

Senior Project Overview

Name

Title of Research Paper: Women in Law Enforcement

Synopsis of Research Paper:

My research paper shows how to prevent discrimination in police departments and the need to increase the number of women officers. Advertising to women will help women become more interested in becoming officers or doing some type of work that falls in that category. If we had more female officers, it would show that women are as capable as men to do the job professionally. This would give the younger generation the idea that law-related jobs are for women as well.

Fieldwork Project Description:

I went to the Regional Occupational Program T.R.I. center in Cerritos to take the Police Academy Cadet Program course. The first thing that we had to do is to get into a line formation. We had to be organized from shortest to tallest. It seemed that we were doing it forever because each time that we did it wrong they made us do push ups. The instructors were drill sergeants from the Marine Corp and they almost made it seem like we were in basic training. I also got the chance to interview officers from the Whittier Police Department. I got their views and opinions on women in the police field. Another thing that I did was I helped people who were interested in joining the Army actually join. The people who I did get to join were looking or are looking into a career in law.

Relationship between Fieldwork and Paper:

I was going to do a ride along with one of the women officers at the Whittier Police Department, but I felt that I needed to be more interactive with my project. The Police Cadet Academy gives a person a better understanding of how to become a police officer. The Police Cadet Academy is a great program for young people to get into and it shows women that they can have a career in law enforcement. The Army recruiting station and I helped open the minds of some people who thought the Army or any other branch of the military was not for women. One phone call or one visit was all they needed to change their minds.