

## Sergeant First Class Travis Burton Biography

SFC Sergeant Travis Burton, originally from East Point, GA, joined the University of West Georgia Campus Police Department in 2005. After graduating from Tri-Cities High School, Travis chose to study accounting at the University of West Georgia due to its proximity to Atlanta. Although he never wanted to be an accountant, he knew he possessed the necessary skills, and it seemed like the best choice out of the university's major options. Travis spent three years of his undergraduate career as a Resident Assistant in the University Suites, which introduced him to many of the university's police officers. During his senior year, Travis experienced severe burn-out and realized he no longer had the passion to be an accountant. Officers Billy Stuart and Dale Walls suggested he apply for an open position in the university's police department. He was hired in June 2005 and used the university's Tuition Assistance Program to finish his bachelor's degree in accounting in May 2010.

Since joining the police department, Travis has been promoted to sergeant and supervises one of the day shifts on campus. Travis also serves as the fleet manager for the patrol car fleet. Using the accounting skills he learned in his UWG classes, he manages the costs of repairs, fuel and general maintenance in order to provide maximum performance while maintaining efficiency. Travis has attended law enforcement training including Basic Police Training, Intermediate & Advanced Certifications and is a certified Field Training Officer. He was the 2012 Officer of the Year. His favorite part of his job is being able to serve his community and shape the next generations' perspectives on making better decisions during their first steps into adulthood.