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Captain JAMES M. SOUTER (NA), residence 5614 Bell Street, Dallas, a Platoon Commander, Radio Patrol Division, Dallas Police Department, furnished the following:

Captain SOUTER has been a member of the Dallas Police Department for 23 years.

The Radio Patrol Division is divided into three shifts. The "day shift" works from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.; the "evening shift" works from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m., and the "late night shift" works from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. All officers assigned to the Radio Patrol Division are assigned to a platoon, and there are three platoons in the division. Each platoon rotates its working hours each month so that during a three month period each platoon will work one of the above shifts then the procedure is repeated.

Captain SOUTER advised it is the policy of the department that about 80% of the patrolmen working the day shift are assigned alone to a squad car or unit. The remainder work with another officer or "partner," and not necessarily the same partner each day. All patrolmen assigned to the night shift and late night shift work in pairs or two patrolmen to a squad car. During the night shift, between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., several "partners" are assigned to directing traffic, alone, in heavily congested areas. During this period, their respective partners are alone in the squad cars, but after 6:00 p.m. the officers working traffic rejoin their "partners" in the squad cars. This is the only exception to the policy.

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