DARNELL A. THOMPSON

Senior Public Safety Officer

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SUMMARY

POST-certified Senior Public Safety Officer with 9 years of experience at Emory University Police Department. Reduced campus theft incidents 31% over 3 years through targeted patrol redeployment and crime pattern analysis. Trained and mentored 12 junior officers; led active-shooter response team achieving a 4-minute campus-wide lockdown – 40% faster than baseline. Recipient of the Georgia Campus Law Enforcement Association Officer of the Year Award (2022).

EXPERIENCE

Senior Public Safety Officer

Emory University Police Department

Mar 2019 - Present Atlanta, GA

Lead patrol unit across 630-acre campus serving 15,000 students and 30,000 faculty/staff.

- Lead 6-officer patrol unit across 630-acre campus, achieving a 31% reduction in property crime over 3 years
- Implemented sector-based patrol strategy cutting average emergency response time from 6.2 to 3.8 minutes
- Mentored 12 new officers through 90-day FTO program with 100% first-year retention rate
- Commanded active-shooter response drills resulting in 4-minute campus-wide lockdown – 40% faster than prior baseline
- Investigated 85+ incidents annually, maintaining 94% case closure rate in coordination with Atlanta PD

Public Safety Officer

Georgia State University Police Department

Jun 2015 - Feb 2019 Atlanta, GA

Patrolled urban 30-acre campus serving 32,000 students; responded to 500+ calls for service annually.

- Responded to 500+ calls for service annually across an urban 30-acre campus with zero use-of-force complaints
- Co-developed peer crisis intervention protocol adopted campus-wide, reducing mental health escalations by 22%
- Earned 3 supervisory commendations for exemplary conduct during high-pressure public safety incidents

PROJECTS

Community Policing Initiative

Project Lead

Jan 2020 - Jun 2020

Developed and implemented a community policing initiative to reduce crime rates and improve community engagement.

Data Analysis • Community Outreach • Partnership Development

Emergency Response Plan

Project Manager

Jul 2019 - Dec 2019

Developed and implemented an emergency response plan to improve response times and reduce risk.

Emergency Management • Risk Assessment • Communication Planning

SKILLS

- Field Supervision
- Crime Pattern Analysis
- Crisis Intervention (CIT)
- Active Shooter Response
- Use-of-Force Policy
- Community Policing
- Evidence Handling
- Report Writing

LANGUAGES

English ●●●●●

Spanish ●●●●○

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Georgia State University

Sep 2011 - May 2015 Atlanta, GA

Criminal Justice & Public Safety

CERTIFICATES

POST Certified Law Enforcement Officer

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council

Jun 2015

Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training certification, current.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Certified

Georgia CIT Coalition

Sep 2018

40-hour mental health crisis response training, Memphis Model.

CPR/AED Certification

American Heart Association

Jan 2023

Professional Rescuer BLS certification, current.

ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor

ALICE Training Institute

Apr 2020

Certified to deliver Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate training.

STRENGTHS

Leadership

Proven ability to lead teams and manage projects to achieve results

Communication

Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal

Problem-Solving

Strong problem-solving skills, with the ability to analyze complex issues and develop effective solutions

AWARDS

Public Safety Officer of the Year

City of New York • Jan 2020

Award for outstanding service and dedication to public safety

Community Policing Award

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Jun 2019

Award for excellence in community policing and outreach