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Comments:	<p>I am a Garda Reserve for over ██████ now and despite numerous submissions to Garda management I have yet to get as much as an acknowledgment from management . I and my colleagues feel that Reserves should be permitted to patrol on our own and in pair at night ,we also feel that we should be permitted to drive patrol cars and that we should be offered courses like our full time colleagues .Example, I have a clean driving licence and 40 years driving experience yet a Garda aged 23 years and just out of his probation without the Garda driving course can operate a patrol car ? . If the Government who decided in 2006 to establish a Reserve them maybe Garda management should start by acknowledging the fact that we exist ,I and my colleagues have only one meet with Garda management in 2012 and despite being assured that they were listening and change was on its way to date NOTHING . On going training and refresher courses have not happened in nine years despite repeated requests . Finally I would like to suggest that if it is Garda management that decides what happens to the Reserve and not the elected government of the day , they should then disband the Reserve and stop wasting the men and women that volunteer and really want to contribute to our society .</p>