

Andrew Smith – East Sector CPO – Beats 1 & 3

Andrew Smith was born and raised in California where he was a Correctional Officer for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for nearly 7 years. Andrew and his family moved to Evansville once he was hired by the Evansville Police Department in March of 2021. Andrew has worked in the Motor Patrol Unit in the East and South sectors. Andrew joined EPD's recruitment team in 2023 where he continued to further his desire to connect with the community, building real and meaningful connections with the people of Evansville. Most recently, Andrew was assigned to the EPD's crime prevention unit where he plans to pursue his goal of making a positive and lasting impact in the community he calls home.

Terrance Eastwood – East Sector CPO – Beats 2 & 4

Terrance Eastwood was hired by the Evansville Police Department on March 29th, 2021, leaving a Corn Conservation Technician position at Azteca Milling. Terrance joined the Evansville Police Department to make a difference in the community and has always led with establishing a relationship with the community to better serve and protect them. Since then, he has patrolled the west sector beat 4 on 2nd shift. While learning from fellow officers and eager to make a difference in the community, Terrance was hired into the CPO unit March of 2024. Terrance believes that at the core of police work is community engagement and dedicates himself to being not only a vessel to the community but also a resource to combat crime in the area. Looking to make the Evansville area a better place for everyone, Terrance is eager to work alongside the many units in the Evansville Police Department to collaborate and make and keep our communities safe.

John Montgomery – West Sector CPO – Beats 1 & 2

John Montgomery is excited about his new assignment with the Evansville Police Department's Crime Prevention Office as a West Sector CPO. He has been employed by the Evansville Police Department for 16 years with a total of 24 years in law enforcement. He has worked in the patrol unit, Field Training Unit, K9 Unit, and the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Drug Task force for nearly 10 years. He is also a certified instructor through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. John graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1997. He is married to his wife of 9 years, and they have three amazing children. They are members of St. Philip Catholic Parish, where he has been a lifelong member. He is eager to begin working with the residents of Evansville.

Ben Hallmark – West Sector CPO – Beats 3 & 4

Ben Hallmark is a father of two children and happily married to his best friend. He has been a Policeman since 2017 and has enjoyed serving in roles with the SWAT team, as a Field Training Officer, and as an instructor for the Police Academy. He looks forward to serving the City of Evansville as a Crime Prevention Officer and building relationships with members of the community.

DC Christian – South Sector CPO – Beat 1

DC Christian has been with the Evansville Police Department for 5 years. He chose a career in law enforcement because he recognized, at a young age, the importance of law enforcement in the community he resided in. He observed the order that police brought to the community in response

to shootings, domestic violence, and accidents. His favorite part of being an EPD police officer is the opportunity to serve the people and community that he has grown to love.

Bill Fendel – South Sector CPO – Beat 2

Bill Fendel was born and raised in Dubois County, Indiana. He is a graduate of Northeast Dubois High School (1989) and Indiana State University (1993). He worked at Branchville Correctional Facility for approximately six months before being hired by EPD in September of 1994. He has served in Motor Patrol his entire career with EPD. He has been married for 15 years and has two children (22-year-old stepson and 15-year-old daughter). He is a devout, church-going Christian of about four years. His primary hobbies/interests are reading, playing drums, and playing ping-pong and pool. He looks forward to serving as a CPO.

Chad Diedrich – South Sector CPO – Beat 3

Chad Diedrich was raised in Evansville, Indiana. He graduated from Bosse High School in 1990 and attended the University of Southern Indiana. He has been with the Evansville Police Department since 2005 working in motor patrol, Crime Prevention, Detectives office and served on the SWAT Team. He has been happily married for 29 years and has two children. He loves serving the citizens in his hometown as a Crime Prevention Officer. Officer Diedrich has formed some amazing relationships with the wonderful neighbors in Evansville over the years and is looking forward to serving in the years to come.

Mario Reid – Mental Health Liaison Officer

Mario Reid joined the Evansville Police Department in January 2014, starting a journey dedicated to serving and protecting the community. In July 2020, he assumed the role of department's first Community Mental Health Liaison Officer, reflecting his commitment to meeting the unique needs of Mental Health Consumers in the Evansville area. Leveraging his expertise as an investigator and Case Manager, Officer Reid employs a collaborative case management approach to engage individuals experiencing crisis in mental health services.