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## PODCAST TRANSCRIPT

### Merrick

Hi everyone, I'm Merrick Chan and I'd like to welcome Nina Ljaljic, a Community Standards Peace Officer at the City of Edmonton. Today, we'll be talking about Nina's experience working in law enforcement.

Welcome Nina and thanks for joining us. To begin, I was wondering if you could provide our listeners with an overview of your role such as some day-to-day activities? I understand you specifically work with folks who take transit so that must be very exciting!

### Nina

Yeah, an overview of the day-to-day activities as a Transit Peace Officer begins with attending a briefing start of shift where the Sergeant reviews incidents that occurred the day before or on days off, as well as deployments as to where in the city we will work in the day, as well as our partner, which both can change daily. Afterwards we get in the peace officer vehicles and start getting dispatched to calls throughout the city. If there are no calls, we proactively patrol stations showing presence and being there to help anyone in need.

### Merrick

Thanks for the overview, Nina. Moving along, could you share with our listeners why you decided to become a peace officer?

### Nina

I decided to become a peace officer because I've always had a passion for a career in law enforcement. Being able to do something different every day, helping people and ensuring safety has always driven me to become a peace officer. While attending university I would take transit and I would see Transit Peace Officers, and I remember thinking, I want to do what they do. The uniform presence and the approachability drew me to the career.

## **Merrick**

Thanks Nina, that was great. With all the important work you do for our city, I was wondering what motivates you to succeed in your role?

## **Nina**

My motivation to succeed in my role is to make a positive impact on anyone's day, or any impact at all. If that's helping someone that's lost on transit or educating on the rules. Knowing that my role is beneficial and impactful to the public. Keeping people safe or just simply being a friendly face and making a connection with a member of the public.

## **Merrick**

And to wrap things up, do you have any advice out there for our female listeners who are considering a profession in law enforcement?

## **Nina**

To any female listeners who are considering a profession in law enforcement I strongly recommend not holding yourself back, knowing that it's not all about physical strength but about determination and the ability to provide a female perspective on problem solving. It's a rewarding career that has a meaningful impact that is not limited by the gender of the officer.

## **Merrick**

Perfect, so it looks like that's all the time we have for today. Thank you Nina for sharing your story, I'm sure all our listeners found it to be very valuable.

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Thanks for tuning in and take care, everyone.