

PODCAST 2 SCRIPT
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[MUSIC BED INTRO]

YOU'RE LISTENING TO 91.3 WHJE. COMING UP IS AN EPISODE OF INSIDE JOB, A PODCAST THAT GIVES YOU AN INSIDE LOOK ON INTERESTING AND OUT OF THE BOX JOBS. STAY TUNED ON THE EDGE.

[MUSIC BED OUTRO]

CARMEL POLICE OFFICER AND I'VE BEEN A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER HERE CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 2008 I HAVE BEEN A CARMEL POLICE OFFICER FOR OVER 10 YEARS I'VE BEEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR 17 YEARS I HAVE 3 KIDS WHO ALL GRADUATED FROM CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL AND I WAS A MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND I WORK FOR UPS AS A UPS DRIVER FOR 12 YEAR SO I'VE BEEN AROUND A LITTLE BIT.

WHEN SHE DECIDE THAT YOU WANTED TO BECOME POLICE OFFICER?

WHEN I WAS IN THE MARINE CORPS I KNEW THAT I WANTED TO HAVE A JOB THAT MATTERED JOBS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY FATHER WAS A POLICE OFFICER HE WAS A POLICE OFFICER IN KOKOMO IN THE 1970S AND THEN HE NOW IS CURRENTLY IN TOWN MARSHAL IN RUSSIAVILLE INDIANA SO ALWAYS

KIND OF KNEW THAT WAS A CAREER I WANTED TO DO I KNOW YOU ARE A DIFFER FROM OTHER OFFICERS IT'S NOT A LOT DIFFERENT THAN THE RELATIONSHIP OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE STAFF AND WHAT THE STUDENTS IF LET'S SAY THERE WEREN'T SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AND EVERY TIME THERE WAS A PROBLEM IN THE SCHOOL AND THEY GOT A DIFFERENT POLICE OFFICER CAME IN YOU KNOW YOU HAVE 118 CARMEL POLICE OFFICERS AND EVERY DAY A DIFFERENT OFFICER SHOWED UP YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH THOSE RELATIONSHIPS AND SOMETIMES THOSE RELATIONSHIPS ARE WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE SO IF A STUDENT KNOWS THAT I TELL THE TRUTH AND THAT WE HAVE RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS THEN THEY'RE THEY'RE ABLE TO COME TO ME AND SAY HEY YOU KNOW I'M GOOD A FRIEND WHO HAS A DRUG PROBLEM OR I'VE GOT A FRIEND I KNOW IS PUTTING A MESSAGE ON SNAPCHAT THAT THEY'RE SUICIDAL AND THEY MAY NOT COME TO SOMEBODY AND TELL THEM THOSE THINGS IF IT DIDN'T HAVE THAT RELATIONSHIP.

REAGAN: AS A STUDENT AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL I FEEL VERY SAFE WITH THE OFFICERS BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'RE DOING THEIR JOB THEY'RE DOING THEIR BEST TO KEEP US SAFE AND THEY'RE DOING A GOOD JOB CUZ THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS GOING ON IN THE WORLD AND I JUST FEEL VERY SECURE.

WHAT ARE SOME STRUGGLES YOU'VE HAD TO COPE WITH BECAUSE OF YOUR JOB?

LONG HOURS SO THAT'S A BIG ONE UNIT POLICE WORK IS IS A JOB THAT HAS CERTAINLY DIFFERENT HOURS THAN MOST JOBS YOU KNOW WHEN YOU START OUT ESPECIALLY AS A NEW OFFICER YOU'RE GOING TO WORK NIGHT SHIFT AND WE'RE TALKING 5 P.M. TO 5 A.M. 12 HOUR SHIFTS ON YOUR LONG WEEK YORK FIVE 12-HOUR DAYS OUT OF SEVEN THE GOOD NEWS IS THE NEXT WEEK YOU ONLY WORK 2 OUT OF 7 SO THAT'S A GOOD THING SO NOT QUITE AS GOOD AS OURS IS A FIREMAN BUT THE LONG HOURS ARE A BIG PART OF IT AND THEN SOMETIMES HAVING TO SEE THINGS AND EXPERIENCE THINGS THAT ARE BIT TRAUMATIC YOU KNOW THE DEATH OF A CHILD LOSS AND YOU KNOW HAVING TO GO TO A FAMILY AND TELL THEM THAT SOMEBODY WAS KILLED OR SHOW UP TO THE SCENE IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT IT'S IT'S IT'S DIFFICULT EMOTIONALLY SOMETIMES

WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP LIKE WITH THE OTHER STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICERS?

