

# Mustang Helps Officer Make A Case Against Drugs

Wherever Officer Barry Humphries goes with his 1987 Mustang police car, he draws a crowd.

But, more importantly, he delivers a message.

"I use this car to demonstrate a point to the kids I work with. I tell them that anything they buy with money they earn working at Walmart or McDonald's is their's to keep. Anything they buy with money from illegal drug sales can be taken away at any time."

The Mustang makes the point. It was seized in a drug case and taken from its owner. What once was the pride and joy of a drug dealer is now the property of the Sherwood, AR Police Department.

Officer Humphries had the Mustang on display at the MCA National Show in Little Rock, AR in May, and it was a popular attraction with young and old alike.

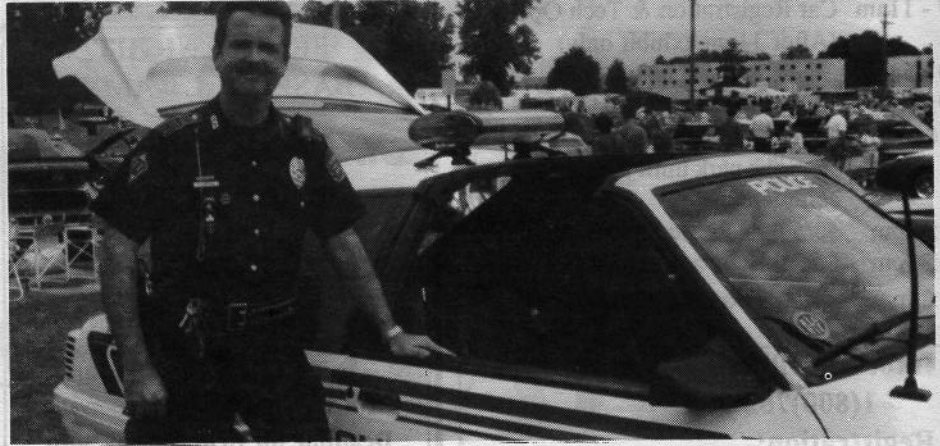
"The car was burgundy originally and when we acquired it it had some body damage."

Humphries, who is a Resource Officer stationed at a high school in the Little Rock area, said he had been working to convince his chief for some time to acquire a car to use with his work with students.

"Finally one came available. It was sitting in the impound yard next to a Lambrogheni. Yeah, I asked about the Lambrogheni, but they really didn't want to let that go. Besides, the Mustang is perfect for the job. It gets a great deal of attention from the students," Humphries says.

But when his department acquired the Pony, it was hardly a show piece.

"We had to do some work before it became the attention-getter it is today."



Officer Barry Humphries Of The Sherwood, AR Police Department



The \$6,000 stereo system in the confiscated Mustang is a real attention-getter for areahigh school students.



First, Humphries took it to the body shop in the high school where he is stationed and had the structural damage repaired and the painting done.

Then he went in search of donations from local businesses interested in helping the department teach high school students about the dangers of drug abuse.

Dozens of needed parts and options were provided by local business owners, but the one thing that made it irresistible for students was the \$6,000 stereo system

Officer Barry Humphries of the Sherwood, AR Police Department uses this Mustang, confiscated from a drug dealer, to teach kids the pitfalls of drug abuse. He takes the Pony to car shows throughout the Little Rock area and also uses it in his capacity as Resource Officer at a local high school.

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Humphries managed to come up with for the Mustang.

"Believe me, when I crank up the stereo system, the kids come flocking around."

The sound system was donated by Car-tech Audio in Sherwood and includes a dozen speakers. The bass will rattle your teeth a football field away.

Humphries does most of his work with high school students, but he also teaches classes to youngsters from the sixth through the ninth grades.

In addition to his work at schools in the Little Rock area, he takes the Mustang to as many local car shows as possible.

"I think it offers a positive way of teaching kids about the consequences of drug use and drug sales. The message is clear. No matter what you buy with money from illegal drugs, the law can come along and take it away at any time."

Humphries says the Mustang was acquired by his department in February and most of the work on the car was done in March and April.

"We're not finished. There are a few other things we're going to do to the Mustang as we go along. One thing I know for certain we're going to do, we're going to add a brass plaque to give recognition to all the sponsors who have helped make this possible."

Their donations, and the efforts of Officer Humphries, means the Mustang will be fulfilling a vital role for some time to come.

"It's the perfect way to get the attention of youngsters, and to make a telling point on the hazards of drug abuse and drug dealing," he says.

## 30th Anniversary Souvenir Items Available From Show Committee

A variety of souvenir items commemorating the 30th Mustang Anniversary Celebration to be held at Charlotte Motor Speedway April 15-17, 1994 are now available.

Items include jackets, golf shirts, tee shirts, hats and hat pins and all can be ordered from show headquarters.

The commemorative jacket is a fully-lined, three-color windbreaker with the 30th Mustang Anniversary Celebration logo embroidered on the front and rear. The logo itself is four-color. Jackets are available for \$90.

The souvenir golf shirt is navy blue with a pocket and is monogrammed with a four-color anniversary logo on the front only. Price of the shirt is \$30.

The baseball-styled hat is ivory with a blue bill and a monogrammed four-color show logo. Price of the hat is \$12.

Tee-shirts are available for \$15. Event tee-shirts may be ordered now, but will not be shipped until October.

"The reason for this delay is that the 30th Anniversary tee-shirt will have a 1964½ and 1994 Mustang on it and we cannot release a drawing of the 1994 Mustang until late in the year," according to Show Chairman Jim Osborn.

Hat pins are available for \$4. Hat pins will be available in July.

Those ordering may choose to pick up their items at registration in Charlotte dur-

ing the show or may include \$5 for shipping. The shipping charge covers all items ordered, regardless of the number.

Osborn said MCA "has spent considerable time and effort selecting top-quality commemorative items for this upcoming event and the souvenirs being offered are all first class.

"The 30th Anniversary of the Mustang will come around only once, and these souvenir items are certain to become highly sought-after collector pieces in the years to come," Osborn added.

The committee is looking at a 30th Anniversary sew-on patch, 30th Anniversary key ring, and the possibility of a serial-numbered Mustang convertible model car, Osborn said.

Additional details of any new souvenirs approved by the show committee will be printed in the *Mustang Times*.

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