

## 4 Question Test

1. What school draws young men, grades 7-12, from your area, 50 other suburbs & even the 517 telephone area code?
2. What school sends 100% of its graduating class to college, 25% to a Top 25 University, and 20% of its senior class are National Merit Students?
3. In 1993, what school won two National Championships in speaking contests and a State Championship in athletics?
4. What school should you consider for your son?



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signed to patrol the southeast part of the city, although he is often called to another area. On this night, Patterson drove to a subdivision north of 12 Mile where a pet rabbit has been stolen in his cage. He carefully walks up to the homeowner's door and takes a report.

"She was upset, mostly because of the three children," he says. "Her husband is out of town and she's concerned."

**Diplomacy is best**  
Although each situation is different, diplomacy and recounting the incident seem to bring the best results.

"I don't have a real short temper," he says. "I'll take some (verbal) abuse and try to talk to people."  
That proves especially helpful on his next call, near 10 Mile, where a domestic dispute is unfolding. Patterson and officer Chuck Resnan both respond.

"We never go alone on a domestic," Patterson says as if it is a commandment.

That's because these types of situations can be the most dangerous for officers. The one tactic not to be more or less under control by the time the officers arrive. Part of the reason Patterson, in that case, like most domestic disputes, there are no alcohol involved.

On the road again, Patterson notices a car with no lights on in the left lane of Grand River near Lakeside and pulls the driver over.

The elderly man, who suffers from a nerve disorder, says he is having history problems, which is why the light isn't working. The man's wife insists on staying with the car as Patterson gives the man a lift to the Dunkin' Donuts on Eight Mile where there is a pay phone.

Patterson approaches carefully, flashing his shoulder lights. He returns to his cruiser, outlines a plan, and a few moments later, the car's engine is running - not a good sign.

A few moments later, the car's driver, who is from West Bloomfield, confesses to the embarrassing act of leaving the keys in the car. He makes the call home to get another head.

**She's headed south**  
Patterson is dispatched to the parking lot of the Target store. He's already made a mental note of the homeless woman standing on the corner next to the mall.

A security guard pulls up beside Patterson's cruiser in the lot. "I just don't want anything bad to happen to her, you know?" the security guard says to Patterson through her open car window.

He talks to the homeless woman, who is warmly dressed and "headset south."  
"She doesn't want to go to a shelter," he says. This is a case where the best action is to do nothing.

Patterson thanks the security guard and tells her that since the woman is not a threat and wants to be left alone, he will honor her wishes. "If there's a problem, he asks the security guard to call him again."

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One such plane prompted Patterson to follow a man who turned out to be driving a stolen car and was wanted on other warrants. Patterson pulls out of the restaurant that specializes in a pastry of ten associated with members of his profession - a nerve in touch.

"I never get thoughts," he says with a certain amount of pride mixed with quiet pride of initiation at the implication he often made about officers sitting down to the field cops.

In fact the only time I was ever in Danakin' Dossie was because it was the only place open. I had a cake or something."

That attitude of pride reflects a belief by his boss, Chief Bill Dreyer, that patrol officers are the most visible and important arm of the police.

Patrol officers are the backbone of any police department," Dreyer says. "On a day-to-day basis, they are confronting the serious crime. Every officer in Farmington Hills starts off as a patrol officer."

**His dad was a cop**  
Although he would like to try detective or undercover work, Patterson is in no hurry to get off the road.

"I originally want to college (Schoolcraft) with the idea of becoming a lawyer," he says. "But my dad (Larry) was a sergeant (Wayne County Sheriff's Department) and I found myself going that direction."

All of a sudden, Patterson notices someone else going in his direction - and following too close behind him going east off M-102 onto Grand River. He pulls over the car, which has four young men inside.

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Ticket coming: Officer Al Patterson tickets a 16-year-old boy for following the police car too closely.

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False alarm: Officer Al Patterson checks the doors of a Farmington Hills business. No break-in is found.

protective of his girlfriend. "To know that she would be having to deal with some angry drunk, the above. No, I would not feel comfortable with that."

"Whenever any of our female officers have been involved, they've done their job as well as anyone," he says.

Patterson plans to finish college and stay with police work. It's a profession, he fears, that has taken some big hits lately.

"When people see something like the Rodney King incident, that hurts all of us," he says. "People don't realize if you're Farmington Hills police, you're just police."

As it turns out, Patterson's had a relatively quiet shift. He's maybe helped some people, and he hasn't been hurt.

"I still enjoy working the road," he says matter-of-factly. "I know my job. It's not always easy, to see violence, upset abuse. Usually I feel like I've helped somebody."

That flexibility and understanding are increasingly important in police work, Dreyer says.

"It is one of the types of people who can handle a dangerous situation but who can bring understanding and compassion to people, such as victims of CSC (rape) who need help."

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