

# NORTH WILDWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Statement Concerning Veteran and Service Dog on Boardwalk

On Thursday, Aug. 8 at 9:30 p.m. Jared Goering and his dog were stopped by a police officer on the North Wildwood Boardwalk. Goering was issued a local ordinance summons for having a dog on the Boardwalk.

Goering told the officer that he is a disabled veteran and the dog is a service dog. The officer told Goering to remove the dog from the Boardwalk.

Goering subsequently contacted the shift sergeant. Within 15 minutes the shift sergeant appropriately retrieved the summons from Goering and filed for its dismissal. An internal affairs investigation into the entire incident was immediately initiated and is ongoing.

Police Chief Matthew Gallagher and Lt. Kevin Tolan were in contact with America's VetDogs®, an organization that provides specially trained dogs to assist veterans who need them. Consumer Relations Coordinator Jenine Stanley and Consumer Services Manager Karen Greis provided training material which was distributed to all members of the Police Department.

The Police Department has taken all appropriate measures to ensure that this type of incident will not happen again.

The North Wildwood Police Department has always respected and appreciated the men and women who serve our great nation. It should be noted that some military veterans, as well as parents of active military, are currently serving on the North Wildwood Police Department including Lt. Kevin Tolan who is a veteran of the USMC.

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