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Sheriff reports on first 100 Days of DDOT patrols

◆ *City transit officials praise response time, visibility and improved orderliness*

After the first 100 days Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies patrolling Detroit Department of Transportation buses, routes and shelters, passengers and drivers are enjoying a safer environment and a snappy response to significant incidents, officials said today.

Deputies began their patrols on June 7th after Detroit City Council voted to approve a three year contract with the Sheriff's Office. A snapshot of the Sheriff's first 100 days shows that deputies have performed admirably, nearly 150 arrests and maintaining rapid response time to serious incidents, such as assault and batteries.



"We have been very visible and very busy," said Sheriff Warren C. Evans. "Our goal from the beginning has been to establish an environment where bus passengers and drivers feel safe at all times. I think we are making great strides in that direction."

Since deputies first began boarding buses and patrolling routes under the DDOT contract, deputies have:

- Boarded more than 4,448 coaches (in uniform.)
- Conducted 4,038 patrol checks along DDOT routes
- Performed 2,215 safety checks at DDOT shelters
- Arrested 177 individuals, including:
 - 24 Felony arrests
 - 70 Misdemeanor arrests
 - 73 Warrants served

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- Issued 265 citations to motorists driving unsafely along DDOT routes, particularly in school zones.
- Maintained a response time of less than six minutes for serious incidents
- Maintained a response time of less than 10 minutes for minor incidents

DDOT Officials praise patrols

Norman White, Director of DDOT said that his drivers and passengers feel much safer since the sheriff's office began its patrols.

"One of the biggest concerns we have had has been the safety of our drivers, who were being assaulted on a regular basis. Since sheriff's deputies began patrolling, we have seen a dramatic reduction in those cases, which reflects the overall level of improved safety and order on our coaches."

Evans credits some passengers with helping to reduce assaults on bus drivers. He pointed to one incident shortly after his DDOT patrols began when three passengers subdued and held a juvenile who began beating on a bus driver, who was strapped into his seat at the time. They held the juvenile down until deputies arrived several minutes later and arrested him.

"I don't know if those Good Samaritans would have sprung into action like that if they didn't feel that they could count on a prompt police response," Evans said. "That one incident tells me that passengers know that even if they are not on their bus at the time, a sheriff's deputy is never far away."