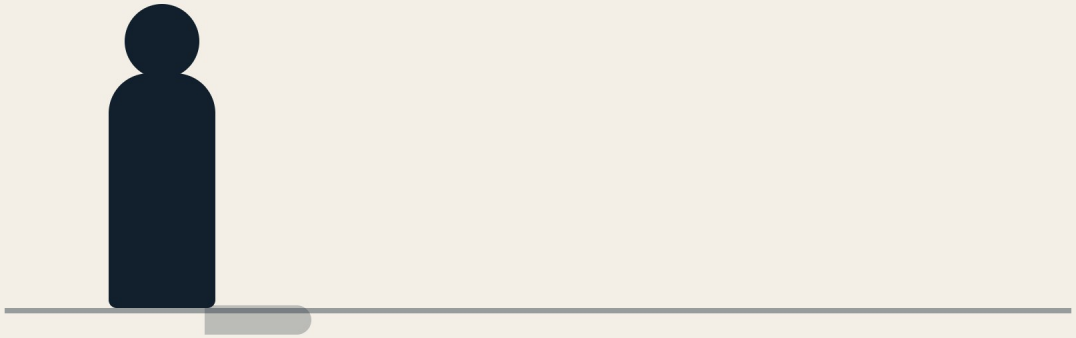
Stepping Out of the Shadow

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Growing up in the shadow of a badge, a siren or a headset

The name opens doors. It also sets expectations before you say a word.



The same name casts a long shadow



Then



Now

Three pressures second-generation responders feel

Comparison

Every call, every review, measured against a legend.

Assumption

People assume your success was handed over, not earned.

Obligation

Carrying the legacy can feel like a duty, not a choice.

Scan to tell which pressures are yours

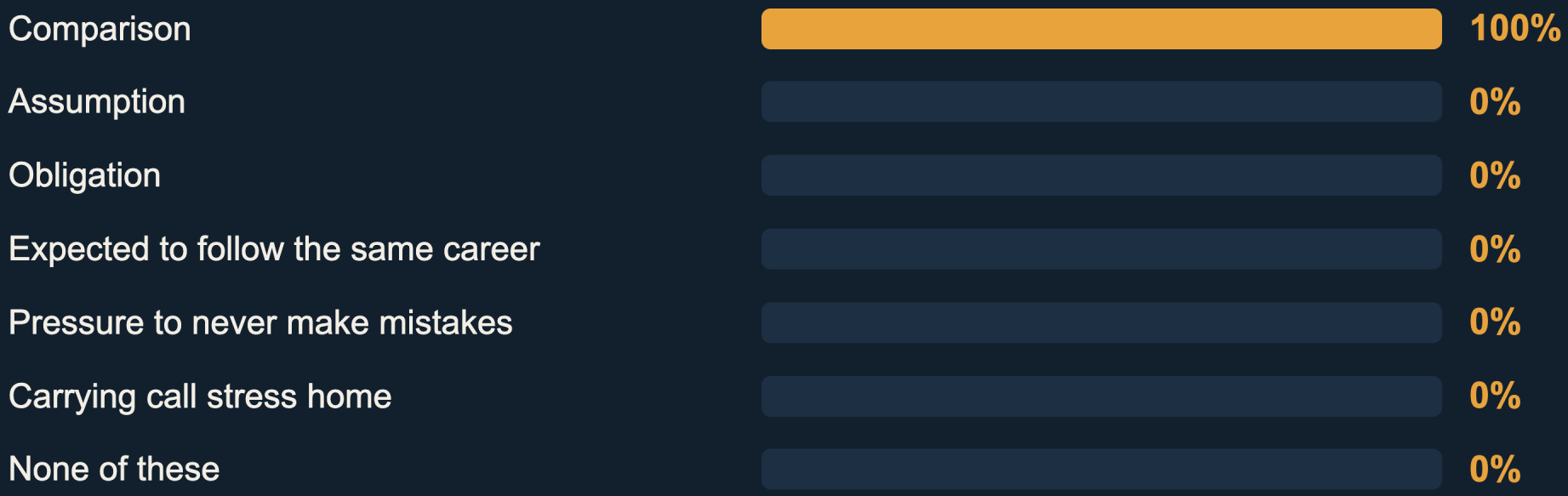
Answer from your own seat.



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Which pressures do you feel?

Share of respondents who selected each pressure. Based on 1 response so far.



My turning point

[One moment when you stopped asking what your family member would do and asked what you would do.]



Four moves to build your own path

1

Honor it

Respect what they gave without owing them a copy.

