**Mayor swears in 6 new police officers**

Mayor Don L. Weiss Jr. swore in and welcomed six new officers to the Dickson Police Department.

Mayor Weiss administered the Peace Officer Oath to Officers Jake Brake, Amanda Martin, Nick Owens, Wesley Strange, Tony Hampton and Nigel McQueen at the Aug. 4, 2025, City Council meeting.

**Jake Brake**

Officer Brake was born and raised in Dickson County and graduated from Dickson County High School in 2014. He worked in the shipping department at Tennsco Plant 2 until 2019, when he began his law enforcement career with the Dickson County Sheriff's Office.

While at the Sheriff’s Office, he served in Corrections, as a Court Bailiff and later in the Patrol Division. During his time on Patrol, Officer Brake also was a K-9 handler for two different K-9s.

He joined the Dickson Police Department June 9, 2025, and will be assigned to the Patrol Division.

**Amanda Martin**

Born and raised in Davidson County, Officer Martin began her professional journey with the United States Marine Corps in 2004. Over the course of a five-year enlistment, she earned multiple awards and medals, deployed to Afghanistan and achieved the rank of E-5 before transitioning to civilian life.

Following her military service, Officer Martin continued supporting military operations as a subject matter expert for various tactical systems. This role led to two additional deployments to Afghanistan, along with shorter missions across the Middle East, Central America and aboard naval ships.

In 2015, she transitioned from field operations to program management, providing strategic support from the office. During this time, she pursued academic growth, earning multiple degrees, with her most recent focus on Aerospace Science.

After seven years in a desk-based role, Officer Martin sought a return to more hands-on, active work. That desire led her to law enforcement, where she began serving as a Patrol Officer in Albemarle County, Virginia, in 2023 before relocating to Dickson County.

Officer Martin will complete a three-week transition school at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and will be assigned to B-Day Shift for her field training.

**Nick Owens**

Officer Owens was born and raised in Dickson County and is a 2014 graduate of Dickson County High School. After high school, he attended Austin Peay State University for Computer Science and Nashville State Community College for Criminal Justice.

In 2017, Officer Owens began his law enforcement career at the Dickson County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer. In 2018, he transitioned to the Patrol Division and completed the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in 2019. While at DCSO, Officer Owens completed SWAT School in 2022 and was assigned to the Dickson Special Response Team (SRT).

In 2023, Officer Owens was promoted to Field Training Officer and was awarded the Jack Cover Medal of Heroism by AXON. Named for the inventor of the TASER, this prestigious award is presented on an ongoing basis to recognize public safety professionals who use a TASER energy weapon to save a life through less-lethal force.

Officer Owens will complete the Dickson Police Department’s Field Training Program and will be assigned to the B-Night Shift.

**Wesley Strange**

Officer Strange is a lifelong resident of Dickson County and calls White Bluff home. He is a 2018 graduate of Creek Wood High School.

After high school, Officer Strange entered the workforce and gained experience in retail sales with companies such as Hibbett Sports, Steve Jones Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram and C&O Marine.

Officer Strange is a devoted father to a young daughter and is engaged to be married in early 2026.

“Becoming a police officer has always been a personal passion of mine. I’m driven by a genuine desire to serve and protect, and to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those around me,” said Officer Strange. “I’m excited to begin this new chapter in my career and look forward to contributing to the safety and well-being of the community I’ve always called home.”

Officer Strange has begun his field training and will attend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in the near future.

**Tony Hampton**

Officer Hampton was born and raised in Dickson County and is a 2022 graduate of Dickson County High School. He has been an active and involved member of the Dickson County community his entire life.

After high school, Officer Hampton worked as a behavioral technician in the mental health field, as well as in various public-facing roles within the county.

“I want to thank God first and foremost, along with my family for their constant support,” said Officer Hampton. “I am the first person in my family to be in law enforcement, and I hope to inspire others. I will do my absolute best to protect and serve the people of this community.”

Officer Hampton will complete the Dickson Police Department’s 12-week Field Training Program and attend the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy at a later date.

**Nigel McQueen**

Officer McQueen was born and raised in Jonesborough, Tenn. He began his professional journey with Sears in 1999, where he rose to the position of Multi-Unit Loss Prevention Manager, overseeing eight stores across four states. During this time, he also served as an intern with the Johnson City Police Department and graduated from the Walters State Law Enforcement Academy in 2008.

In 2007, Officer McQueen officially began his law enforcement career with the Johnson City Police Department as a patrol officer. Over the years, he has served in a variety of roles including traffic homicide officer, field training officer, departmental instructor, patrol sergeant and patrol lieutenant.

He holds certifications as a traffic reconstructionist, law enforcement instructor, child passenger safety technician and hostage negotiator.

After exploring other career paths, Officer McQueen returned to law enforcement in 2024 with the Dickson County Sheriff’s Office. He completed the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy for a second time. In July 2025, he transitioned to the Dickson Police Department, where he will serve as one of the department’s School Resource Officers.

**Career Opportunities**

The Dickson Police Department is accepting applications through Aug. 31. Candidates must be at least 21 years old, have a high school or equivalent diploma, have a valid driver license and be able to pass a drug/alcohol screening. Starting salaries range from $50,960 to $57,200.

Interested persons can learn more at dpdrecruitment@cityofdickson.com or apply using the QR code on the City of Dickson Police Department, Tennessee page on Facebook or on the Job Openings page of cityofdickson.com.