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## **Police K9 Gunner retires from Dayton International Airport**

-Explosive detection K9 joined DAY in January 2016-

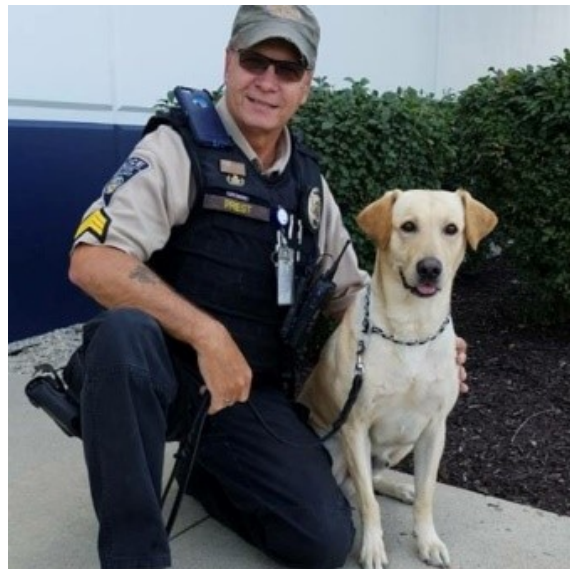
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After serving six years, Gunner, a Labrador retriever working as a TSA explosive detection canine, celebrated his retirement this month.

During his time at Dayton International Airport, Gunner protected Dayton's passengers, staff, pilots, and crews by sniffing out potential hazards in luggage, cargo, and more, until a medical condition made retirement necessary.

"We look forward to sending Gunner off to a relaxing retirement and thank him for his service," says Director of Aviation Gil Turner. "We'll miss seeing him hard at work around the airport, but we're happy he'll be spending his golden years in retirement with his handler and now-owner, Sgt. Ted Priest."



Dayton International Airport began its Explosives Detection Canine Unit in June of 2006.

"The purpose of the TSA Explosive Detection Canine Unit here at DAY as well as other airports is to provide a proactive additional layer of security for the passengers, employees, and community," explains Sgt. Priest.

A new K9 team consisting of a handler and K9 will join the unit in the future. In the meantime, Gunner will spend his days playing fetch, snuggling up to his favorite humans, and napping.

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### About Dayton International Airport

Located near the "Crossroads of the America" – Interstates 70 and 75 – Dayton International Airport (DAY) provides air service to travelers to and from Southwest Ohio. The DAY mission is to contribute to the prosperity of Southwest Ohio by connecting it to the rest of the world through our aviation system. Airport staff provide an enjoyable travel experience making DAY an easy to and through experience. For more information about the Dayton International Airport, visit [flydayton.com](http://flydayton.com) or call the Marketing Manager at 937.454.8200.

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