

Mike Hotz

Mike has served with the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPD) since 2010. He began his career in the North Precinct Patrol including assignments with the North Precinct Flex Team, North Precinct Crime Suppression Unit, and the Specialized Investigations Division Narcotics Unit. Mike was promoted to sergeant in 2016 and assigned to the Central Precinct Patrol followed by the Hermitage Precinct Patrol. He was selected to supervise the Hermitage Precinct's Crime Suppression Unit and later chosen to lead the Specialized Investigations Division Major Case Task Force. In 2019, he was tasked with building a unit from the ground up to investigate drug overdose deaths. Mike was promoted to Lieutenant in 2025 and continues serving with the Overdose Unit. He is a certified expert witness in undercover operations, nuisance abatements, and methamphetamine labs.

Prior to joining the MNPD, Mike served as a Rifle Team Leader Sergeant in the United States Army Infantry. He was deployed to combat twice, once in Afghanistan and then to Iraq. Mike received the Purple Heart Medal for injuries sustained in combat. While in Afghanistan, his unit intercepted thousands of tons of black tar heroin bound for distribution throughout the world.

Mike earned an associate's degree in photojournalism from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 2000 and a bachelor's degree in photography from Thomas Edison State University in 2007.