

MISSION

To improve the quality of life throughout the community by helping people help themselves

WHY I WANT TO BE A POLICE OFFICER

When I get further into my education, I want to serve my community as a police officer. I can already see myself prepared as one. A police officer's appearance is impressive. He proudly wears the name of the city he serves on his uniform. His duties include patrolling the neighborhood, directing traffic and investigating crimes. He is trustworthy. He will never leave a task unfinished. You can count on him! A police officer is bold and courageous. He won't hesitate to face danger. Don't get me wrong, a police officer can be terrified about his job. Every day, he risks his life to protect the city. But to me, being a police officer would make me proud.

The above paragraph was written by Ken Vina for his GED class.

Ken, 26, is attending evening classes at Casa de Amigos. He left high school in the 10th grade. He went straight into the workforce and has been

employed for six years at Rogers Ford.

"I move cars around the showroom. I pick up and deliver cars. I am an expert at parking all kinds of vehicles."

He is a hard worker and gets the job done quickly and efficiently. He prides himself on never being late. But Ken has a dream.

"I am studying for the GED because I want to be better myself. My goal is to get my GED and then go to the Police Academy. I have always liked police work. I am interested in the criminal justice system and how police can help people get along with each other."

Ken is proficient on the computer. He is working on improving his vocabulary and reading comprehension. He also likes to do research, 'on anything that pops into my head.'

Ken and his classmates are serious students. "Everyone in the GED



class is here because they want to be. This is where we choose to spend our own time. Passing the GED will help us achieve our goals whether it is becoming a police officer, going to college or owning a business."

The Adult Education Program strives to meet the individual needs of each learner. Students receive classroom instruction, one-on-one tutoring and AZTEC computer-based GED preparation.

Ken admits that studying for the GED is hard.

"It will take time and effort to reach my goal but with the help and support of Casa de Amigos, I know I will succeed."

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VITA -Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
Feb. 8—April 11, 2016.
For an appointment click here.

Feb. 19, Mar. 4, 18 —
2016—3:30-6pm—
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Every Wednesday—9am
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