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Greetings from Ocean County College

Student: Sean Rickett

OCVTS Program: Academy of Law and Public Safety

Instructor: Jim Anuario, Homeland Security

Post-Secondary School: Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ

Class of: 2016

Center: Waretown

In Sean's own words... First, I would like to thank Mr. Anuario for selecting me as one of his success stories. OCVTS has helped me in multiple ways by preparing me for the law enforcement field, as well as college academics. Throughout the two years that I attended the Academy of Law and Public Safety (ALPS), I obtained public speaking skills, leadership skills and learned time management skills. I received a hands-on training approach to emergency situations. Most importantly, the combined experience of all the instructors in the public safety field was second to none as the program was led by men who have walked the walk and are not just educators but true subject matter experts. All in all, the experience I had at ALPS and the Homeland Security program was unmatched in both educational value and real world application.

While at the academy, I was honored to have been the recipient of the Ocean County Superintendent Round Table Recognition Award, earned two silver medals for crime scene investigation at the SkillsUSA competition and I had perfect attendance. One valuable asset that has made me so marketable to police departments is what is known at the academy as a portfolio. My achievements at the academy have given me the opportunity to have an outstanding portfolio that I show to police departments that are looking to hire qualified individuals. Currently, I am employed at the Ocean Township Police Department as a police dispatcher and I also work as an EMT at Berkeley Township Police Department.

After OCVTS, I decided to continue my college education at Ocean County College, having already taken classes there through their Jump Start Program. They offer a good education, it is close to home and it allows me the opportunity to work both jobs that I currently have. There are also many opportunities that are presented to students on campus such as clubs, sports, or intramurals. OCC is an outstanding college that works with their students and manages to help them stay focused and achieve their maximum potential.



My short term goal is to become a working military dog handler in the United States Air Force. Also, I would like to obtain my bachelor's degree in criminal justice while in the US Air Force. In ten years from now, I see myself working as a police officer in Wilmington, NC.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the three people from ALPS that have shaped me into who I am today, Officer Anuario, Lt. Walhem and Major Yaiser. These academy instructors actually care about each and every student that attends the academy, and they want to see their graduates excel after OCVTS. For those students who are undecided about going full time to the Academy of Law and Public Safety, I highly encourage you to attend an open house or talk with the instructors there. Take this opportunity of a lifetime and do not look back, only look forward because the future can hold so many possibilities for you like it does for me.

"Sean Rickett was one of the finest students that I ever had the pleasure of teaching. He is already a success on so many levels. He will be an outstanding police officer and an asset to the Wilmington Police Department." Mr. A.