

Lauren Whitaker

School Resource Officer

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SUMMARY

School resource officer with 6 years of sworn experience, the last 3 assigned to a 1,900-student high school. Builds trust with students through community policing and mentoring, runs threat assessment and emergency drills with school staff, and handles juvenile cases with tact and sound judgment.

SKILLS

- Community Policing
- Threat Assessment
- Juvenile Law
- Crisis Intervention
- Emergency Operations Planning
- Report Writing
- Traffic Control
- First Aid
- Sound Judgment
- Interpersonal Skills

EXPERIENCE

School Resource Officer

08/2023 - Present

Neuse River Police Department

Raleigh, NC

Assigned full time to a public high school under a city and school district agreement.

- Maintain campus safety for **1,900** students and 140 staff, handling 300+ calls on campus each school year.
- Conduct threat assessment reviews with administrators and counselors on 22 student cases in the 2025-26 year.
- Plan lockdown, fire and reunification drills with the school's emergency operations planning team, 8 drills a year.
- Mentor 15 students a semester through a lunch program and teach a 6-week juvenile law unit in civics classes.

Police Officer

06/2020 - 07/2023

Neuse River Police Department

Raleigh, NC

Patrol officer in a city department of 230 sworn officers.

- Responded to about 1,600 calls for service a year on a mixed residential and retail beat.
- Handled juvenile cases with diversion referrals that kept 30 first-time offenders out of court.
- Applied crisis intervention skills on 50+ mental health calls after completing CIT training in 2021.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

East Carolina University

Criminal Justice

Greenville, NC

05/2019

CERTIFICATES

General Law Enforcement Certification

05/2020

North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission

Basic School Resource Officer Course

07/2023

National Association of School Resource Officers