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## GA DNR Law Enforcement Announces New Director of Game Warden Academy

*Game Warden Sergeant Mitch Oliver promoted to Captain*



*Captain Mitch Oliver*

SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA – The Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division is pleased to announce the promotion of Sergeant Mitch Oliver to Captain and Director of the DNR Training Unit effective today. He is filling the vacancy of Captain Bob Holley, who was recently promoted to Major of Special Operations.

“Good training for our game wardens is vitally important to our success in enforcing the laws professionally and fairly, and to providing quality public safety services to our citizens,” said DNR Law Enforcement Director Colonel Thomas Barnard. “Captain Oliver has a reputation of professionalism and hard work, and I am confident he will be an outstanding leader for our Training Unit and the Game Warden Academy.”

Capt. Oliver’s duties will include planning and directing the 23-week Game Warden Academy and planning and overseeing in-service training for game wardens across the state.

He has been with the state for 22 years and DNR LE for 21 years. His first assignment was in Gwinnett County in northeast Georgia. In 2002, he transferred to west central Georgia and was assigned to Harris County where he spent most of his career. He promoted to Corporal in 2011 and to Sergeant in 2020 in northwest Georgia and was assigned to Troup County.

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