

# Gainesville Police Department

## Inter-Office Communication

Chief Norman B. Botsford

**To:** Chief Norman B. Botsford                      **Date:** 9-29-06  
**From:** Captain Ed Van Winkle, District 1 Commander  
**Subject:** Referral from Public Works Committee regarding  
Tires Plus at 3302 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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This memo is in response to a referral from the Public Works Committee meeting on 9-5-06. The issue being discussed was the phone bell that rang outside at the business. The referral indicated that citizens were told by officers that they did not want to take the time to write reports regarding their concerns.

I have received calls from neighbors who live in the neighborhood west of Tires Plus. District 1 officers have spent a significant amount of time in the neighborhood dealing with traffic concerns, possible drug use & prostitution, and the Tires Plus phone bell. A citizen previously told me that one officer didn't take a report when he responded to a call about the bell. As a result of an earlier referral and a call from a citizen, I asked members of the Traffic Safety Team to handle a traffic problem related to Tires Plus (cars being test-driven in the neighborhood after servicing). Ofc. Steve Girard personally contacted Jeffrey Hershkowitz, Tires Plus manager, about the traffic problem and the phone bell. Mr. Hershkowitz handled the traffic problem and also removed the bell. Apparently the bell was put up again in another location at the business.

A noise warning was issued to Mr. Hershkowitz on 6-24-06, and no noise citations have been issued since the noise warning was issued. Zone officers are familiar with the problem at Tires Plus, and they have been encouraged to enforce the city's noise ordinance at this location.

District 1 officers have been responsive to the problems presented by the neighborhood, and we will continue to respond and handle these problems as they arise.

Please contact me with any questions.