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## **Ranger Tanya R. Smith**

**Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

Ranger Tanya Smith began her law enforcement career in 2011 as an intern at the Erie International Airport Police Department. In 2017, she became a ranger in the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

As a DCNR Ranger, Smith enforces Pennsylvania law and park rules and regulations to ensure the safety and security of the public. While patrolling state parks, she manages traffic control, emergency services, first aid, and marina and boating issues. Ranger Smith also trained as an on-call corrections officer at Erie County Prison in 2018, where she responded to alarms, surveilled inmates on suicide watch, and oversaw the security of inmates in the general population and solitary confinement.

Smith attended the police academy at the Mercyhurst University of Pennsylvania and graduated with an ACT 120 certification from the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. She holds a B.S. in Business, a B.A. in Criminal Justice, and a minor in Psychology from the Pennsylvania Western University at Edinboro.

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