Riverside Sheriff's Department, Patrol Officer
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Deputy Dario Hernandez, Riverside County Sheriffs, Patrol division.

Deputy Hernandez speaking about his job and the Deaprtment:

When you're in that car, you're running the show, you gotta make the right decisions, smart decisions, all the time.

Deputy talking on the radio.

I've been in the patrol position a little bit over a year.

As far as I'm concerned, it's the best job in the department.

If somebody aggressive is walking towards you, you have to tell them to get on the ground, put your hands up, turn around, and at the same time you gotta be looking around to make sure there isn't somebody else... you gotta keep all that in mind, it's all about multitasking.

Using your gun, that the last resort. If you can talk somebody down, that's what we do most.

Deputy talking to a citizen.

The atmosphere is great within the department...you feel like part of the family...that's crucial in this job...you're putting your life at risk everyday, you have to know about the people you work with.

It all goes back to communication. If I don't know how to handle something, I'm not shy to asking one of the senior deputies...They're there for you...and they want to be.

What I really get out of this career is just the experiences. I want to give kids and adults the perspective that Riverside County... is there to help people.

Being on patrol, your job is challenging everyday...and if you're one of those people like me that feels that you need that challenge, you need that sense of community... this is the job for you.

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