



# BEHIND THE BADGE

## Donnie Heggins

K-9 Officer | Vicksburg Police Department

*“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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Officer Donnie Heggins was born and raised in Vicksburg, Mississippi. For most of his life Officer Heggins has been surrounded by law enforcement. Officer Heggins always knew he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his family. His father retired from the Warren County Sheriff’s Department as the Assistant Chief Deputy where he also



served as a Warren County Sheriff’s Department K-9 Deputy. Officer Heggins’ older brother is the current Chief Deputy for the Warren County Sheriff’s Department.

Officer Heggins graduated from Warren Central High School in 1998. At the age of 21, he began working at the Warren County Juvenile Detention Center. Officer Heggins later transferred to the Warren County Sheriff Department where he worked for several years. In 2011, he was hired by the Vicksburg Police Department. Officer Heggins attended the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy, where he excelled in firearms and received the award for highest achieved average in firearms. Officer Heggins currently serves the Vicksburg Police Department as K-9 Officer/handler and has also worked in Patrol and Traffic divisions. Officer Heggins is an Active Shooter Instructor and a Firearms Instructor. Additionally, he is responsible for the training and qualification of all certified officers at the Vicksburg Police Department.

Officer Heggins is very committed to serving his community. He participated in the Randy Naylor Summer Youth Program by mentoring youth in the community. Officer Heggins is a devoted husband to his wife of fifteen years, Beth. The couple has three sons: Brandon (14), Joshua (12), and Cooper (2). Officer Heggins leads his



children by example, teaching them to put God first in their lives and to trust everything else will fall into place. His family supports him and prays for his safety daily, along with all of Mississippi’s other officers and first responders. In Officer Heggins’ spare time, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing sports with his family.