

Trustee Report

Date: 2/27/2006
To: Board Members, Village of Howard
From: Kelly Crouch
RE: Howard Police ride-a-long

On Friday February 10th starting at 10pm I rode with Officer Charlie Tassoul on his regular patrol of the Village. Officer Tassoul's shift is 10pm to 6am.

During the shift we covered the Village from east to west and north to south, patrolling the mini-warehouses behind the Express station near Velp and Military. We also made sweeps through business from Deerfield Rd. to Mill Center. We patrolled the apartment complexes in Howard more than once during the night.

During the ride Officer Tassoul made four incident reports of interest.

At 10:37pm Officer Tassoul stopped a suspicious vehicle that had just left the dead end on Hurlbut St. It turned out that the car had two young occupants with no wants or warrants and they were sent on their way. Office Tassoul explained that this area has been used for drug activity in the past.

At 11:32pm we responded to a call for County Rescue to an address on Lenwood Ave., as we were near Badger Trailer at the time of the call it took some time to get to the location. When we arrived County Rescue had already responded, so while Officer Tassoul was writing the report in his logbook, I noticed that a car had its lights off and was spinning doughnuts in Bill's Restaurant parking lot. I mentioned this to Office Tassoul who promptly made a traffic stop of the vehicle. The time of the stop was 11:47pm; the car had three young occupants, the driver was from Denmark, a male passenger from Seymour and a female passenger with a Bayport high school I.D. The driver was given a municipal citation for disorderly conduct with a vehicle. This is a \$180.00 ticket. The second Howard squad also responded to this call.

At 1:09am we observed three male youths walking east on Vincent Rd. Two of the three were under 16 and could have been given a citation for violation of the Howard curfew. The second Howard squad responded and two youths were given a ride home by the second squad. One youth had his father called to pick him up. By the looks of his Dad he probably would have preferred the ticket.

At 2:34am just after making a sweep through the "blue apartments" on Memorial Drive we observed a car eastbound on Lenwood Ave. traveling at a high speed and swerving. Officer Tassoul flipped on the lights and made a stop at Roland Lane and Lenwood Ave. The vehicle contained five young men. The second Howard squad arrived and the Officers started to proceed with the stop. The driver and only the driver was allowed out the car first. The driver volunteered that he was drunk and we should take him to jail. A second person was allowed out after he said he was going to vomit. (He did) Also responding to

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this call were Brown County Deputy's Gulczynski, Slinger, Bilgo and Sgt. Jossart This is a very nice side benefit of having a contract with the County. The Officers are protected and so are the suspects. After finding two cases of Bud and a half bottle of whiskey in the car, two of the young men were taken to a gas station to call a cab. Three, including the driver, had outstanding warrants and were taken to jail. We made a side trip with the driver to St. Mary's to draw blood then he was taken to jail.

Officer Tassoul informed me that he would be doing paperwork the rest of the shift unless he received a call (unlikely between 4:30am and 6am.) So I went home at 4:30am.

Opportunity for the Village to help our Officers: After every incident, Officer Tassoul had to ask the dispatch center to print and then fax to Howard any supporting documents for the stop. County Officer's can hit "print" on the squad's laptop and it will print at the Sheriff's station. Then the Officer can do his or her paperwork when they return to the station. We may be able to buy a license from the State so that when a Howard squad hits "print" it will print in Howard, thus eliminating duplication. Officer Shepardson is starting the process to determine costs and feasibility.

I would like to commend Officer Tassoul and all of the Officers I observed on their level of professionalism and their dedication to protect and serve the Village of Howard.

I would also like to Thank Officer Guy Shepardson for arranging my ride-a-long and Sheriff Kocken for encouraging civilian participation.

End of Report.