THE THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS HERE AT CARMEL ARE GREAT I AM REALLY FORTUNATE TO WORK WITH SERGEANT PHIL HOPSIN HE'S BEEN HERE FOREVER I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW LONG HE'S BEEN IN SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER HERE 15 16 YEARS SOMETHING LIKE THAT HE IS A GREAT BOSS VERY VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL I CAN GO TO HIM WITH ANYTHING AND YOU KNOW A LOT OF TIMES YOUR JOB IS ALL ABOUT WHO YOU WORK WITH YOU KNOW AND THEN HE IS A VERY EXPERIENCED OFFICER THINK HE HAS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT K-9 HANDLER FOR OVER 20 YEARS HE WAS A STATE TROOPER BEFORE HE CAME TO CARMEL

REALLY A GREAT GUY HE WAS ALSO A UNITED STATES MARINE AND IN THIS YEAR WE ADDED WENDY BODENHORN NEWEST SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER NEWEST SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER HERE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL SHE CAME FROM CREEKSIDE RESOURCE OFFICER OUT THERE FOR 8 YEARS I BELIEVE SO OBVIOUSLY IF YOU HEAR THOSE NUMBERS YOU HEAR A LOT OF EXPERIENCE YOU KNOW START YOUR HOPS AND HAS OVER 20 YEARS HAS OVER 30 YEARS AND HAS OVER 12 YEARS AND I'VE BEEN A POLICE OFFICER FOR 17 YEARS SO LOT A LOT OF EXPERIENCE AND I'M JUST PROUD TO WORK WITH THESE FOLKS.

CONNOR: BEING A STUDENT AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL I DEFINITELY FEEL LIKE I'M IN A MUCH SAFER ENVIRONMENT THAN IF I WAS AT ANOTHER SCHOOL THAT DIDN'T HAVE AS MANY STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICERS THERE'S JUST SUCH A BIG COMMUNITY FEELING WITHIN THE SCHOOL AND WITH 5000 KIDS A LOT CAN HAPPEN AND WHAT THE ROW WITH THE OFFICERS INSIDE THE SCHOOL I JUST FEEL LIKE IF AN EMERGENCY SITUATION OR SOMETHING BAD WERE TO GO WRONG WITH THOSE ALL THOSE 5000 KIDS BEING ENDANGERED THEN I FEEL LIKE THE SITUATION WOULD BE MUCH MORE UNDER CONTROL THEN IT WOULD BE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THOSE OFFICERS IN THE BUILDING

WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO DO TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER?

TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER A LOT OF PEOPLE GET TO IT IN DIFFERENT WAYS. FOR ME ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HELP ME THE MOST WAS MY MILITARY BACKGROUND AND THEN AT THE TIME I GOT OUT OF THE MARINE CORPS TO VERY YOUNG SMALL CHILDREN AS A SINGLE DAD AND IT WAS GOING TO BE

