

Sergeant Tony Patton

Patrol Supervisor



1. How long have you been with the Greenhills Police Department?

I was sponsored by the Greenhills Police Department to attend the Police Academy in 1988. After the academy, I started working here in Greenhills for the Greenhills Police Department. It has been over 30 years.

2. What kind of jobs have you had, and where were they?

I have worked many types of jobs! Everything from lawn care, to working in retail, being an apartment manager to a union representative in the entertainment business.

3. What commendations have you had?

(Editor's Note: Tony did not answer this one so the police chief supplied the following): Tony Patton has 15 letters of commendation from his supervisors and from citizens in the community. These date back to 1999, and include everything from thank you letters for his kindness to commendations for his diligence and abilities to successfully investigate and solve crimes. He has consistently used his investigative skills to solve crimes, recover stolen property, and arrest criminals. We are fortunate to have a low crime rate in Greenhills and Tony Patton uses that time to relentlessly track down those who commit crimes here.

4. What are the best cases you have worked?

I personally feel that the cases I have been involved with directly or indirectly are equally important because no one chooses to be a victim of crime. I had the opportunity along with our Canine Unit to assist Woodlawn Police Department in a case they worked involving drug trafficking. We were there in a support roll to execute a search warrant. I must say that Woodlawn Police Department did an excellent job with the seizure of 220 pounds of marijuana and over \$18,000 in cash. Another case I worked was a traffic stop with the driver being arrested for drug trafficking. He had five pounds of marijuana.

Crimes involving the elderly and children are and can be the most difficult to understand. I found a suspicious motor vehicle in the Winton Woods Park one night after hours. I told the Ranger on duty and he requested that I check the vehicle. When I did, I found two people inside. After investigating, the driver was an adult and was arrested for the rape of a juvenile. I later found out that he was AWOL from the military.

5. What things do you love or like about Greenhills?

Greenhills has a lot history. There are a lot of great families here and their families often return back to Greenhills. I refer to Greenhills as a walkable community with many parks and a great pool.

6. What do you see as Greenhill's biggest issue and how do you feel it should be fixed?

Greenhills has to think out of the box to grow and succeed. Like everywhere else, we have a drug problem with some kids having little positive parent influence. Those kids are following down the road of individual destruction. Greenhills needs to bring in a destination type of family restaurant or sports bar where families can feel safe to go to.

7. What do you want people to know about the Greenhills Police Department?

The Greenhills Police Department has had some personnel changes as officers have left looking for better pay and advancement with other departments. We are fortunate to have a superior administrative staff within our department and the Village administration. We currently have officers who care about their residents and take their oath of office seriously.