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Love at First Bite...? Chihuahua Found by Officer
Adopted (by Officer)

SUMMARY: February 27, police responded to the area of Beltline and River Avenue and found a Chihuahua dog, which was failing to follow the rules of traffic and repeatedly disregarded commands from officers and other motorists to stop. The Chihuahua continued to elude police and Animal Service officers, but was eventually found inside the fence of an area business on River Avenue, and transported to First Avenue Shelter, for failing to provide an owner. The dog was eventually adopted by Lt. Carolyn Mason.

During the initial contact with the Chihuahua, (now known as Warren), Lt. Mason was bitten, and had to undergo treatment, which included antibiotics and a tetanus-shot booster. Warren was quarantined for 10 days at the shelter, and although Warren bit Lt. Mason, who also refers to herself as more of a “cat person,” she continued to visit him periodically, and to check-in to see if anyone had claimed him. At the end of the 10 days, Warren passed a complete evaluation from the shelter, and also received approval from Lt. Mason’s two other dogs. Lt. Mason and her partner completed an application for Warren, including licensing fees, and brought Warren to his new home.

When asked why she decided to adopt Warren, Lt. Mason explains, “Every dog needs a good home. He was adorable, small and it seemed to be that I was put there to “save” him and give him a good home.”

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News Release from February 27, 2015

Lost Dog Apprehended by Police

Officers clearing from a call this morning near Beltline and River Avenue noticed a black and white Chihuahua dog in the yard at Delta Sand and Gravel. They initially thought the dog belonged there and departed to handle other calls. A short time later a lieutenant noticed a woman parked in a
prohibited area near River Avenue and then saw the dog running onto Beltline travelling eastbound. The lieutenant activated her emergency lights to slow traffic as the dog ran away. About midway over the river, the dog turned west and fled towards the stopped traffic. Numerous motorists exited their vehicles and tried to catch the scared dog, to no avail. Traffic resumed normal flow and the lieutenant went to contact the woman believed to be the owner.

The lieutenant was unable to locate the woman but did see the Chihuahua inside the fence of an area business on River Avenue. With the help of an Animal Welfare officer and a sergeant, the three were able to coax the tired, scared dog from between a fence and the storage units into the safety of the lieutenant’s hands.

The dog was transported to First Avenue Shelter.

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