The Foundry Times

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First Responders

During one of the Newspaper Classes, clients acted as reporters and interviewed two peers, Mike and Casey, who visited the Bedford Fire and Police Station as part of their Community Resources class.

The reporters asked questions about the visit and learned about what the station was all about. The first part of the tour was the firefighting equipment. “We saw firetrucks, an ambulance and a Jet Ski,” Mike said. “They use the Jet Ski to rescue people. “

Casey said he learned about the equipment on the front of the trucks used to cut open cars. “We rode around the block in the fire truck. They honked the horn but they wouldn’t let me do it.” Mike added “They ran the sirens.” Mike mentioned they saw an old fire truck, made in the 1930’s. “It had a bell to ring.”

Their tour guide also talked to the visitors about fire safety for the public, firefighters and police officers.

The second part of the tour was the police equipment. The officer talked about the things police do in the community. The group took a look at the police equipment and cars. “We saw where they put the criminals,” Casey said.

Some visitors walked into the jails. “I stayed on the outside,” Casey added. “I was pretending I was one of the wardens.” Most enjoyed their time in jail.

Asked what they learned, Mike said “We learned that there are security cameras in all the buildings.” Casey stated “We learned about the dispatcher.”

And what was their favorite part of the visit? “Riding in the fire truck was my favorite part,” Mike said. “The police station was my favorite part. I’d like to see the police cruisers again. It was a good tour.”

The Foundry Times is written by Career Development’s Newspaper Class, located at the Foundry. The class chooses the topics and develops the material through class discussions. Watch for more issues covering special events, as well as employment and volunteer sites!

"Number One"

The Newspaper Class participants decided that the next person they wanted to interview was Paul Boynton, President and CEO of the Moore Center. Paul joined the class one afternoon and after everyone introduced themselves, patiently answered multiple questions from each of the "reporters."

Paul received a Bachelor's Degree from UNH in Social Work, then a Masters in Counseling at Goddard College in Vermont. He worked at Easter Seals for 25 years, gaining work experience in various positions. When the job of CEO opened up here, he applied and was chosen. "I got lucky," he said. Paul has worked at the Moore Center now for 22 years.

Asked about his job, Paul said the biggest part is "solving problems." The best part is seeing all the "nice, good people." He said his job is fun, and asked his audience "If work is fun, is it really work?" The job can be hard at times since situations can be difficult and may not have any solutions. He said trying to keep everyone happy is "impossible."

Paul said there is a balancing act between the Moore Center's work and NH state regulations, although he feels the state does "get" what the Center is trying to do. Paul admitted he has good days and bad days, but he basically loves his job and always wants to go to work. He joked that he does "too much" paperwork.

When not working, Paul enjoys reading and writing. (He has written a couple of books.) He goes to the gym before work but admits he's "kind of lazy" and is the "quiet type." Paul enjoys seeing his son and grandchildren in Florida.

The interview ended with an invitation from Paul for the class to visit him in his office some time. The reporters thought this was a great idea!

Going Green

There are two recycling "Moore Green Teams." The Volunteer Green Team happens every day when three clients pick up bottles and cans from the Foundry and McGregor buildings to be recycled. Paid Green Team happens two days a month when two clients collect cans and bottles from the same two buildings, and also from the Accurate Title company in Bedford. Both Moore Green teams deliver mail to McGregor from the Foundry and then from McGregor back to the Foundry and Eddy Road.

The clients put on gloves, check all the recycle bins and take the bags of recyclables, and then put new plastic bags back into the bins as needed. They take the cans and bottles to the Eddy Road building for sorting. They put bottles into a big bin and use a can crusher to crush the cans.

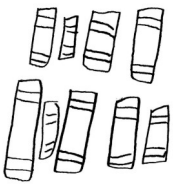
Crushing is a favorite part of the activity. "I like crushing the cans," stated David. "I like Green Team because of squishing the cans," said Matt, and Tony agreed.

When needed, Paid Green Team takes the bags of crushed cans to Manchester's recycling facility and receives money for the cans. Another volunteer takes the bags of bottles to a different recycling facility.

Most volunteers enjoy the entire activity. "I like collecting bottles and cans," said Chakirah. Malissa was interested. "I'm gonna try it!" Asked why the activity is important, Kevin stated "We help the environment with the recyclables."

Just for Fun

Possibly the client's favorite recreational activity is bowling. They visit three places, Spare Time, Merrimack Ten Pin and Lakeside Lanes. Tony said "Sometimes we go to the small balls and sometime to the big ones."



Matt added "My favorite is Spare Time. I like the pictures on the computers."

The clients cheer each other on and sometimes tease in a friendly way. There's lots of laughter. "It's a lot of fun," Melissa said.

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