
Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Scott LaRue - 2008/02/08 09:36

Being a Reserve for the past 5 years, and a newly appointed squad leader I would like some honest input from the full time road deputies.

A - Do you believe the Reserves that ride are an assets?

B - Are the full time deputies that like having riders previous Reserves themselves?

C - Should there be a better training program for the Reserves for riding in a patrol car? (Like the FTO program for new hires)

I have a interest in make the Reserve program as good as it can be by addressing issues before they become issues.
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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Jeff Jones - 2008/02/08 09:46

Scott LaRue wrote:

A - Do you believe the Reserves that ride are an assets?

Absolutely, It is definitely nice to have an extra set of eyes and hands out there.

B - Are the full time deputies that like having riders previous Reserves themselves?

No, I never was.

C - Should there be a better training program for the Reserves for riding in a patrol car? (Like the FTO program for new hires)

Absolutely, there really should be something more formalized. HPD has a great training program that we could model ours after.

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Scott LaRue - 2008/02/08 10:00

I have to ask Jones, I have been trying to schedule some new hires with ride a longs and I was suprised at how many Full Timers don't return my calls, which I can only assume they aren't interested in having someone in their car with them.

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Micah Painter - 2008/02/08 18:27

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Tim Wierenga - 2008/02/08 20:46

Micah Painter wrote:

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Good times Micah, good times...B)

Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Joe Walker - 2008/02/09 09:40

Micah Painter wrote:

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Ahhhh..."home-sweet-home". :)

Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Jordan Cadahia - 2008/02/09 15:46

Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Scott LaRue - 2008/02/10 14:04

Jordan Cadahia wrote:

From a reserve perspective i would love to see more training. I think the more on the road training. I think the more we know about the job the easier it is for us to assist. I came into the reserves as well ahead of the rest of the reserves. I was an intern for OCSD and am in my senior year of school for CJ so i understand somewhat how to approach a vehicle as well as what can and cannot be done, but most individuals are just normal citizens. I think the reserves should go through a shortened FTO program and should be able at the completion of the FTO program be able to handle a traffic stop from the driver side as well as filling out traffic accident reports and blue sheets so we know what is going on. The public isn't aware that you are simply a reserve and when they ask you a question, it isn't really professional and looks bad on the department when you say, "i don't know, you will have to ask that officer."

Thats my 2 cents for what it is worth.

I agree Jordan. You get hands on training on the Marine division, but that really is only for a couple months a year. Otherwise those not on the Marine Division really have no experience with blue sheets or ticket writing. I enjoy my time on the road and have always followed some advice that was given to me by my FTO, "Your in the full timers office when your in the car, be respectful and do what they tell you, and nothign they don't"

Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by jeff grysen - 2008/02/10 23:17

I'm not sure why people are having a hard time getting full-time dep's to return their calls reference jumping in for a night. A lot of the full-time guys that I ride with ask me to jump in. More guys should try jumping in with one of the Sgt's for a night. You'll get to see the whole county(unless they're covering c-ville) and you'll get to see a lot of the admin stuff that nobody understands why they make the decisions that they do. Regarding the FTO program for reserves I think that if you show an active interest to better yourself as a reserve when you ride the dep that you're riding with will be more than willing to teach you a thing or two. I've heard that the new reserves are being paired with FTO's, but it is all what the reserve makes of that time and not just the fact that they are with an FTO. If you just "ride" then truly that is all your doing.

Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Tonya Kimber - 2008/02/11 19:37

Being a past reserve (from HPD)...here is my experience....

We did have a FTO program - I can't remember how long it was, I think 6 months. We had a FTO book we followed along with and the FTO Officer filled it out just as if you were a full timer. You rode and did all your training with that one FTO Ofc. It was a great experience, and it led me to the decision to quit my job and go to the academy. I always had a positive experience with ride alongs in Holland, and they did value reserves. I think because they beefed up their training with reserves, it changed alot of full timers perception of us. I think I still have my FTO book from being a reserve at Holland if anyone wants to look at it.

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Ryan Huizenga - 2008/02/12 09:43

some of us have seen your ocsd fto book.....we can only imagine what the hpd book looks like.....hehehehehe...

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Kathleen Kolean - 2008/02/12 12:30

What about my FTO book Ryan....nothing out of the ordinary right. hahahahaha

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Ryan Huizenga - 2008/02/14 13:24

hehee, no, all normal....ALLLLL CLEAR, NOTHING TO SEE HERE, MOVE ALONG, NOTHING TO SEE HERE.....wow....

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by wade vanbragt - 2008/04/01 12:24

Leave it to Ryan to take even this conversation into the gutter. Elvis, I'm ashamed of you.

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Ryan Huizenga - 2008/04/02 11:25

oh no, its not what u think....ill have to get out the copies i made of some of the "lowlights" of kathys fto stint....some things she did/attempted were hard to figure....hehehe...right kathy...im sure you remember the time when you.....

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Tim Wierenga - 2008/04/02 11:30

:blush: :blush:

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Re:Reserve Ride A Longs

Posted by Kathleen Kolean - 2008/04/02 22:32

