VO- BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE THE BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE

DEPARTMENT B-ROLL DEPARTMENT IS MAKING A STATEMENT

ABOUT GENDER-RELATIONS.

VO CANDICE B-ROLL CANDICE LANGO IS THE FIRST BLACK

WOMAN TO BE A FULL-TIME

FIREFIGHTER IN MILLEDGEVILLE.

VO SHERI B-ROLL SHERI KNEIP IS THE FIRST FEMALE

OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT.

AND TAYLOR EADY DOESN'T LET A PREGNANCY STOP HER FROM WORK.

NONE OF THESE WOMEN ARE SEEKING NOTORIETY. THEY ARE JUST DOING

THEIR JOBS.

SOT: TAYLOR EADY (TRACK)

TRT: 0:18 "JUST BECAUSE I AM PREGNANT,

DOESN'T MEAN IT TAKES AWAY FROM THE FACT THAT IM ABLE TO DO MY JOB. JUST HAVING TO BE MORE CAREFUL TO DO IT. I HAVE ALTERNATE WAYS, SAFER WAYS THAT I CAN PERFORM MY JOB AND GET DONE WHAT NEEDS TO GET DONE, BUT IN A SAFER, LOWER IMPACT

LEVEL. (TRACK)

VO: BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE IT TAKES MONTHS OF TRAINING TO

DEPARTMENT BECOME A FIREFIGHTER. THE

DIFFERENT SKILLSETS AND STRENGTH THAT MEN AND WOMEN HAVE DO NOT

INTERFERE WITH THE PROCESS.

SOT: SHERI KNEIP (TRACK)

TRT: 0:09 "YOU HAVE TO COME IN WITH THE

MENTALITY OF THAT FEMALE/MALE THING STOPS AT THE DOOR. ONCE WE COME INSIDE THIS BUILDING WE'RE ALL JUST FIREFIGHTERS. WE'RE NOT

MALE/FEMALE."

VO- BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE (TRACK)

DEPARTMENT B-ROLL FIREFIGHTERS WORK 24 HOUR SHIFTS STARTING AT 7 A.M., AND DUTIES

INCLUDE CLEANING VEHICLES, RESPONDING TO CALLS, GOING TO TRAINING, AND MAKING SURE THE DEPARTMENT IS CLEAN.

SOT: LANDY

TRT: 0:14

(TRACK)

"WE NEVER KNOW WHEN WE'RE GONNA HAVE VISITORS AND WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A CLEAN HOUSE. BECAUSE WE LIVE HERE PRETTY MUCH. AND THEN OF COURSE TRAINING ON A DAILY BASIS BECAUSE WE ALWAYS HAVE TO BE READY FOR WHATEVERS GONNA HAPPEN BECAUSE WE NEVER KNOW." (TRACK)

VO: BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT B-ROLL

THE BALDWIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HOME TO MORE THAN 70 FIREFIGHTERS, SOME PAID AND SOME VOLUNTEERS. THE ADDITION OF THREE WOMEN HASN'T ALTERED THE DYNAMICS OF THE STATION.

SOT: SOMERS

TRT: 0:10

(TRACK)

"IT REALLY HASN'T CHANGED. WHEN THEY BUILD NOW, THEY PUT IN SEPARATE RESTROOMS AND ALL, BUT LIKE THE OLDER STATION, IT'S THE SAME."

(TRACK)

SOT: EADY TRT: 0:21

(TRACK)

"WHEN WE RESPOND TO A CALL, 9/10 IT IS THE WORST DAY OF SOMEONE'S LIFE, THEY'RE NOT CALLING US BECAUSE THEY WANT US. THEY'RE CALLING US BECAUSE THEY NEED US. WHEN WE GO OUT SOMEBODY WILL SEE US. YOU HELPED MY FAMILY MEMBER OR YOU HELPED ME OR A CHILD OR YOU HELPED MY MAMMA. THANK YOU. THAT'S WHAT MEANS THE MOST TO ME. AND IT'S KNOWING THAT I GET TO HELP PEOPLE AND THEY SEE THAT IS WHAT MEANS THE MOST TO ME.

	(TRACK)
VO- LANGO, EADY, SOMERS, KNEIP	
B-ROLL	AND THAT IS ALL THE REWARD NEEDED FOR EADY AND HER COMPATRIOTS.
	EOD GG260 IN CHEREDIEN LAWRENGE
	FOR GC360, I'M MEREDITH LAWRENCE.