

BEHIND THE BADGE



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In the morning, Bastrop ISD Police Officer Ben Rizk greets students with a fist bump and a smile.

"I love kids. I love working with kids this age. I've always had a heart for people. I want to give them hope. Let them see there

are good people out there," Officer Rizk said.

Officer Rizk joined the BISD Police Department in August. Since then he's been training but will soon call Cedar Creek Middle School his home campus. Rizk was born and

raised in Bastrop but went to private school graduating in 2007. Though he's not a product of the BISD school system he shares a connection to thousands of other families in our district. His childhood home was one of the 1,660 homes lost in the 2011 wildfires. It was a devastating moment, however, Officer Rizk saw it as a divine intervention about what he should be doing with his life. He wanted to become a police officer.

"I was so inspired by the police officers and the first responders who put their lives on the line and step up to help people. Their bravery. It had a tremendous impact on me," he said.

Rizk went on to join the Austin Police Academy. He graduated in December 2014 and immediately started working for APD.

"It changed my life. But in a good way. It helped me with leadership skills. I was able to read people better," he said.

But after a few months on the job, he wanted to do more.

"I was working as a youth minister on the side. I really enjoy working with younger people. I want to make an impact. What better way to that than with students who are

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Officer Ben Rizk (right) is pictured with fellow Officer Otis Bush (left) in a local school library.

the next generation.”

Continuing his work as a youth minister, Rizk resigned from APD and used his background in finance to also get a job at a local bank where he worked until this past spring. It was at the point using faith as his compass, he knew he wanted to be back in law enforcement. When he saw the position open for a police officer at Bastrop ISD, he felt the calling to get back into public service.

“Life is a journey. It takes you down different roads and pathways that you

would never think you’d be on. But I know law enforcement is what I’m supposed to be doing,” Rizk said.

Since joining the Bisd Police Department it’s been a dream job.

“I really like relationship building. I really enjoy helping people. Digging into their stories and finding out where I fit in and can make an impact for the better. I live by this motto, “Helping one person may not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person.” That summarizes me.”



DID YOU KNOW?

**The Bastrop ISD
Police Department
currently employs :**

- 8 Police Officers**
- 5 Campus Security**
- 2 Night Security**
- 1 K-9**
- 2 Attendance Officers**
- 1 Chief of Police**
- 1 Administrative
Assistant**