

Shawn Benjamin Knepper

PROFILE

Trusted protector, mentor, and role-model with unwavering integrity and commitment to excellence as the founding lead School Resource Officer at Ligonier Valley Police Department.

Calm demeanor and ability to detach making a natural team leader who is personable and approachable, with a forward-thinking mindset delivering sound decisions under pressure.

Deep sense of responsibility promotes problem-solving that creates driven solutions.

Goal oriented with a focus on building trust and fostering relationships among citizens, fellow officers, and collaborating agencies which are the foundational pillars to creating a successful community-oriented policing environment.

EXPERIENCE

PATROLMAN, LIGONIER VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2019-PRESENT

Developed, implemented, and continued service with the School Resource Officer Program for Ligonier Valley School District with a focus on fostering relationships, providing criminal justice education, mentoring youth, and establishing physical security for three campuses.

Perform general patrol duties and criminal investigations of approximately 100 square mile township and borough comprising urban and rural districts, primarily, with a combined population of approximately 8,000 residents. Act as a liaison between the department and other agencies in regard to intelligence gathering and sharing. Maintain the security and certification of criminal history information sent and received by the department as the Justice Terminal Agency Coordinator.

SUPPLEMENTAL POSITIONS, LIGONIER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2020-PRESENT

Assistant Coach for Special Olympics Unified Bocce Team

Advisor to Students Against Destructive Decisions Club

Advisor to Tobacco Resistance Unit Club

Advisor to Freshman Class

SPECIAL OFFICER, LOYALHANNA PATROL ASSOCIATION - 2020-PRESENT

Provide patrol, protection, and emergency response services to subscribers to the Loyalhanna Patrol.

PATROLMAN, LIGONIER BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2016-2019

Perform general patrol duties and criminal investigations for a one square mile town with a population of approximately 2,000 people. Focus on community-oriented policing and fostering positive public perception and relationships through foot patrols, safety programs, and heavy traffic enforcement. Assist the Chief of Police with operational tasks of the department, when necessary.

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PATROLMAN, LIGONIER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT - 2017-2019

Perform general patrol duties and criminal investigations for 99 square miles of rural township with a population of approximately 6,000 people. Focused duties on traffic enforcement, Motor Carrier Enforcement, and DUI detection and prevention, as well as fostering relationships with students at local schools.

PATROLMAN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARK POLICE - 2016-2017

Perform general patrol duties of county owned parks and property including 5 major parks; as well as security for the County Seat, County Courthouse, Juvenile Court, and Regional Airport. Enforced state and local laws and county ordinances within the parks and properties. Provided parking services for events and bank escorts for the County Treasurer's office.

PATROLMAN, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT GREENSBURG - 01/2016-08/2016

Provide security and police services to the students, staff, and campus. Focused on building security and police-student relations through residence hall checks, foot patrols, and event security.

SUPERVISOR, TOBIN D. GEORGE LAWN CARE - 2007-2016

Led lawn mowing, landscaping, and snow removal crews in the successful completion of assigned tasks, including property maintenance and installation of new or updated landscaping. Provided landscape design and execution to residential and business customers. Digitized work documents, assisted with social media campaigns and websites, and assisted mechanics with equipment repair.

EDUCATION

SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE, LATROBE, PA - BACHELOR OF ARTS, 2012

Major course of study in Theology with additional studies in areas of Business Management and Marketing.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, YOUNGWOOD, PA - MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY, ACT 120 CERTIFICATION, 2015

Graduated Suma Cum Laude and served as Class 42 President. Received 809 hours of basic police officer training to include criminal law, traffic law, search and seizure, courtroom testimony, firearms, defensive tactics, and other related areas of study.

HONORS

- Eagle Scout
- Graduated Suma Cum Laude from WCCC Municipal Police Academy
- Class President - WCCC Municipal Police Academy

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TRAINING

Continued Education and Training in the following areas:

- Federal Communications Commission - Amateur Radio Technician License
- National Association of School Resource Officers - Advanced SRO
- National Association of School Resource Officers - Basic SRO
- National Center For Biomedical Research and Training - Active Shooter Emergency Response
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Standardized Field Sobriety Test Practitioner
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Standardized Field Sobriety Test Instructor
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration - Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)
- Criminal Intelligence System Operating Policies (28 CFR Part 23)
- PPCT Management Systems Inc. - Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention (SHARP) Instructor
- Navigate 360 - ALICE Instructor
- Naloxone Administration and Use
- CPR and First Aid
- Conducting Complete Traffic Stops
- Vehicle Search and Seizure
- International Police Mountain Bike Association - Police Cyclist
- Annual Municipal Police In-Service Training

SKILLS

- Servant Leadership
- Problem Solving and Execution
- Goal Oriented Organization
- Adept Teacher and Mentor
- Effective Communications
- Honesty
- Extreme Ownership
- Hunger for Knowledge
- Report Writing
- Intelligence Dissemination
- Interview Strategies and Tactics
- Social Media for Public Relations
- Hobbyist Radio Operation
- Hobbyist Antenna Construction

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of School Resource Officers
- Laurel Highlands DUI Task Force
- Fraternal Order of Police
- Ligonier Valley YMCA Board of Directors
- Somerset County Amateur Radio Club K3SMT

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REFERENCES

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3. Daniel Dorazio - (724)420-0678
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