another tool to help keep Beachwood and its residents, employees, and visitors safe.”

Both of the Belgian Malinois joining BPD were purchased from and trained at Shallow Creek Kennels. “We purchase and train dogs that are courageous, confident and have clarity: meaning they’re mission-focused. They can do public demonstrations as well as they can apprehend a suspect,” said John Brannon, president, in a video about the organization.

The Belgian Malinois dog breed is well-known for being “a world-class worker who forges an unbreakable bond with his human partner,” according to the American Kennel Club at AKC.org.

### **About the City of Beachwood, OH**

Founded as a village in 1915, the City of Beachwood was incorporated in 1960. Conveniently located along Highway I-271, Beachwood is home to nearly 12,000 residents and more than 2,500 companies. It was named “#1 Place to Live in Cuyahoga County” by *Cleveland Magazine* in 2017. Beachwood is well-known for its excellent city services, recreation facilities, highly rated schools, and low property taxes. Its diversity of residents is more than four times the Ohio state average. For more information about living and working in Beachwood, visit [www.BeachwoodOhio.com](http://www.BeachwoodOhio.com).

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