

Petition Asks For More Pay For KM Cops

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The patrolmen wives also question the salary of dispatchers who are paid top patrolmen pay "when their job is raises are annual raises, based on work performed, availability of funds and approval of the Mayor. All city employees received an across-the-boards five percent pay raise this week.

Sick leaves, holiday time off, and leaves of absence are also spelled out clearly in the city personnel policy, said Chief Barrett.

not as dangerous and there is no risk involved," and ask "why city employees on stand by get paid eight hours sitting at home but if they should go out on call they earn time and half.

Patrolmen who go to court on their days off or while on the third shift should receive comp time or pay, according to the officer's wives, who say they are concerned, not only for their own families, but for all families of Kings Mountain policemen. Mrs. Sale and Mrs. Ivey contend that all officers should receive

pay raises according to their time with the department and their experience. If an officer is denied a pay raise due to a complaint from the public or otherwise, he should be informed in writing or by personnel hearing. They also conted their husband's long experience had not counted toward seniority rating but other men on the force who had quit and returned to the KMPD force had not lost seniority status.

Chief Barrett confirmed that he had talked with both patrolmen and that the request for a haring by one before the personnel committee was denied because that committee was not the appropriate place to negotiate wages.

Text of the petition: Citizens of Kings Mountain, do hereby petition Mayor John H. Moss and City Commissioners to adjust salaries of Police Department in comparison to other area cities of comparable size.

1 - Why the police department doesn't pay court time? If they go to court on days off or on 3rd shift, officer should receive comparable time or pay.

a-Shelby gets overtime for court time or can use as days off.

b-Gastonia gets \$10.00 dollars extra for each day of court duty.

2 - Why Kings Mountain Police Department doesn't get extra pay for specialized training such as radar, CPR Breathalyzer, and special degrees such as AA degree, police science etc.

a-Shelby gets 5% extra for specialized field.

b-Gastonia gets extra pay.

3 - Why does Kings Mountain Police Department lose sick pay after 30 days are accumulated.

a-Sick days are accumulated and are not lost on Shelby Police Department.

b-Gastonia Police Department sick pay is accumulated one day/wk with no limit.

Kings Mountain starting salary \$203/wk. Top salary \$245/wk.

Shelby starting salary \$239/wk. Top salary \$305/wk.

Gastonia starting salary \$248/wk. Top salary \$332/wk.

Cherryville starting salary ?. Top salary \$294.00/wk.

Lincolnton starting salary \$222.00/wk. Top salary \$307.00/wk.

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