



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBERS

The Lake Tansi Police Department has recently added new members to replace officers that have left. I want to introduce you to them.



Patrolman Nicholas Racu

Our newest team member is Nicholas Racu. Nick started with the department in March of 2023. Nick has lived in Cumberland County for approx. 9 months. He grew up in Fairfax Virginia and graduated from Hayfield Secondary School.

Before becoming involved in Law Enforcement, Nick worked in food services. Nick has always had an interest in Law Enforcement. Nick says that it has been his lifelong dream to work in Law enforcement.

He has been married for 2 years.

In his off time, Nick loves to see the mountains and walk his dogs. He also enjoys playing video games.

Nick's youth and newness to law enforcement gives us an opportunity to build him into the kind of officer that Lake Tansi needs, and we are glad to welcome Nick to our team.



Commissioned Reserve Patrolman Courtney Kennedy

Courtney Kennedy first came to the Lake Tansi Police Department as a noncommissioned Auxiliary Officer in 2020. Courtney volunteered for the department doing house checks and assisted with paperwork around the office. In January 2023, She became a Commissioned Reserve Patrolman with the department. Commissioned Reserve Officers get all the same training as a full-time officer and serve to help the department by providing extra law enforcement on a volunteer basis as well as helping fill in when we are shorthanded.

Courtney has lived in Cumberland County since July of 2020 when she moved to Tennessee from Kentucky. She graduated from Pulaski County High School in Kentucky in 2006 and went on to attend 2 years of Community College in Kentucky where she studied fire science.

Her previous work experience was in fire service, emergency medical service and as a nurse's aide prior to moving to Tennessee. In her off time, Courtney enjoys horseback riding and fishing.

She was married for twelve years and became a widow in 2019. She has three children, one boy and two girls.

Courtney has always been a big supporter of law enforcement and says it has been her dream to become a Police Officer. Her excitement and willingness to do everything she can to help makes her a great asset for the department and we are very glad to have her on our team.



Commissioned reserve Patrolman John Nesteruk

John Nesteruk came to work with the Lake Tansi Police Department as Commissioned Reserve Patrolman in January of 2023. He has lived in Cumberland County for 9 years part-time and 4 years full-time. He grew up in Fort Lauderdale Florida and graduated from South Plantation High School and went on to graduate from Union Institute and University with a BA Degree. He has been married to his wife Rhonda Nesteruk for 35 years.

John's work experience includes being a Sheriff's Deputy with the Broward County Sheriff's Office for 30 years where he retired in 2012 as a major in DLE. He was also a sworn Reserve Deputy with the Palm County Beach Sheriff's Office for 2 years. Additionally, he served as a corrections officer.

During his career John took the Command Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville KY and the Executive Leadership Program in Boston Massachusetts.

John also serves as the Department's Liaison with the Lake Tansi Board of Directors where he is a huge help to the department in assisting the Chief of Police with negotiations on budget issues with the Board of Directors.

John and his team on the Security Committee have also been a great help in raising money through fund raisers that have helped the department meet a great deal of financial need at no additional cost to the Lake Tansi P.O.A.

In his off-time, John enjoys skeet shooting, coin collecting and FOCUS Rescue.

With John's many years of experience and passion for this department, he is a great addition to the team and we are glad to welcome him to the family.

Anthony Brown, Chief of Police