

Service Program for Communities Uses Police Cadets

The police department recently initiated a district community service program in two south side districts—Englewood district 7 and district 3—and four west side districts—10, 11, 12, and 13.

The program in each district, said a public relations spokesman will include a community service policeman and several young cadets. The cadets will be college students in good standing, he said.

The cadets will patrol the streets in their districts and will provide a friendly liaison between the police and residents, he said.

The spokesman said the department has had a cadet program for 4 years, but the cadets had done only administrative work. "The cadets will keep district commanders informed of problems they see in the district," he said. "They also will provide social services, such as making friends with the youths, and helping them to find recreational activities."

The cadets recently finished 2 weeks of specialized training at the police academy, the spokesman said, and now are beginning their district work.

Sgt. Horace Noble, community service officer for the Englewood district which is bordered by 55th and 75th streets, the Dan Ryan expressway and Hamilton avenue, said his district will have six cadets. "We

have four cadets now," he said. "All are attending Bogan Junior college."

The cadets will patrol the streets from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. 5 days a week, he said, and at other times, if necessary. "Most of the students attend college at night, however, and we don't want the program to interfere with their studies," Noble said. "One of the requirements is that the cadet be in good academic standing." Cadets would be paid a beginning salary of \$4,200 a year, Noble said.

The cadets will be in close contact with community conditions, Noble said. They will be on the lookout for badly maintained buildings, parks, sidewalks, and streets, and will report these conditions to agencies such as the Park district, the building commission, or the department of streets and Sanitation, he said.

Sgt. Neal Wilson of district 3, which is bordered by 60th and 76th streets, the Dan Ryan expressway, and the lake, said his district also will have six cadets. "We have five cadets who attend the Loop, Wilson, and Southeast Junior colleges," he said.

Wilson agreed with Noble on the duties of the cadets and added they would be service officers rather than enforcement men. Cadets will be unarmed, but will wear a badge and uniform, he said.