HARD FOR ME TO GO INTO A CAREER THAT I HAD TO WORK NIGHT SHIFT SO I TOOK THAT JOB WITH UPS AND I DID THAT FOR A LONG TIME AND I KNEW I'D MISS MY CALLING IN LIFE AND THAT WAS TO BE A POLICE OFFICER SO I APPLIED FOR THE LOGANSPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT RESERVES AND IN INDIANA AS IN MOST STATES IN THE UNITED STATES LIKE A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN THEY HAVE VOLUNTEER POLICEMAN AND SO I DID THAT FOR 7 YEARS SO FOR 7 YEARS I WOULD GO ON MY WEEKENDS WHEN I WAS OFF WORK AT MY REGULAR JOB AND VOLUNTEER AS A FULLY SWORN POLICE OFFICER MAKING A REST WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM DRIVING THE SAME CAR AS YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW THAT A RESERVE OFFICER IS IN A FULL-TIME OFFICER AND IT DID THAT FOR A LONG TIME AND I JUST KNEW THAT THAT'S WHAT I WAS MEANT TO DO IT I WAS MUCH BETTER AT THAT THAN I I WAS IT DELIVERING BOXES IN A BROWN UNIFORM HER OR ANYTHING ELSE SO YOU KNOW AN EDUCATION HELPS YOU DON'T HAVE ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE IS THE DEGREE PROGRAM I WENT THROUGH BUT SOMETIMES IT'S IT'S A VERY VARIOUS WAYS OF GETTING TO THIS PLACE BUT PHYSICAL FITNESS IS A BIG PART AND THEN I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ON THE SWAT TEAM AND SO I'VE BEEN ON OUR SWAT TEAM FOR EIGHT YEARS SO I'M A SNIPER ON THE SWAT TEAM AND WE ROUTINELY GET CALLED OUT TO DEAL WITH THESE ARE HIGH-RISK WARRANTS OR BARRICADED PEOPLE DANGEROUS PEOPLE PROTECTION OF PRESIDENT TRUMP WHEN HE CAME TO CARMEL THAT KIND OF STUFF SO IT'S IT KEEPS MY JOB EXCITING.

SPENCER: AS A STUDENT AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL I FEEL VERY SAFE NONE OF THOSE OFFICERS AROUND DURING THE DAY YOU KNOW IF ANYTHING WOULD

HAPPEN THAT THEY CAN BE THERE IN ABOUT HER SECOND IS JUST A GOOD FEELING TO HAVE AND KNOWING THAT THEY'RE ALWAYS AROUND .

WHAT DO YOU LOVE THE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

PROBABLY THE BEST THING ABOUT MY JOB IS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER IS THE RELATIONSHIPS I GET TO BUILD WITH PEOPLE AND AGAIN IT'S SOMETIMES WHEN YOU'RE WORKING THE ROAD AS A PATROL OFFICER THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU DEAL WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER GETTING ARRESTED OR THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRISIS AS A POLICE OFFICER YOU GENERALLY DON'T GET TO SEE PEOPLE ON THEIR GOOD DAYS YOU SET YOUR CAR FOR 12 HOURS AND YOU GET CALLED FROM ONE BAD SITUATION TO THE NEXT ONE EMERGENCY TO THE NEXT ONE DRUNK PERSON TO THE NEXT ONE PERSON WHO'S ABOUT TO COMMIT SUICIDE TO THE NEXT AND IT REALLY CAN HURT A PERSON'S PERCEPTION OF SOCIETY AND OF OTHER PEOPLE BUT IN MY JOB AS A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER I GET TO MEET PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND I DID MEET THE STAFF AND PEOPLE HERE AT THE SCHOOL AND I AM SEEING PEOPLE IN THEIR GOOD DAYS AND I DO GET TO HAVE POSITIVE INTERACTIONS WITH THE PUBLIC AND IT'S JUST NOT CONSTANTLY TAKING PEOPLE TO JAIL YOU KNOW AS A PATROL OFFICER I WOULD TAKE 1 TO 3 PEOPLE TO JAIL EVERY TIME I WORK HERE I PROBABLY DON'T ARREST ONE OR TWO PEOPLE A MONTH NOW SO A LOT MORE OF MY JOB NOW NOW IS ABOUT COUNSELING MENTORING AND THEN YOU KNOW WHY I HELP OUT WITH SOME OF OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS INSTRUCTOR AT OUR TEEN POLICE ACADEMY SO IN THE SUMMER WE PUT ONTO ACADEMIES THAT ARE LIKE MOCK POLICE ACADEMIES FOR TEENAGERS AND

