

## MSGT William J. “Billy” Stuart

Master Sergeant William “Billy” Stuart, originally from Blue Ridge, GA, joined the University of West Georgia Campus Police Department in 2002. After graduating from Fannin County High School, Billy chose to study Criminology at the University of West Georgia. He had long held aspirations of becoming the fifth generation of his family to work in law enforcement. As an undergrad at the University of West Georgia, Billy was involved in both Greek social, and honor fraternities. He was also active in the Wesley Foundation and a volunteer for Hospice. William spent his college years working private security in Atlanta, which reinforced his commitment to a career in law enforcement. He graduated with a B.S. in Criminology in May, 2001

Billy was originally assigned to the bike patrol unit, until his promotion to Sergeant of evening watch in 2004. He remained evening watch commander until he was transferred to the technology division in 2012. His primary focus is the management of the University’s access control, intrusion defense, and CCTV systems. He is also the department’s Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design officer. Billy is a graduate of the 114<sup>th</sup> Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute located at the University of Louisville. He is also a graduate of class 35A of the Georgia Law Enforcement Command College located at Columbus State University. Billy started working on his graduate degree while at the University of Louisville, and was able to complete it at Columbus State University, graduating in 2010 with a Master’s in Public Administration. Billy has attended over 2000 hours of law enforcement training and earned his Basic, Intermediate, Supervision, and Management certifications. He was the 2005 and 2014 Officer of the Year. The two most influential persons in his career have been his undergraduate advisor Dr. Sandra Stone, and a former classmate and colleague, Dr. Lee Wade, who spent eight years with the Carrollton Police Department.