



Anthony Perez County Correctional Police Officer



County correctional police officers enforce all laws and help the public when needed, but our main function is to work inside the county jail. I'm also an EMT, Hostage Negotiator, and Advisor for the Sheriff's Explorer Post 140. I love being involved with the community!

How long have you been a county correctional police officer?

I've been with the Sheriff's Office in Morris County, NJ for nine years now, and am excited to continue my career here.

Where do you currently work?

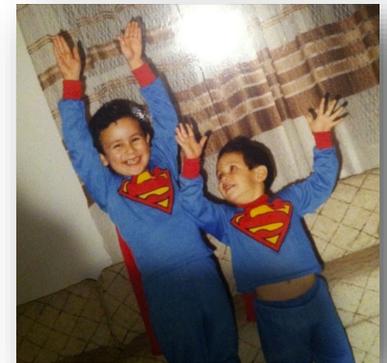
I'm currently based out of the Morris County Correctional Facility, which is in Morris Township, and can be seen right from I-287 by the Ridgedale Avenue exit. People don't realize it's there when they drive past!

How do you spend most of your time at work?

I am currently assigned to oversee the Laundry Inmates, who handle the entire jail's laundry, Monday to Friday. It might sound boring, and no one likes doing laundry, but it is a job that needs to get done!!! During my work week, I must also respond to any emergency within the jail, such as a medical emergency, any fire alarm, or any fight that may happen. I also work other details that may be assigned to me from time to time, such as being a hostage negotiator.

Why did you choose this career?

I chose to work in law enforcement to help people. I was taught when I was a kid that police officers are there to help. And I still believe that to this day. When you dial 911 for a medical emergency, usually police are the first to get on scene and give medical assistance until the EMTs and Paramedics arrive. Same thing for any fire call. I became part of corrections thinking it was a good way to start, and I ended up loving my job. I now feel that I would not change to another job because of how happy I am here.



ANTHONY'S FUN FACTS

My favorite movie is Pitch Perfect (all of them— haha), and my favorite book is the Harry Potter series.

What did you do to prepare for this career?

I finished high school, then went on to get my Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree from County College of Morris. During that time, I began working as a Police Dispatcher. From there, I took the NJ Civil Service Test for Law Enforcement and was given the opportunity to apply for the Morris County Sheriff's Office - Bureau of Corrections, where I then began my career.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I enjoy trying to make a difference. When I work as an advisor for the Explorer Post, I get to teach children about the different parts of law enforcement and explain that it's not just one boring position. Within the Sheriff's Office, for example, you can work in Corrections, Crime Scene Unit, K9 Unit, Warrant Squad, and more. It can be very interesting.

What do you find most challenging about your job?

The hardest part of my job was getting through the police academy. It was a tough 18 weeks (some are longer, some are shorter). It is like military boot camp. It is not just physical, but you have to be prepared that they are going to try and make sure you are strong enough mentally to deal with them yelling at you, etc. Other than that, on a regular day-to-day basis, the hardest part is finding enough hours to get my job done in one day! :-)

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is interested in your profession?

Make sure you go to school and get a good degree if you are able to! And if you want to work for the federal government, they are looking for people with bachelor's degrees in different fields of study, such as linguistics, and not just criminal justice.

