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Gil Valdez presents Cochise County Sheriff K-9 Deputy Marsha Callahan-English's four-legged partner Nobe, a Belgian Malinois, with a protective vest at the Cochise County Sheriff's Department in Bisbee on Monday. Valdez represented his son, Michael Valdez, who started the Protect Police K-9 non-profit organization in third grade. Michael's goal is to provide stab- and bullet-proof vests to all of Southern Arizona's police dogs.



Nobe, a certified narcotics detection and patrol dog, shows off his new stab- and bullet-proof vest. Nobe, along with fellow Belgian Malinois Henry and Marco, have increased the size of the sheriff's office canine unit to four dogs since coming aboard in October. They join the sheriff's office's veteran canine Vinny in being stationed around the county, enabling the sheriff's office to respond more quickly to situations without having to rely on the canine units of local law enforcement partners like the Arizona Department of Corrections or Fort Huachuca.