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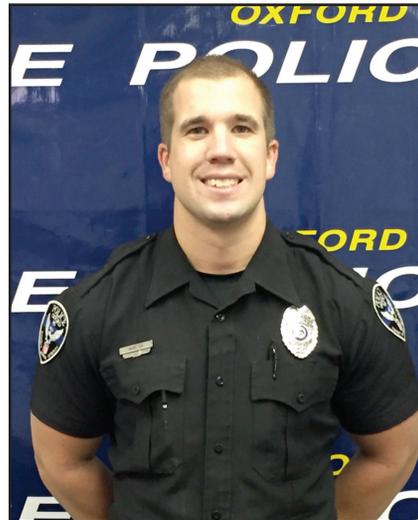
"Mississippi's law enforcement are the best in the nation. Time and time again, these brave men and women answer the call to protect and serve, putting their lives on the line to protect ours. The Secretary of State's Office is proud to honor their service to our great State."

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Ben Hamilton **Oxford Police Department**

Ben, 27, grew up in Pontotoc where he graduated from Pontotoc High School in 2006. He received his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Mississippi where he received the Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award.

Beginning his law enforcement career with the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office in 2011, Ben served there as a Deputy as well as a K-9 Officer. He transferred to the Oxford Police Department in 2013 where he serves many roles. He is a current FTO for his shift, a member of the Honor Guard, SWAT Team and LawFit Team.



"Ben has been a valued asset to the City of Oxford not just for his law enforcement experience but because of the man he is," said Major Jeff McCutchen of the Oxford Police Department.

A devoted husband to his wife Cassie and father to their baby girl Jules, he serves as a Deacon, Youth Committee member and usher at West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc. He has served on multiple mission trips to South America.

When not at work or with family Ben spends his free time hunting and being outdoors.