

8- 27-11 Saturday

I did a ten hour ride along tonight. **I promise I'll NEVER complain about response time again.** There were eight officers working the entire center precinct evening watch, These officers ran from call to call from the time they walked out of the precinct till they walked back in. One of the officers even had to leave to go on a pending call from previous shift before roll call got started. I went thru roll call which was very interesting. Sgt told officers not to worry about traffic violations, but instead concentrate on 911 calls. Our first call was to auto accident in Target parking lot at Druid Hills and Briarcliff. Then off to a drunk beating on his ex girlfriend. I got to see a taser used on that drunk when he got an attitude. As a result of this incident I got to see the jail intake again and what it takes to obtain an arrest warrant. I got to see what it takes to fill out paperwork after each incident. I witnessed the abuse they take from drunken arrestees all the way to the jail house. Next call was a lady who used 911 to report a cell phone which SHE lost. There IS a NON-emergency number that she could have used to report this thus leaving the officer available for REAL EMERGENCIES! Also while we were out a call came over the radio: someone used 911 to try to get an officer to meet and witness a personal auto sale. I said WHAAAAT?

Besides having to work under these conditions, these guys are having their holiday pay taken away from them again.

I also noticed the teamwork- how they back each other up on calls such when two roommates telling lies on each other called 911. I commend each and every one of our DeKalb's finest! Thank you ladies and Gentlemen. You are appreciated!!!

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