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Mayor of Cross Roads

## From the Mayor's Desk:

Dear Citizens of the Town of Cross Roads,

I can't tell you how excited I am to present to you our certified and staffed public safety team! Under the leadership of Chief Shaun Short, the Cross Roads Police Department went live on October 1st. It is no small feat what Chief Short has done in such a limited time frame to have us fully prepared for the transition from Northeast Police Department to our own police force. In addition, we were able to create a dedicated building by renovating our previous Town Hall to make it suitable for their operations.



## Special Edition

### Cross Roads Police Department (CRPD)

The purpose of this special edition of the newsletter is not only to welcome our new team members but also to familiarize our citizens and business with the new faces. We have a very experienced group of professionals, with an average of 17 years



experience in law enforcement. Please make them feel welcome if you have an opportunity to meet any one of them, or just stop by the police station to say "hi". You will be welcomed by Madison Gotthardt, who is the Administrative Assistant/Property and Evidence Technician for the Department. **Welcome Madison!**

We want to make sure you feel safe and secure in our Town, so anytime you have a public safety issue, please contact the PD at their **administration number (940-441-4226)** or in case of emergency, call 911. Remember, the Cross Roads Po-

lice Department is here to serve you and keep us all safe.

In addition to the new Police Department, I would also like to introduce to you our new EMS/Fire Services provider, led by Little Elm Fire Chief Paul Rust. Fire Chief Rust leads a team of 64 paramedics/firefighters.

Again, a great welcome to our new Public Safety Team. This is a momentous time for Cross Roads as we transition to a more experienced and professional team, keeping my promise of "Cross Roads First!"

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# Cross Roads Police

## Chief and Sergeants

### Chief Short



**Chief Short** has an impressive background with a Masters of Public Administration and a BS in Criminal Justice. Short is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, and a Licensed Master Peace officer (TCOLE).

Retired as Assistant Police Chief after 27 years with the Department of Public Safety, Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport. Short recently served five years as the Police Chief in Joshua.

### Sergeant Tyler



**Sergeant Tyler** has a combined 21 years in law enforcement in the DFW area, including:

- 20 years with Plano PD working as patrol, Warrant Officer, Training Officer, and Detective.
- 1 year with Texas Health Resources PD as a Patrol Officer.

Sergeant Tyler is a firearms instructor and specializes in defensive tactics.

### Sergeant Rounsavall



**Sergeant Rounsavall** joins CRPD with 18 years law enforcement experience:

- 15 years worked at the Argyle Police Department, 12 years as an Officer and 3 years as a Sergeant.
- 3.5 years with Delta County

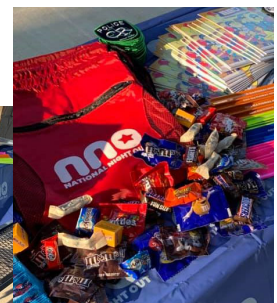
Sergeant Rounsavall is passionate about his duty to serve and protect. He enjoys spending his weekends perfecting his BBQ skills and spending time with his family.



CRPD Police Car



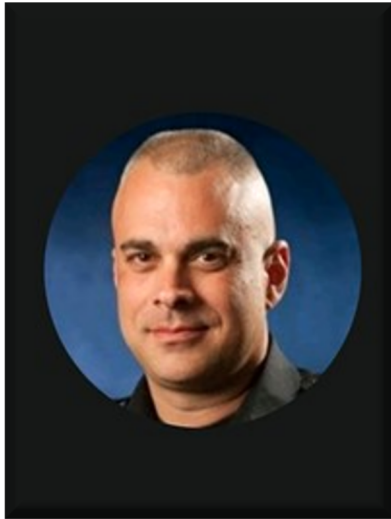
National Night Out





# Cross Roads Police Staff

**Officer Lightfoot**



**Officer Lightfoot** has 19 years law enforcement experience and transferred over from the Northeast Police Department

- 8 years with Prosper PD—serving as Sergeant over Patrol and CID
- 6 years with Northlake PD as a Patrol Officer,
- 1 year with Corinth PD as a Patrol Officer
- 3 years with Northeast PD as a Patrol Officer.

Officer Lightfoot enjoys working the night shift and protecting our Town.

