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Comments:	<p>I am a member of the Garda reserve based in ██████████, over that period I have seen many members leave the force, for the reasons of not been utilised effectively i.e. being left in the Garda station while awaiting a full time member to become available, many full time Gardai do not understand our role or what powers we have. When I joined it was envisaged that reserves would be used for community policing patrolling housing estates getting to know the locals, patrolling main streets, shopping centres etc providing a visible Hi Vis presence, as is what the public want to see, but as it happens up and down the country we are brought in for night time duties outside nightclubs etc, as in my case I work shifts so nigh time patrolling is not always possible. If we were allowed to patrol as two Garda reserve members I would be in doing duties a lot more I would have no problem coming in to patrol the streets on a busy Saturday or any other day I was off my regular work at these peak times at schools etc where they might have difficulty in parking and crossing for children, I would like to point out that we have been treated fairly by our station and colleagues, I just think their hands are tied for letting us out to patrol as two reserves, this power is for the Garda Commissioner to decide There was also talk of a rank structure within the reserves this would take the pressure off Duty Sgts having to detail members, we have spoken to other commissions and they compared the reserves to the UK police force and we are far behind their structures and how they utilise their volunteer force, I hope my submission is of help and hopefully for the future of the Garda Reserves, Thanks.</p> <p>██████████</p>