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Molly Craig
Nick Shaeffer
Lauren Layman
James Cox
Leonie Verstraete

Shana Interview

Leonie Verstrate: Leonie Verstrate but I go by Lulu here.

Molly Craig: I'm Molly.

Shana: Hi.

Lauren Layman: I'm Lauren

James Cox: I'm James

S: I'm Shana

LV: It would be better if the weather was nice.

S: Yeah.

MC: Okay, so we are going to have to ask you to state your name—

LL: Oh wait, we are going to have to go over the consent thing.

LV: Do I have to sign this? Well she has to sign this.

LL: You're going to be interviewed for about forty-five minutes unless we go over or we get through it quickly. We are going to ask you questions about your background, education, career, and your thoughts. You don't have to answer every question, if you feel uncomfortable just tell us, that's fine. This project is voluntary; you don't have to answer any questions. If you don't want to be identified by your name, we can assign you a number. Can we say your name?

S: Yeah that's fine

LL: This transcription will be made public by Longwood University and may be used in other research projects and is available to the public. We need you to print your name, telephone, address, signature.

S: On the bottom here?

LL: Yeah, and then sign on the other side.

LV: Where do I put my hand? Can you state and print your full name?

S: Shana ____

LV: Thanks, first of all how's your day going?

S: it's okay

LV: Okay good, I guess we are going to start the interview.

LL: We have to state our names, so now we are going to state our names and location. I'm Lauren Layman, it's November 7th and we are at Prospect Volunteer Fire Department.

JC: I'm James Cox, today's November 7th and we are at Prospect Fire Department.

LV: I'm Leonie Verstrate today's November 7th and we are at Prospect Fire Department.

MC: My name is Molly Craig, it's November 7th and we are at Prospect Fire Department.

LL: This interview is being recorded for use by Longwood University any information given may be made public.

MC: How long have you been in the area?

S: In the area... about 8 years. I lived in the next county over but I lived in Prince Edward.

MC: What made you leave?

S: I got married, then I moved to Farmville.

LV: Do you like it better here than from where you were?

S: I grew up 20 minutes away so it's not really that much of a difference.

MC: What's your best memory in Prospect?

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S: I guess this Harvest sale, it's been going on for years but I've only been participating in it for 8 years, but it brings the community together so....

LV: Can you explain us what Harvest Sale is?

S: they just have an auction sale from all the people around that just donate different things and we have a bake sale and a dinner in the afternoon.

MC: What is your favorite memory from the Harvest festival?

S: I guess the fellowship, to be honest with you, just some people come back that you haven't seen in a while.

MC: Do you have any kids?

S: I do, I have two.

MC: Do you have a job on the side?

S: Yes, I work at Hampden Sydney at the church, I'm their treasurer and their secretary.

MC: Has this ever interfered with your job there?

S: No

MC: How many people usually come to the Harvest festival?

S: Honestly, I couldn't tell ya, two or three-hundred maybe

MC: How long have you worked with the fire department?

S: Eight years. I have been on the auxiliary for eight years.

MC: What made you decide--?

S: Well, I married into the president's family, so he had it and I had done it and I was running calls with him anyway, so I decided I might as well join.

MC: So what are your duties?

S: In the auxiliary, I'm the vice president, we do all the auctions and the sale, or the Christmas sale in Farmville, we do the food for that. We will go to some calls to furnish refreshments for the firefighters.

LL: What is a typical day on the job for you?

S: That's kind of hard to explain because it all depends.

LL: Depends on what?

S: I could be cooking food, I just finished cutting up food, cutting up onions and stuff like that. If I'm going to a fire call, it's just making sure the firefighters are hydrated and stuff like that.

MC: what is the most memorable call you have heard about or been on?

S: The most memorable was when there was a wreck right here at the intersection, coming up here. It was a brother and a sister and they had been hit on. That sticks in my mind because it was hard, because I'm a parent, and I have a daughter and a son. Just thinking that when they are older, that could have been them, how I felt.

MC: What was the scariest call, if that wasn't it?

S: that was probably the scariest I've been on. Just because—

MC: Were there any other—

S: There was an accident on, a motorcycle accident and both of them were thrown off the motorcycle but luckily they were not both hurt real seriously. It was pretty scary.

MC: what do you enjoy most about being on the department?

S: I don't know, you always have someone to watch your back, there is always someone there to help you.

MC: What do you enjoy the least?

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S: Probably going to the touch and go calls, if I do go to them because sometimes I don't.

LV: Has there ever been something that made you want to quit?

S: Nope.

LV: Not for the life or death calls?

LV: What do you think is the most valuable reward you can get from volunteering here?

S: Just knowing I have helped somebody, just knowing I have helped our community. It's rewarding to me.

LV: Do you have any stories you would want someone to know in a hundred years from now?

S: Not really, I don't have any god stories, to be honest with you. I haven't been on it long enough to have any stories

LV: Would you say in the fire department, who has a lot of good stories?

Probably Al, the chief. He could probably tell you more or any of the ones (firefighters) who have been on the fire department for a while.

LV: In the 8 years you have been here, have you seen anything change in your community?

S: Nope.

MC: Have you seen anything change in the fire department?

S: Not really. It's the same people. Not that much turnover at all.

MC: Whats the most appealing part of working with the department. Would you recommend working with it with someone else?

S: Yeah just for the joy, it makes you feel good that you can be out here providing for people.

LV: I was wondering because most of the time you hear about people that they have respect for people who volunteer, do you ever hear that? Do people ever tell you that?

S: That they respect me? Not really.

LV: Can you see that people are really grateful?

S: Yeah, I've definitely seen someone.... We've been to houses that have burnt down. They are grateful that we were there quick response, so I could see that.

LV: Are we through our questions?

LL: Are you familiar with the town's history?

S: Not really

LL: Not at all?

S: No, Sorry.

LL: No its fine.

MC: Do you like living here?

S: Yeah well I live close to the Hampden Sydney area, so I don't really live in this area.

LL: Where did you grow up?

S: In Charlotte County.

LL: In Charlotte County.

LV: This has gone really quick.