2

Choose your lane

Pick a role, specialty or agency that is yours, on the floor or off it.

3

Earn it visibly

Train harder, learn more, let results speak.

4

Find mentors

Seek voices beyond your family's circle.

Exercise: draw your lane

What I inherited

Values, skills and stories I am proud to keep.

What I choose

The role, specialty or approach that is mine.

What I leave

Expectations that belong to someone else.

Write one line in each column.

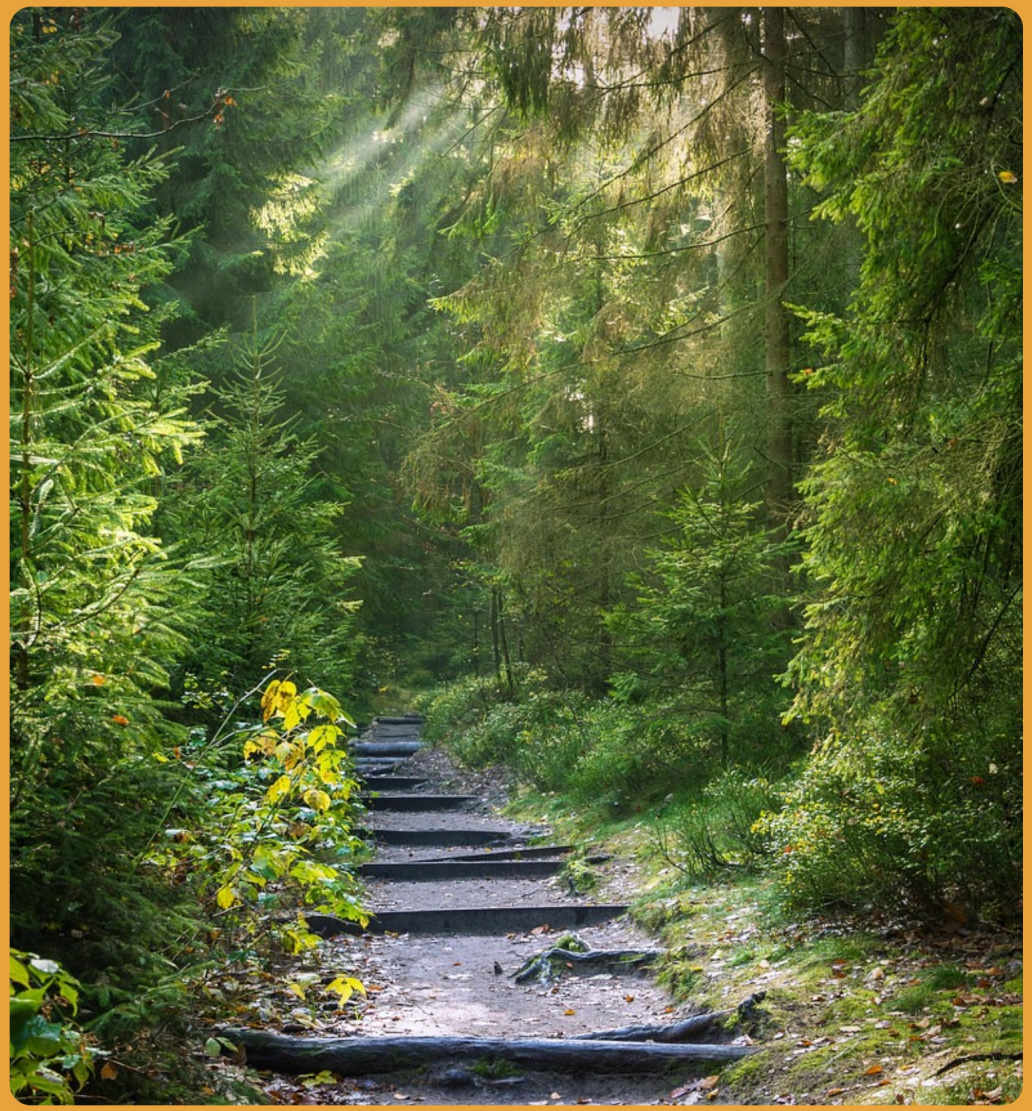
When it gets hard

Setbacks

A failed test or a mistake is yours alone. Learn from it, then move on.

Support

Dispatchers carry calls they never see the end of. Peers and counselors help. Asking is a strength.



My path is mine

[Describe your own role (dispatcher, family member or both), a milestone you earned, and what you do differently from your family member.]

Their path

My path

Questions?

What would you like to ask about walking your own path?

A shadow means there is light behind you.

Walk toward your own.

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