

On days when time is a problem or when a patrolman returns from work after dark, the mounted patrol uses it's own van. Here Red goes up the ramp.

Lancaster's new horse patrol

From stablework to paperwork — these officers are riding high



Here John Boots, farrier for the patrol, resets Red's shoe. The horses have not needed anything more complicated than borium on the shoes to deal with the pavements they patrol.

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
LANCASTER — The three Lancaster City policemen who comprise the new mounted patrol signed up for a lot more than a pleasant ride.

Officers Kuhn, Deibert and Rios who as the new mounted patrol are attached to the traffic division, have been issued equipment which requires constant attention. The equipment of course, is the other half of the mounted patrol — the horses.

Every morning before their shift, the officers are required to groom and feed their horses and clean the stalls. The stalls are located in the rear of the petting zoo barn at Long's Park.

And there in the zoo barn are located 4 spacious wooden stalls built with the combined efforts of city carpenters and a local votech. There are 4 stalls

because there are 4 horses assigned to the 3 officers. In addition to Kuhn's horse, Senator Red; Deibert's horse, Riley and Rios' horse Assignment Danger, a spare horse, Blended Fiber which has also been schooled in police work is stabled.

To keep Fiber in shape and reinforce his schooling, each officer rides him for patrol once each week.

While the officers work 4 10-hr shifts each week, they also put in some of their own time working with the horses on their time off.

To facilitate feeding, in the evening a note is tacked to the stable door of each horse. On the note the amount of grain to be fed the following

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