THEN THE KIDS ARE GRADUATING THAT PROGRAM IF THEY'RE INTERESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREERS THEY CAN BE PART OF OUR EXPLORER PROGRAM AND I'M THE LEAD ADVISOR FOR A USED EXPLORING WHICH IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SEE CAREERS UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL YOUNG MEN WOMEN GET TO DO RIDE-ALONGS WITH POLICE OFFICER SO I GO BACK AND WORK THE ROAD AT CHRISTMAS AND SPRING BREAK AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND THEY COME IN A RIDE ALONG WITH ME OR THEY CAN RIDE ALONG WITH OTHER OFFICERS THEY VOLUNTEERED OUR EVENTS AND IT WORKED CLOSELY WITH HIS SO THAT'S THE GOOD PART ABOUT MY JOB.

HALEY: BEING A STUDENT HERE AT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL IT MAKES ME FEEL ACTUALLY REALLY SAFE HAVING POLICE OFFICERS HERE ESPECIALLY CUZ WHEN I GROW UP I DO WANT TO BE A TEACHER AND I HOPE THAT I WILL BE BLESSED ENOUGH TO TEACH AT A SCHOOL JUST LIKE THIS WHERE THEY DO HAVE TWO NOSTRILS THAT ARE HERE AND ARE REALLY INVESTED IN DEDICATED AND HELPING THE STUDENTS THAT GO TO THEIR SCHOOL.

WHAT IS A MESSAGE YOU HAVE FOR ALL THE ASPIRING POLICE OFFICERS OUT THERE?

NUMBER ONE YOU GOT TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE YOU GOT TO AVOID IT IT'S SO EASY TO TO LIGHT BEER PRESSURE TAKE OVER AND DRINK UNDERAGE EXPERIMENT WITH DRUGS THOSE THOSE THINGS IF YOU GET CAUGHT AND IT'S VERY EASY TO GET CAUGHT WILL DISQUALIFY YOU FOREVER SO YOU KNOW IF YOU COME IN AND YOU TELL YOUR YOU'RE APPLYING FOR A POLICE

DEPARTMENT YOU SAY OH I SEE NO SMOKE POT 20 TIMES YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT GOING TO EVER GET HIRED AS A POLICE OFFICER AND IF YOU'VE BEEN ARRESTED YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER SO YOU HAVE TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE THAT'S THAT'S THE BIG THING STAYING PHYSICALLY FIT IS ANOTHER ONE BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET INTO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DO PUSH-UPS AND SIT-UPS AND RUN A MILE AND A HALF AND SPRINT 300 ALL WITHIN TIME CONSTRAINTS SO IT IS PHYSICALLY DEMANDING EDUCATION OR GET EXPERIENCE SO MOST OF THE KIDS THAT I KNOW WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING POLICE OFFICERS I TELL THEM ONE OR TWO THINGS WHEN YOU LEAVE HIGH SCHOOL EITHER TAKE THE MILITARY ROUTE COME OUT AND BE OLD ENOUGH TO BE A POLICE OFFICER COULD YOU HAVE TO BE 21 THE ONLY PLACE YOU CAN BE A POLICE OFFICER NOT BE 21 IS MILITARY POLICE SO YOU COULD GO TO THE MILITARY ROUTE OR GO TO COLLEGE AND THEN FOR THOSE SUPPOSED TO THIS COMING OUT OF COLLEGE I RECOMMEND THAT THEY FIND THEIR FOOT IN THE DOOR SOMEHOW EITHER BECOME A DISPATCHER BECOME A RESERVE OFFICER OR APPLY TO DEPARTMENT THAT'S REALLY KIND OF LIKE DESPERATE FOR PEOPLE LOW PAYING JOBS THAT ARE A LOT OF LOW PAYING POLICE JOBS OUT THERE SO IF YOU WANT TO WORK SOMEWHERE THAT DOES PAY WELL IF YOU WANT TO BE AN FBI AGENT OR YOU WANT TO YOU KNOW OF YOUR STATE TROOPER YOU DON'T COME TO SOMEPLACE LIKE CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO STAND OUT SOMEHOW YOU HAVE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD.

