



Team K9 Kitt at the 2025 Falmouth Road Race

Together, let's turn every step into a step toward safety and support for our K9 heroes.

Help support fellow union member
Ben Longobardi's daughters running the 2025 Falmouth
Road Race on behalf of the K9 Kitt team

Meet runners: Izzy and Sam Longobardi





Izzy Longobardi Age 15 Freshman at BHS Daughter of Union Member Ben Longobardi





Sammie Longobardi Age 19 Freshman at BU University Daughter of Union Member Ben Longobardi

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The K9 Kitt Foundation equips and supports K9 teams across the nation. Our mission is to honor the legacy of Kitt by ensuring the safety and effectiveness of K9 teams, Guardian of the Guardians.



The K9 Kitt Foundation is a dedicated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing relief to injured K9 teams across the country, supporting law enforcement by providing essential resources, training, and equipment to K9 units. Our mission is to honor the legacy of Kitt by ensuring the safety and effectiveness of K9 teams, Guardian of the Guardians.

Honoring Kitt's sacrifice

The K9 Kitt Foundation serves as a facilitator, connecting members of the public interested in providing support to K9 Teams around the country who work tirelessly to serve communities and their front-line policing partners who demonstrate a need for assistance.

Our story

On June 4th, 2021, **Braintree Police Officer William "Bill" Cushing and his partner K9 Kitt,** in their 10th year together, entered a wood line in Braintree MA searching for an armed suspect with 2 backup officers. After countless successful tracks and searches leading to the discovery and apprehension of suspects, this track would be Bill and Kitt's last together. Upon the location of the suspect, K9 Kitt advanced into a hail of gunfire from the man.

Of the 9 bullets fired at the officers, K9 Kitt was struck by 3 bullets, Officer Cushing was struck by 5 bullets, and backup Officer Donoghue was struck with 1 round. K9 Kitt absorbed the first 3 rounds fired as he advanced on the gunman, creating time and distraction which allowed Officer Cushing, Officer Donoghue, and Officer Seibert to return fire and fatally eliminate the ongoing threat. K9 Kitt lost his life during the encounter while "guarding the guardians" of society.

Officer Cushing lost his partner and closest friend in that Braintree wood line but was able to recover from his wounds and advance forward, as K9 Kitt did that June day. In the wake of K9 Kitt's loss and as a memorial to his service, Officer William Cushing organized a Board of Directors and established the K9 Kitt Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 in June of 2022. The K9 Kitt Foundation will serve as a facilitator, connecting members of the public interested in providing support to K9 Teams around the country who work tirelessly to serve communities and their front-line policing partners who demonstrate a need for assistance.

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