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### **Exceptional Equestrians Partners with Green Bay Mounted Patrol Unit**

**DE PERE, Wis., March 6, 2017** — Exceptional Equestrians is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the Green Bay Police Department to become the official home of the Green Bay Mounted Patrol Unit. Exceptional Equestrians will board the MPU horses and help provide training and horsemanship support.

“We value collaboration,” said Exceptional Equestrians executive director Lisa Kafka. “This is an excellent opportunity to coordinate resources and to broaden our reach in the community.”

“The primary mission of the mounted patrol unit is to build positive relationships between Green Bay police officers and community members in a way that allows the public to approach officers, engages them in conversations, and builds trust,” commented Chief Andrew Smith. Smith said he could not think of a better relationship to accomplish this than by partnering with Exceptional Equestrians.

The two MPU horses, Casey and Lil’ Joe, will be available to Exceptional Equestrians to also serve as therapy horses in their programs.

**About Exceptional Equestrians:** Located in West De Pere, Exceptional Equestrians provides hippotherapy, therapeutic riding, and equine-assisted learning programs to children, teens, and adults from throughout Northeastern Wisconsin. The non-profit organization is one of the most comprehensive programs in the Midwest with year-round riding, licensed therapists, and certified riding instructors. Founded in 1999, Exceptional Equestrians helps people age 2 and up with a wide spectrum of conditions such as cerebral palsy, paralysis, Down syndrome, brain injury, autism, sensory dysfunction, and neuromuscular disorders, serving 200 families annually. For more information about Exceptional Equestrians, visit [exceptionalequestrians.org](http://exceptionalequestrians.org) or call (920) 347-3174.

**About Green Bay Mounted Patrol Unit:** The Green Bay Mounted Patrol Unit was formed in August of 2016 and currently has 10 officers who can be found out in the community riding their horses in neighborhoods and at public events and functions. Follow them on Facebook when they start their 2017 season this May.

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