

**PORT OF SEATTLE**  
**MEMORANDUM**

**COMMISSION AGENDA**

<b>Item No.</b>	<u>4b</u>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<u>February 1, 2011</u>

**DATE:** January 24, 2011

**TO:** Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer

**FROM:** Chief Colleen Wilson

**SUBJECT:** Special Order of Business –Retirement of Canine Officer “Sammy”

Effective January 10, 2011, the Port of Seattle Police Department retired Ofc. Brent Wilson’s canine partner “Sammy.”

Sammy was born in October 1999 and was purchased by the German government for use in their military operations. For various reasons, Sammy did not work out and was sold at the age of one year to the Transportation Security Administration and began his training as an explosives detection canine.

In 2002, Ofc. Brent Wilson was sent to Lackland Air Force Base to be partnered with Sammy and they spent ten weeks training together before coming back to Seattle.

Sammy has had an outstanding and full career with the POSPD, even after having two knee surgeries during his tenure. He has passed every one of his TSA evaluations, which is a rare occurrence for a canine officer, but Ofc. Wilson stated “..he is an outstanding dog.” He has responded to, and cleared, numerous calls at many local schools and businesses. He has also been involved in many dignitary details including visits by President G. W. Bush, former First Lady Hillary Clinton, and Governor Gary Locke and numerous senators and representatives.

Ownership of Sammy has been officially transferred to Ofc. Wilson with whom he will spend his “golden years.”