

WHAT ARE THEY THINKING?

June 23, 2005 Residents Voice became a reality and our purpose was twofold. One was to change the GRF By-Laws to stop GRF from spending any monetary amount over two million dollars without a vote of the resident/owners. The second reason was to allow the residents that worked in Security to become full time employees. PCM had imposed a rule (this was not a state law) that no resident would be allowed full time employment.

I was a Security Patrol Officer for almost three years and I enjoyed the camaraderie with my fellow Patrol Officers. Security had a different obligation and mission in those years, we stood for something valuable and important. We were there to be of help and service to the residents of the community and we all took our job's seriously.

We had a "Status Order" that we followed. We had Watch Commanders, Sergeants, Patrol Officers and we worked closely with Dispatch and the Gate Guards who served as our information line. Our Watch Commanders and Sergeants (Brown Shirts) were all retired police officers (in various capacities) and they were qualified to carry a weapon while on duty. The Patrol Officers (Blue Shirts) were armed with a flashlight and a handheld two way radio. If assistance was required by a Patrol Officer a Sergeant was called and every Patrol Officer had a Sergeant they reported to. Everyone had parameters, definition and a common mindset and that was to serve the residents in any and every way possible.

We had a Patrol Officer on duty every day from 2:00 P.M until 10:30 P.M and many times much later if needed, this officers title was Unit 10. This was the Unit that was specifically designated for service calls such as replacing smoke alarms, un-clogging drains, toilets etc. adjusting a television set for a needy resident, replacing burned out carport and sidewalk lights. Unit 10 was a godsend to an elderly resident (and all of us) in need. We were there to serve the residents.

The Security of today is not recognizable, we no longer have a Unit 10, our Motor Patrol Officers are extremely restricted, our Gate Guards of the past are now labeled as "Gate Ambassadors," everyone's hours have been cut and it seems that our Sergeants are now allowed to take very long coffee breaks!

Two and a half weeks ago some friends and I were in Starbucks at 4:00 P.M. in the afternoon In line behind us were two LWV Sergeants, they ordered and sat at a table nearby. My friends and I left Starbucks 5:05 P.M. right behind the two LWV Sergeants. They were driving an LWV Security Truck I stopped them and asked if they were on a coffee break and they responded yes, I then said that's an awfully long coffee break don't you think? The Sergeant that was the passenger informed me that he had reported for

work at 4:00 A.M. that morning and he was having his coffee break. That was the end of our dialogue and they drove off.

There used to be a hard and fast rule about Security Vehicles, we were not allowed to drive them off campus to take a dinner break or a coffee break. We had a one half hour lunch or dinner break that was all We didn't take coffee breaks!

This past week while in Starbucks (again) we observed two LWV Sergeants having a coffee break the one Sergeant we recognized from before, however this coffee break only lasted 45 minutes. The Sergeant must have recognized us because as he was driving away he mockingly gave us a wave.

Security Policy certainly isn't what it used to be!!!!!!