

**Ricky Parks**  
**North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police**  
**Sergeant-At-Arms**

Not many of us get to live out our childhood dream. In the case of Officer Ricky Parks, he gets to everyday - it's his job. However, to him, it's not just a job. It's his passion.

Parks believes in the value of a strong community. Ever since he was a little boy, he has always wanted to help others who were in need. Not long after graduating from Rocky Mount Senior High School in 1985, Parks decided to pursue his dreams of becoming a police officer.



After graduating from the Coastal Plains Law Enforcement Academy in 1987, Parks spent his first two and a half years with the Rocky Mount Police Department. In 1989, he moved on to work for the Nash County Sheriff's Office. For the next twelve years, he would serve in various positions including Patrol Deputy, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, and Reserve Deputy. Parks finally returned to the Rocky Mount Police Department in 2001, where he now serves as a Senior Police Officer and Recruiter.

Parks has served in a host of capacities with the Fraternal Order of Police since joining in 1989. He served as the Vice President and President of the Rocky Mount Lodge #46. Under his leadership, Parks helped double the membership in his lodge, as well as strengthen local FOP programs such as Shop with a Cop, and the Blue Bow Campaign for the Peace Officers Memorial Service.

Parks is a strong leader within his community. In addition to his involvement with the Fraternal Order of Police, he is also an active member in other local community-based organizations such as his local Chamber of Commerce and the First Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

Ricky Parks is a native North Carolinian, where he currently lives with his wife Rebecca, and their three children, Genna, Will, and Octavia.