



Deputy Candy Dufor reacts to questions during an interview



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Dufor's police work not fun and games

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"I worked in security at the College during the work study program and got involved and learned about the sheriff's reserves," Clackamas County Deputy Sheriff Candy Dufor said. "Then I joined the reserves while I was working with emotionally disturbed children, and found that law enforcement was where I wanted to go with my career."

Dufor graduated from Clackamas Community College in 1977, with an associate degree in Development Disabilities. She then joined the reserve in 1978 after working at the Perry Center for the emotionally disturbed.

"Working with the emo-

tionally disturbed put me in a position where, if I'm being yelled at by someone angry, I'm able to not take it personally and to realize what is going on with them and understand what's going on with me too," Dufor said. "Not allowing myself to get angry or get caught up in their anger is important."

"I've only been on duty since October, and it's mostly been training," she explained. "Because of that, I haven't had to tell myself Hey, it's time to back-off, yet. I'm sure I'll have to soon."

Dufor said she is currently on probation, where she will work with field training officers until they feel she is able to work alone. Then she will be observed for the rest of her one-year training period.

"The training I have gone through is the same as for the men. She said, "I have to make the same grades, do the same things they do. I was nervous about it at the start, wondering if I could handle myself or if I could make the grade."

"There was a situation once, in which I was off duty and a man entered a building with a gun. He was suppose to have threatened a woman with it. I was able to assist two citizens in taking the man down and holding him until the uninformed officers arrived," Dufor said.

"I've been taught some good self-defense tactics and I am able to take people down in a safe way without breaking my arms," she noted.

While in the reserves, the officers go through a three-month training program at the College conducted by the sheriff's office. There they learn law enforcement, report writing, and search and seizure.

They also take two classes. The first class requires

2,000 hours on the road alone and 50 hours in the jail, and the second class requires 1,000 hours on the road with another officer and 50 hours in the jail. "I went into reserves to learn," Dufor said.

"When I first got into it I thought it was more like the T.V. shows, "One Adam Twelve" or something like that," she noted. "It's not quite that exciting."

"The TV programs and dreams have a lot of excitement, not real hard work; just fun," she explained. "I think it's much more serious than that, a lot deeper. It's more involved than just arresting them and throwing them in jail. They are real people."

Dufor pursues the cases concerned from the beginning to the end. "During the investigation it's fine, I do my job but afterwards, it is difficult remembering back," she said. "Because I have so many things to do at the time--reports, investigations, protecting the crime scene or whatever. I have a job to do. I

don't have time to get emotionally involved."

"I want to stay with the county," she said. "I'm real happy with the training program and the people there. I like to work in all the different departments in the sheriff's office and I'll get that through the training. But," she added, "I'd like to work with the detectives doing investigations, apart from that, I'd like a good understanding of the justice system."

Dufor commented that "Most of us would like to go out and save the world and protect everyone, but it is impossible," she continued. "You have to experience it first hand and deal with it yourself, you can't have a blanket rule."

For relaxation Dufor plays tennis, hikes and goes to a spa. She said, "I'm more relaxed when I'm at home, I don't have to take care of anyone except myself."

"The friends that I'm close to have given me a lot of support and there's been no problems about my job," she said.

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Music class proves enlightening for instructor as well as students

Music instructor, Gary Nelson conducts a "music appreciation" class every Monday night from 7-10 p.m. at Willamette View Manor in Oak Grove. The class, part of a CCC community education program, attracts 40 or more elderly residents.

The class focuses on the structure and elements of a piece of music, Nelson explained noting that he concentrates mainly on the classical works, but other types of music are also covered.

Admittedly, Nelson said, "Many of these residents are Symphony members and rock and roll is on the bottom of their priority list."

Nelson, a free lance trombone player and a member of the Opera orchestra, is uncertain about the future of the class. "I think we've done about all we can do. We've covered the historical approach to music, now we're kind of winging it."

Nelson explained, "We would have to go next to a survey type class, which would involve independent reading."

Margaret Cheetham, a resident of the Manor, is a regular student at the classes. "He presents his work beautifully, she said, "We're all interested in music... just about any kind."

Nelson enjoys working with the elderly residents. "They're not here because they have to be, they're here because they want to be," he said. "They don't have to worry about credit, and many of them already know music. It's not an old folks home; it's a retirement home."

"You'd never guess that some of these people are as old as they are," he observed. "The youngest in the class was born in 1908 and we have a few who were born in 1881 and 1885. I can be discussing a turn-of-the-century concert, and someone will turn around and start telling me about it!"

