

## Officer Jimmy Foreman

- My name is Officer Foreman, I work for the Haskell Police Department, I been here approximately one year. Since that time, I've noticed that uhh our vehicles our units patrol units, uhh they've been down. Assistant Chief Hutto here has to drive his own vehicle to work. Has to respond to calls in his own vehicle uhh because his unit is down, been down for a month or two. Uhh my unit needs a strut; it feels like its coming through the bottom of the floor. Uhh you know these these units are 6,7,8 years old and the Fire Department is getting \$2,000.00 fire trucks. Were the people that get called every night to go to these calls. Every night were going somewhere, going to someone breaking into your house. It's not the Fire Department that's responding, it's the Police Department. Umm, we can't respond if we don't have a unit. Umm I was told that the mayor said we could hot hot seat cars, that we don't need all these cars and that we can hot seat them. We can run one unit after another on every shift, well that's just going to wear that vehicle down. Were not going to be able to use. You know, its going to last a month or two and its going to be gone. You know our pay is the worst in the county. I mean we get paid the worst, its horrible. Uhh we the only thing this officer has on him that Haskell has paid for is the camera, the weapon, two magazines, the rest everything he supplied for himself. That whole outfit right there besides what I just pointed out hes brought for himself because Haskell Police Department doesn't have enough money or won't allocate enough money for an officer to get what he needs to work for this department. Ok, and he's also driving a unit that has a headlight out now and he can't even I mean he can't liably pull someone over for a headlight out on an infraction when hes got a headlight out right. Cuz these units are not sufficient, every other department around us has new Tahoe's, has new units, we don't even get used units. were driving the same equipment that 2015 officers were using. Its not adequate. Were not adequate. You know the mayor says that we can't have an assistant chief and lieutenant because State Police didn't say it was ok. They don't have anything to do with our rank structure. That's with the department. He can't allocate who we have and what our rank is. You know the mayor is coming in and he's making all these changes but he's not

helping he's not helping the Police Department. Where is the Police Department at. That's all I want to know. That's who's responsible to take your calls, that's whose coming when someone's breaking into your house, is Us. And if we don't get some help, every one of us to going to walk out tonight. If there is not something done, I guarantee you every body here is walking out of here and you're not gonna have nobody on duty tonight. I promise you that.

Mayor: Thank you for your comment and well take it under advisement.

Foreman: So your telling me that that's not going to be theres not going to be something done tonight.

Mayor: No Sir

Foreman: Ok Well then my resignation, you have it. You can find someone else to patrol the city.