Question List for Formal Interview

Interviewer: Joseph Curley, Graduate Student, La Salle University
Narrator: Mr. Arthur Grover, Director of Security and Safety, La Salle University

Today's date is April 13, 2007. My name is Joe Curley, I am a graduate student of history here at La Salle University and I am interviewing Mr. Arthur Grover, the Director of Security and Safety at La Salle University. This interview is being conducted in Mr. Grover's office in the Security and Safety Office here on campus at La Salle University.

Good afternoon, Sir, and thank you for your time.

Do I have permission to record this interview?

1. Where and when were you born?

2. Who are you parents?

3. What did they do for a living?

4. Do you have any siblings? (If "yes," ask how many, their names and where does Mr. Grover fit in.)

5. Did you have much of an extended family while growing up and how often did you see them?

6. What types of things would your family do together such as trips, vacations, sporting events and so on?

7. Where was your neighborhood? What was it like while growing up?

8. Where did you go to elementary school?

9. Where did you go to high school?

10. Academically, what type of student were you? What subjects did you enjoy?

11. What did you like doing during your free time? Sports, hobbies, or anything like that?

12. I know you are a graduate of La Salle University, can you tell me how you decided to go to college and why did you choose La Salle?

13. Were you a full or part time student?

14. Did you live on campus or did you commute?

15. What do you recall of your first impressions of La Salle, the campus, the buildings and so on?

16. About the surrounding neighborhood, what was it like when you were here as a student?

17. What do you remember about the atmosphere here on campus at that time? Politically, socially, academically?

18. I recall your major was Criminal Justice, how did you come to choose that field of study?

19. What were your plans following graduation?

20. When did you join the Philadelphia Police Department?

21. What was it like going through the Police Academy at that time as compared to now?

22. Where did you go after graduating from the academy?

23. What was that like? What were some of your first assignments?

24. What did you think about being a patrol officer?

25. What do you recall of the public's perception of police officers at that time?

26. What was the police culture like at that time? How did the officers interact with each other and their supervisors?

27. As a patrol officer in your district, what types of crimes or incidents would you typically encounter?

28. Could you tell me about some of your assignments as you rose through the ranks of the department?

29. How did you see your interaction with public and subordinate officers evolve as you moved from first line supervisor towards command level assignments?

30. During your long career with the Police Department what were some of the major events you were involved with? (Move confrontations, sports championships and so on)

31. How did you see the department changing over the years? What trends did you see, good and bad?

32. I know that you are married and have children. What are their names?

33. I also know your wife was an officer as well. How did you manage your schedules as supervisors and still raise a family?

34. What are some of the challenges that "police families" may face, that more traditional 9-5 working families do not?

35. As a command level officer, what were some of the career development schools you attended? (FBI Academy, Northwestern University, etc.)

36. What did commanders get professionally from attending these schools?

37. Early in your career, what was it like being an officer on patrol with a college degree? Did you get any negative reactions from veteran officers?

38. As you moved through the ranks of the department, did you see a change in the attitudes towards officers who continued with their educations?

39. Your final assignment with the Police Department was as the captain of the Police Academy, what did you enjoy most about that position?

40. After you retired from the Police Department, what made you want to return to La Salle?

41. Upon your arrival here, what did you think of the Security and Safety Department? What were some of the issues that called for your early attention?

42. Remembering back to your time here as a student how had the campus and surrounding neighborhood changed?

43. How had the Security and Safety Department changed?

44. In your position, here you seem to wear a number of hats. You are University Administrator, also you are a safety professional and you are a parent. How do you balance all of these considerations in the performance of your duties here at La Salle?

45. What type of orientation do incoming students receive with respect towards safety and security concerns?

46. With La Salle being an urban campus, what do you want students to be aware of?

47. I don't want too use the word "routine," considering our mutual police backgrounds, but what are the most common types of incidents here on campus?

48. What about off campus incidents here in the 35th Police District?

49. What does your department want students that live off campus to be aware of?

50. Could you tell me a little bit about the Cleary Act and how its requirements affect universities and colleges with regards to crime reporting statistics?

51. How do these statistics once compiled impact the school's recruiting efforts?

52. On a typical school day, how many people may be on campus including teachers, staff, faculty and students?

53. La Salle has a student disciplinary code, how is that implemented on campus?

54. How does your position now compare with your former command level position in the Police Department?

55. How receptive has the University been towards any requests from your department for resources or policy changes you want to implement?

56. As the University grows, where do you see the Security and Safety Department going?

Mr. Grover, again, thank you for your time and for your service to La Salle University.