**Officer Ladusau**

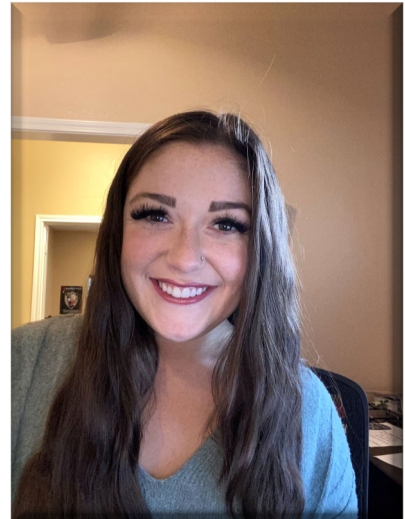


**Officer Ladusau** has 15 years combined law enforcement experience including:

- 4 years with Dallas County School as a first line Patrol Supervisor/K9 supervisor/DEA TFO.
- 5 years with Coppell PD
- 2 years with Italy PD as a Reserve Officer.
- 5 years serving in Afghanistan as a K9 handler/ Kennel Master

Officer Ladusau enjoys working out and trying new foods.

**Madison**



**Madison Gotthardt** is the Cross Roads Police Department Administrative Assistant/ Property and Evidence Technician.

Her duties include case filing, open records requests and assisting with property and evidence.

Madison received her Bachelor’s Degree from Texas Tech and was previously an Addiction Counselor at a Substance Abuse Treatment Center.

**Non-Emergency Dispatch Number  
940-349-1600**



# Cross Roads Police Staff

**Officer Draut**



**Officer Draut** has spent 10 years in law enforcement and is coming to us from Northeast Police Department. His experience includes:

- 7 years with Flower Mound PD as a Patrol Officer as well as SWAT, FTO, and MSEO.
- 3 years with Northeast PD.

Officer Draut enjoys working the night shift and DWI Enforcement.

**Officer Bardwell**



**Officer Bardwell** has a combined 27 years in the DFW Area.

- 22 years with Grand Prairie PD,
- 5 years with Celina PD

Officer Bardwell is always on the lookout and ready to serve and protect the Town of Cross Roads.

**Officer Lantrip**



**Officer Lantrip's** law enforcement experience includes:

- 2 years with the Dallas Police Department.



*CRPD Police Car*



# Meet Our New Fire Chief

## Paul Rust

### Paul Rust

Our Chief EMS/Firefighter Paul Rust started his career after high school when he became a volunteer firefighter. He became a career-paid firefighter in September of 1993. Paul picked the Little Elm department as it is a growing community, with much to offer its citizens and employees. Also, the Little Elm Fire Department has a great reputation, and he feels blessed to be a part of that.



Chief Rust has been married to his wife Courtney for 22 years. Most of his time away from work revolves around his son and two daughters especially at youth sporting events (volleyball, basketball, competitive cheer, etc..).

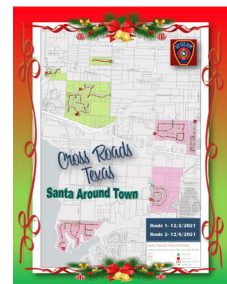


He feels strongly that regardless of your chosen career, your success will rely heavily upon others around you. You will never find greater satisfaction than in the purpose of serving others. His motto is: Do something you love and you'll never work a day of your life.

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### BITS AND PIECES Did You Know???

- The Town of Cross Roads has a new webpage to keep you updated on the US 380 widening project and feasibility study: [www.crossroadstx.gov/US380](http://www.crossroadstx.gov/US380).
- Raising Cane's is now open for business.
- Special Holiday Market is on December 18 from 9-2 pm.
- You can add your home to the CRPD's Vacation Watch by visiting [www.crossroadstx.gov/cross-roads-police-department/webforms/close-patrol-vacation-watch](http://www.crossroadstx.gov/cross-roads-police-department/webforms/close-patrol-vacation-watch).
- Little Elm Fire Department will be driving "Santa Around Town" and visiting various Cross Roads neighborhoods December 2nd and 6th. Check out the Town's Facebook page for more details.



Have question or comments? Contact: [editor@crossroadstx.com](mailto:editor@crossroadstx.com)



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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **December and January Council meeting dates have changed due to the holidays. The next meetings are December 13th, January 10th and January 24th. In February, the Town Council will resume its regular meeting schedule on the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall and on Zoom. Please join us and become involved in your Town.**
- **Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall.**
- **Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall.**
- **Municipal Development District Meeting meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. at the Town Hall.**
- **Holiday Pop-up Market Saturday November 20 & December 18 from 9:00—2:00 pm. at the park**

All meetings are posted on the Town Hall bulleting board at least 72 hours prior to meeting. For additional information, please contact the Town Secretary.

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