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My job shadow was on a Palm Springs police officer, he is very close to my family and has been a big remodel for me since I was small. Officer Adrian Zamora showed me what it takes to be a police officer and what types of situations you go through. The reason why I chose an officer from out of town and from a city that has a higher crime rate so I can see how stressful their situations can be. Officer Zamora showed me what types of characteristics a police officer should have, a police officer should be dedicated, be ethical, and be reasonable. He also emphasized that an officer should not over use his power and let his power go to his head and do something that would be unethical.

When I was with officer Zamora I learned many things about Palm Springs, I learned that they were hot spots all over the city that many people would do illegal activities. He showed me where junkies would go shoot up heroin, where teenagers would go have sex, where people would speed the most, and just basically show me where most of the people he would stop would get stopped. Officer Zamora also showed me how they work together with all the other officers, how they can communicate with each other and what do specific codes stand for. The way they mainly communicate with each other is through their radio, they radio in when they need something to be checked operators radio them in when they get a 911 call and the operator tells them what is happening and where it is happening. My favorite part was when he showed me

what types of guns they use and which one he prefers, he showed me his AR and his .9 millimeter pistol.

I learned that it takes a lot of dedication to be a police officer because they have to go through a rough 6 month training that pushes them to the limit; they are trained physically, mentally, and emotionally. Throughout the training they get put in situations that they would experience when they are in duty. They also get put in some situations that the people might get put through, for example they get tazed and pepper sprayed so they can feel what a person might feel so they won't do it when it is not necessary.

The reason why I job shadowed a cop was because I was not able to job shadow a doctor and so I job shadowed another type of person that helps people because both doctors and police officers jobs are to help people even though they do it in much different ways. I am not interested in becoming a cop but I am interested in becoming a doctor so I can help people and I can maybe save a person's life. Police officers also help people and save peoples life so that is why I chose to do my job shadow on a police officer.