

# Officer Nankee Experienced in Military, Fraud Investigation, Police

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Evansville's newest full-time Police Officer, Matthew Nankee, comes to Evansville with military, security and police experience. Officer Nankee began his duties January 3, 2009 and started training with Officer Patrick Reese, Officer Chris Jones and Police Lieutenant Jay Koehler.

While still a college student at UW-Platteville, Officer Nankee was deployed to Kuwait in 2003, serving with the Army National Guard. He finished his last semester of school when he returned to the states. A hard worker, he has held at least two jobs at a time since he returned from service. He has worked for the Lafayette Sheriff's Department and for the last three years, he has worked as a fraud investigator for U.S. Cellular.

Officer Nankee currently works the night shift (11 p.m.-7 a.m.) in Evansville, but he envisions himself becoming involved in police-school relations as he enjoyed his service as police/school liaison in Lafayette. "I loved working in the schools. I gave presentations for the kids on safety. It was a really good time. I would like to do something like that here someday," said Officer Nankee. He also knows that youth have a wealth of "intelligence," since they know what mom and dad know and they know what their siblings know.

As the Sheriff's Department was rural, Officer Nankee thinks the work in Evansville will be quite different. In Lafayette, his main duties were in traffic enforcement and responding to automobile accidents. He also took Taser training in Lafayette, something that isn't used in Evansville (at the present). He's expecting to have more municipal issues in Evansville as well as more opportunities to work with the public.

Mr. Nankee was raised on a family dairy farm in Muscoda, Wisconsin, but never planned on being a farmer "someday," though he may have a hobby farm. In college, he served as Resident Assistant and as a bartender. He also worked on the college newspaper. He likes artwork, and designed a logo that was once used by the Southern Wisconsin Educational Inservice Organization.