

I am Tena Campbell. I am a mother of four, grandparent, daughter, aunt, sister, nurse, friend, and a wife of a deputy sheriff. Life is busy, but I joined the auxiliary because I think it is important. I think it shows your officer, or family member, that you support what they are doing. They have a very thankless job and need to know that they are appreciated, especially in a world with such growing hatred toward the profession. I originally joined our local Auxiliary to meet new people who understood the family side of police life, but it grew to be so much more than that. When you see the police family (that people often talk about) unfold in the midst of tragedy, it is truly moving. I hadn't realized I had become part of that family. It is tragic, yes, but wonderful to see such support and emotion concerning a fellow human being. Police seem to take their fellow officers' families in, and not let them be forgotten. I believe more people need to be like them.

I wanted to be a part of the state auxiliary because you can do so much more it seems-for more than just your local area. The state auxiliary wants to show support for not only our own officers, but officers everywhere. You make great friendships, and the family continues to grow.