

First Responder Interviews - Month 3 - David Dube

Date:	07/27/2024
Organization:	Belle Meade Police Department
Deputy:	David

David – Officer with Belle Meade Police

Department in Nashville

<https://citybellemead.org/police-department-staff/>



Question	Answer
What are the skills that have helped you most in becoming the man that you are today?	Took a class called Verbal Judo in college. It taught great interpersonal skills and how to deescalate situations with words. I use these skills everyday.
What are you currently working on to improve in your personal or professional life?	Fitness and focusing on improving organization
Would you recommend this line of work to a young man?	Being a police officer is a calling. If you think of it as a job, you will not last. If you think it is the right fit for you, I encourage young men to pursue this profession.
What separates you from other men?	I am a continuous learner. As a police officer, I focus on staying current with case law and any legal updates. Many fellow officers do not stay current.
What is the best part of being a police officer?	Our police force has a wall of plaques in the station that recognizes officers that go above and beyond and save a life. I have the most plaques on the wall. That makes me proud and reminds me why I do this job. Two of the plaques were for saving a life.
What was the police academy like?	12 weeks and you stay in barracks during the week. Military style. Great experience as a young man.

Date:	08/25/2024
Organization:	Williamson County Fire Department
Fire Fighter:	Hal



Question	Answer
What three things best describe the role of a fire fighter?	- Ability to turn-on intensity and focus when a call occurs - Community Resource / Helper - First Responder
What is the hardest part of being a fire fighter?	- Processing many of the unfortunate situations you encounter on the job (i.e. fatal accidents)
What are the skills that have helped you most in becoming the man that you are today?	- Discipline - Consistency - Staying in shape
What are you currently working on to improve in your personal or professional life?	- Supporting my kids and focused time with them - Better balance between full-time role, volunteer fireman and home life - Eliminating social media
Would you recommend this line of work to a young man?	- Absolutely. It provides very meaningful work and purpose to complement the rest of your life
What separates you from other men?	- Consistency and reliability. I stick with my commitments and can be relied upon
What would you want to see from a young man that wants nothing more than to come work with you?	- Follow-through on commitments made for long period of times. If you volunteer for the fire department, will you show-up for your shifts? Can you still perform on the difficult calls? The team needs to be able to rely on you.