

# Devin Cooper

Law Enforcement Professional

## OBJECTIVE

A law enforcement professional with 10 years of law enforcement experience who is passionate about serving their community and helping those in need. I have an upbeat and positive attitude while also possessing a good team spirit.

## EXPERIENCE

2025 - Present

### **Detective - Major Crimes Division**

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

- Interviewing witnesses, victims, and suspects
- Preparing and executing search warrants
- Investigating homicides, APS and CPS referrals, serious assaults, robberies, serious frauds
- Conducting surveillance
- Providing court testimony
- Writing narratives
- Cold case reviews
- Collaborate with District and Superior Court Prosecutors, Other agencies, and various security and investigative units.

2022 – 2025

### **Sheriff's Deputy**

Whatcom County Sheriff's Office

- Respond to 911 calls for service.
- Enforced motor vehicle laws by issuing tickets for speeding or other infractions.
- Adhered to departmental policies and procedures while performing job duties.
- Provided courtroom security during hearings and trials.
- Served warrants, subpoenas, orders of protection, eviction notices, summonses.
- Maintained knowledge of current state statutes pertaining to search and seizure laws.
- Conducted daily patrols of assigned areas to monitor criminal activity and traffic violations.
- Responded to disturbances such as domestic disputes or civil unrest while ensuring the safety of citizens.
- Patrols - providing emergency aid, security and protection to the public; responding to requests for information and assistance; and responding to crimes in progress.
- Investigate crimes and motor vehicle accidents and natural and unnatural deaths.
- Transports prisoners.
- Testifies in court.
- Resolves complaints, controls civil disturbances, and performs crisis intervention. Serves criminal and civil process documents.
- Investigated reported incidents, collected evidence, interviewed witnesses, wrote reports, and testified in court.

2017 - 2022

### **Police Officer**

Blaine Police Department

2014 - 2017

### **Police Officer**

Nooksack Indian Tribe

2010 - 2014

#### **Surveillance Observer**

Nooksack Indian Tribe's Nooksack River Casino

2008 - 2010

#### **Security Supervisor**

Olympic Security Services

## **EDUCATION**

#### **Associate's Degree - Arts and Sciences**

Whatcom Community College

#### **General Education Degree**

Bellingham Technical College

Mount Baker High School

## **CERTIFICATIONS & COURSES**

- FTO Academy
- Basic and Advanced School Resource Officer
- Pre-Supervisor's Training
- Victim Centered Interviewing
- Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Investigation
- Police Mt Bicycle
- Basic Homicide
- Wicklander – Zulawski Investigative Interviewing Techniques

## **VOLUNTEERING**

- Camp Willie - 2008 - 2023 - Group Councilor / Group Facilitator
- Project Santa Claus - 2022 - Present - Volunteer / Volunteer Coordinator / Treasurer
- 1000 Smiles - 2025 - Assisting Dentists, dental assistants, and hygienists / sterilization / patient checkout

*Greetings to all my family, friends, and fellow Tribal Members,*

My name is Devin Cooper. I am the son of Richard Cooper and Penny Cooper (Fuller). My paternal grandparents are Richard "Dick" Cooper and Donna "Penny" McKay (Brune), after my Grandpa Dick's passing, Grandma Penny later married Robert "Bob" McKay. My maternal grandparents are Charles "Chuck" Fuller and Leola "Valdene" Stout (Colombrino).

As most of you know, in 2014 I became a Nooksack Tribal Police Officer and I cannot express the gratitude I have for that accomplishment in my life. In 2017 I lateralized to be a police officer in the City of Blaine, and then in 2022 I lateralized to the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office where I am now a Major Crimes Detective. I start with this because over the last 11 years, I have dedicated myself to giving back to the community. I pride myself on my integrity, my fairness, and my resiliency.

Outside of work I spend time with my wife, Bethany Cooper (Hoffer), and four children, Angela, Jaxon, Kamryn, and Ezekial. From 2009 to 2022, I volunteered for a grief camp for children, Camp Willie, where Nooksack helped me attend when I needed it the most in 2000 as a camper. In the early stages of volunteering for Camp Willie I was a co-councilor. And around 2020 I moved up to assist in the group therapy sessions as a Group Facilitator. In 2023 I became a board member for Project Santa Clause where we provide children an opportunity to go shopping with a uniformed first responder. I have recently become the Treasurer of Project Santa Clause. This year I also had the pleasure of volunteering with 1000 Smiles where I assisted in giving free dental care to the community members of Turks and Caicos.

I believe I have a special ability to walk in multiple different pathways in life based on my Nooksack lineage, my non-tribal lineage, all while having a career in law enforcement. All of these have had their advantages and disadvantages, but I believe, based on my law enforcement training and experience, I have gained the ability to remain calm under extreme pressure and scrutiny.

I tell you all of this because Nooksack has gifted me with multiple opportunities to grow and become more educated in non-traditional environments. These seeds Nooksack has planted many years ago are now ready to be harvested to provide for our people. I have spent my entire adulthood as a public servant and I believe now is the time for me to come back home and help give back to Nooksack. I will bring an "outside" perspective with compassion, dignity, and integrity. I will continue to dedicate myself to serving those in need and to being a steadfast voice for Nooksack to Whatcom County and beyond.

Please vote for me, Devin Cooper, for Position A.