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**Job Shadow/ Interview Worksheet**

**Person to be interviewed:** Matt McMillan **Phone:** (559) 562- 2511

**Job Title:** Police Officer **Business:** Lindsay Police Department

**Place of Interview:** 185 North Gale Hill, Lindsay, CA

**Date and Time of the Interview**: 10/30/13 at 1:00 P.M.

**Estimated Length of Interview:** 2 hours

***The purpose of this experience was to view the duty of a police officer and my objective to accomplish was to continue to be inspired in becoming a law enforcer***

***Job Shadow Interview***

1. **What inspired you to choose your career?**

*“My father was Police Chief of Porterville for 30 years and being a policeman has ran in my family for as long as I can remember. I wanted to fit in the family trait.”*

1. ***What is the most rewarding part of your job?***

*“Making an arrest on a stolen property call, it feels great to see a smile on someone’s face when they get their stolen item returned to them and making sure the thief pays their consequence.”*

1. ***What is the most challenging part of your job?***

*“Having to make quick tough decisions; a lot can happen based off the choices you make for the safety of others, or yourself.”*

1. ***How did you get started in this field?***

*“I went into the Police Academy, then I applied for a job at Lindsay Police Department and I was hired processing evidence from crimes. I finished Police Academy and a 6 month period; I was then sworn in as a police officer, and later sworn into the Lindsay Police Department.*

1. ***What training or education is required for this type of work?***

*“You must have a high school diploma or GED, absolutely no criminal record, be at least 22 to be recruited as an officer and you need to be in good physical shape.*

1. ***What is the employment outlook for the career?***

*“The Academy is always looking for new recruits, those who can make it through training and the immersive background check, can be sworn in as a police officer. The economy can affect how many recruits make it through or not.”*

1. ***What are some key factors or skills needed in your line of work?***

*“You’re going to need to be a problem solver, be a quick thinker, controlled anger and emotions, and be able to work with others, be in good physical fitness, and have common sense.”*

1. ***How does the economy affect your job?***

*“If the economy is not going so good, then we get budget cuts, some of us get laid off, and they dock our pay slightly lower. If the economy is going good then we get more money for equipment and supplies, sometimes fix anything around the department.”*

1. ***How has your career affected your life?***

*“Growing up, I hung out with friends who I saw as great kids, but as I got older, they began to do things I wanted no part of. Ultimately, becoming a police officer, I vowed to keep from the type of people that can be in wrong doing. Some of my friends became those people.”*

1. ***What advice do you have for a person aspiring to enter your career field?***

*“I would strongly advise in getting an education and acquiring a Bachelor’s Degree; if interested, join the military. Military men are looked at better for law enforcers than those not in the military. Being educated, disciplined, and good willed make the best qualities as a police officer or any law enforcer.”*