



**Senator Jim Hughes**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**Hughes Donates Funds to Hilliard Police Unit**

*Funding allows for acquisition of much-needed safety gear*



*Senator Hughes spent much of Thursday afternoon with members of the Hilliard Police Department.*

COLUMBUS – State Senator Jim Hughes (R – Columbus) visited with Hilliard police officers yesterday to catch a glimpse of the department’s newly-purchased K-9 vest. The purchase was made possible through a donation on the behalf of Senator Hughes.

A vital component of its law enforcement efforts, the K-9 unit had been in need of a proper safety device. Without the proper equipment, police dogs are at a greater risk of injury or death while in the field. While these canines are often put in harms way, it is imperative that their keen senses be utilized. These K-9 units are used for purposes of chasing and obtaining suspects, search and rescue operations, and detection of illicit drugs and explosives.

Through his years of service as an Assistant Columbus City Prosecutor and as an Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor, Senator Hughes has developed longstanding relationships within the law enforcement community.

“Hilliard’s canine unit plays an important role in preserving the public’s safety and I am happy to help in providing them with an essential resource like this,” said Hughes. “I am confident that the newly-acquired vest will aid in the protection of the department’s canines and help with their future investigations.”

Douglas Francis serves as Chief of the Hilliard Police Department.

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*Senator Jim Hughes represents the 16<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District, which includes a portion of Franklin County. Senator Hughes currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions.*