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Maine Water installs monument to OOB's Gunther the K9

(Old Orchard Beach, Maine) In late May the Maine Water Company teamed up with the Town of Orchard Beach and its police department to honor Gunther, a loyal K9 "officer" who died last fall after experiencing a sudden medical issue.

When the department announced Gunther's sudden death on Facebook in October of 2017, almost 300 people shared the post and 1,000 people reacted to it. On May 27, in the dog park at Memorial Park on Heath Street, Maine Water donated a "monument" in the form of a blue fiberglass fire hydrant to help memorialize the popular German shepherd, who served the police department with distinction for many years. In fact, Gunther helped out many other southern Maine law enforcement agencies as well, in many drug identification cases, searches for missing suspects and searches.

The special hydrant is an amenity for a special doghouse in the park, built by the town's public works department, that is modeled on the Old Orchard Beach police station. The gift was accepted by Officer Christopher St. Pierre, Gunther's handler during his law enforcement career.

About Maine Water:

The Maine Water Company is a public water utility that currently owns 12 public water systems engaged in the collection, treatment, and distribution of drinking water for homes, businesses and fire protection service. The Maine Water Company serves more than 32,000 customers, or approximately 85,000 people, in 21 communities across Maine. The Biddeford Saco Division serves 16,500 customers, or approximately 48,000 people in Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Scarborough.

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