



Nathaniel Lacey has spent the majority of his adult life in uniform. He has served his country as a United States Marine, and he currently serves his community as a police officer with the City of Farmington, New Mexico.

Nate graduated from Manzano High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1994. He attended college for a short time but soon decided to take his life in a new direction. In 1995, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps.

Nate attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. Upon completion, he attended the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, California and was then assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii as an infantry mortarman. Serving in the 81mm Mortar Platoon, Nate deployed multiple times and visited various locales around the Pacific Rim, including Okinawa, Mainland Japan, South Korea, and Australia. After Nate was meritoriously promoted to the noncommissioned officer rank of Corporal, he became the Fire Direction Center Chief for his platoon, a billet normally reserved for a staff noncommissioned officer. Nate led a group of junior Marines in the computation of complex data for the firing of the mortar cannon. Any miscalculation in this data could result in indirect mortar firing hitting friendly positions. There were no incidents during Nate's tenure as FDC Chief.

After completing his enlistment, Nate returned to his home state of New Mexico. In 2001, he was hired as a police officer with the City of Farmington. He attended the San Juan County Criminal Justice Training Authority Police Academy and completed fourteen weeks of field training. He then began serving the citizens of Farmington as a patrol officer responding to calls for service and investigating a wide range of felony and misdemeanor crimes. In addition to patrol work, Nate has been a District Coordinator, responsible for community policing efforts in one of Farmington's four police districts. Currently, he serves as a DWI Enforcement Officer with the department's traffic unit. Nate works hard to prevent deaths, injuries, and property damage caused by impaired drivers. He also conducts various presentations to different groups to help educate the public about the dangers of drinking and driving. In addition to his normal duties, Nate also serves as a part time field training officer, and he is an instructor in DWI Detection and Apprehension. He assists with other training and instruction with both the academy and in-service training.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Nate completed his Associate of Arts Degree in Business Administration at San Juan College in 2008. He is currently enrolled at New Mexico State University, and he will complete his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2011 majoring in General Business. Nate has also completed hundreds of hours of advanced police training in order to maintain his high level of professional proficiency.

In the near future, Nate aspires to become a full time training officer with the Police Department in order to help Farmington maintain its reputation for fielding well-trained, professional police officers. Eventually, he would like to promote in the department and lead other officers in professional policing with the goal of a safer community. Nate also wants to continue his education beyond his bachelor degree. He believes continuing to improve his leadership skills through experience and learning will enable him to better serve the community as he assumes more responsibility in the police department.