

LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY
2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



Brett Whittenberger '11 M.A.

Lieutenant

Allegheny County Police

Lieutenant Brett Whittenberger is the current director of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy and is responsible for providing collaborative police training and education to law enforcement stakeholders in Allegheny County.

Lieutenant Whittenberger began his public service in 1999 when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Lieutenant Whittenberger deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and served in the Marine Corps Reserve until 2005.

Lieutenant Whittenberger began his law enforcement career in 2002 when he graduated from the Allegheny County Police Training Academy. Upon his return from Iraq in 2003, Lieutenant Whittenberger started his career as a police officer in Butler County, PA. In 2006 Lieutenant Whittenberger joined the Allegheny County Police Department and served as a patrol officer assigned to the Pittsburgh International Airport, a detective assigned to Executive Protection, and as a detective assigned to the FBI Pittsburgh Joint Terrorism Task Force.

In 2018 he was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Pittsburgh International Airport as a patrol supervisor. In 2020 he was transferred to the Investigative Division as the unit commander for Internal Affairs. In 2022 Lieutenant Whittenberger was promoted to his current rank and remained the unit commander for Internal Affairs. In January 2023 Lieutenant Whittenberger was appointed Director of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy.

“Leading the police academy has been a great experience and an opportunity to impact the future of law enforcement in our region,” he said. “It is rewarding to see the recruits grow throughout their basic training program and then graduate to serve our communities.”

Additionally Lieutenant Whittenberger has been an adjunct professor at La Roche University since 2017, teaching multiple courses in the Justice, Law and Security Department, and for the past five years has been a volunteer with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh BIGS program.

Lieutenant Whittenberger holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from La Roche University and a master's degree in intelligence and global security from Point Park University.