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October 27, 2026

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

**UNUSUAL TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SHERIFF DEPUTY BRANDON STEFFINS TO
ATTEND THE BASIC HANDLER SCHOOL IN JURUPA VALLEY, CA
(Fiscal Impact: \$32,607; Budgeted; Discretionary)**

Sheriff Deputy Brandon Steffins is scheduled to attend the Basic Handler School from November 8, 2026, through December 18, 2026. This training provides 240 hours of intensive training for law enforcement in the handling, deployment, and care of a police service dog. This course is not held locally.

Sheriff Deputy Brandon Steffins's attendance at this course requires his absence for more than seven working days and will exceed \$4,500 in expenses. The breakdown of the cost for him to attend this course is as follows: registration \$21,000, meals \$3,526 and lodging \$8,081. The estimated total for the training is \$32,607.

The County Administrative Procedure Manual states that training which requires an employee to be absent for more than seven working days or exceeds \$4,500 in expenses must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Unusual Travel Request for Sheriff Deputy Brandon Steffins to attend the Basic Handler School, from November 8, 2026, through December 18, 2026, at a cost that does not exceed \$32,607.

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD, Sheriff-Coroner

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DK", written over a horizontal line.

By: DAVID KESSLER, Chief Deputy
Patrol Bureau

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