

# Employee Spotlight: Josh Trendt



## **Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?**

I am going into my second year pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Spanish at Grand Valley State University. I have been a cadet at the Kent County Sheriff's Office for just over a year now. In my free time I enjoy playing and coaching hockey.

## **What is your role at Kent County and what individuals do you work with?**

I am currently a cadet assigned to both the training unit and the property management unit. I mainly work with the deputies/Sergeant/Lieutenant assigned to the training unit as well as Deputy Warren Hansen in the property management unit.

## **What should staff and the public know about being a cadet?**

Some of my favorite things about the cadet program are the exposure that we can receive to the ins and outs of the work deputies do in our community, every day I am able to learn more and more about the world of law enforcement. I also love how the cadet program gives me the ability to meet new people every day and make so many connections within the Sheriff's Office as well as meeting or interacting with people from other agencies.

## **What is the most rewarding part of being a cadet? What is the most challenging?**

I would say that the most rewarding part of being a cadet is the ability to gain knowledge and put yourself ahead of others. By being a cadet, we are working in law enforcement every day and gaining knowledge by the minute. This prior knowledge will put me ahead of my peers when the time comes to attend academy. The most challenging part is probably the fact that this job can be a grind sometimes, we stay very busy and it gets tiring at times and being able to push through that can be challenging.

## **Do you have any interesting/fun stories about your experience so far?**

The most fun/interesting part of my experience as a cadet is being able to go to different trainings and help out the deputies as a role player. Specifically, at the most recent block training I got to role play as the "bad guy" in the force on force scenarios and had a lot of fun doing that.

## **Is there anything else you want to say/talk about?**

Being a cadet has been extremely fun and rewarding, I am very excited to continue my career here at KCSO and continue to gain knowledge and experience as a cadet.