

## Meet Your Police Officer *'Anything but routine'*

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"I grew up around it. It was something I always wanted to do," said patrolman and field training officer Mitch Hoskins of his job with the Yukon Police Department.

He and his twin brother, Mike, both followed in the footsteps of their father, Jack, a retired captain of the Bethany Police Department. Mike is a detective sergeant in Oklahoma City.

Mitch Hoskins has been in law enforcement seven years. He spent two years with the capitol patrol, then took a position as deputy at the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office. He has been with the Yukon Police Department three years.

"The job itself is anything but routine," he said as he chuckled and leaned back in his chair. "Every call is different, and you learn a lot about people."

As a training officer, he introduces new recruits to the field. They ride with him their first four weeks after the academy.

Hoskins is president of the local Fraternal Order of Police and a member of the Oklahoma Peace Officers Association.

He and his wife, Becky, live in Yukon with their twin sons, Jarrod and Josh, who are nine years old.

Hoskins remembered two calls he ran just a few days apart. A missing little boy who had figured out how to open his parents' garage door was found both times driving around the neighborhood in his Little Tykes Cozy Coupe.

The boy's mother sent a big cookie to the police officers to thank them for keeping her son safe. "We help people," Hoskins said. "It makes you feel good inside to see people respond to that."



**Mitch Hoskins**