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Sheriff's officers to take home marked patrol vehicles

Starting this week, Wayne County Sheriff's deputies are taking a part of work home with them – marked patrol vehicles.

The new pilot program is designed to increase police presence throughout the county at a time when most police agencies are struggling to keep officers on the street due to limited financial resources.

To take home a marked police car, deputies must reside in Wayne County and park the car in their driveway or garage. Personal use of the car is prohibited.

Deputies will be in full uniform and on duty during their drive to and from work. They will be required to enforce the law during their travel time but will not receive overtime compensation.

Participation in the pilot program is voluntary. About 20 officers are expected to participate, including those assigned to road and park patrols. The program will be monitored closely to ensure it achieves intended goals.

“Officers can start work as soon as they leave home,” Wayne County Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon said. This program “could add on average an extra hour or more of extended patrol time.

“It also increases police visibility for the public where the officers live. Higher visibility helps to deter crime,” Napoleon added.

Unions representing Sheriff's deputies –AFSCME Local 3317 and the Police Officers Association of Michigan – approved the program last week.

Sheriff Napoleon thanked the officers who have volunteered and both unions for their support.

The program is believed to be among the first for a Sheriff's agency in Michigan.

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