Courtney Whitney

Courtney Whitney is a Correctional Lieutenant with the Utah State Correctional Facility, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She has been employed with the Utah Department of Corrections since 2013. During her career, she has worked many assignments within the Prison; housing Officer/housing Sergeant for both male and female populations, Shift Commander, Instructor for the Training Bureau, Supervising the Field Training Program, and Operations. Courtney started her career in Law Enforcement in 2009 with the Dothan Police Department in Alabama. She was a full-time dispatcher and a part-time reserve police officer for them until 2012 when she moved to Utah.

Courtney has been a Field Training Officer since 2016 when she was promoted to Sergeant. She has been teaching for the Corrections Training Academy since 2014 through P.O.S.T. Courtney is currently supervising the Field Training Program for the Utah State Correctional Facility. She also teaches Pre-Service and In-Service training for the Utah Department of Corrections and The Utah Adult Probation and Parole Department. Courtney has recently joined the National Association of Field Training Officers (NAFTO) as a trainer. She is one of their Subject Matter Experts (SME) on Corrections. Courtney is the SME for her department in Staff Wellness and Development, Incident Management Systems, De-escalation, Institutional Security, and Hostage Taking and Negotiation. She has helped create curriculum and classes for her department since 2014.

Courtney is currently pursuing her master's degree in Law Enforcement Leadership with Liberty University. She has a bachelor's degree in Justice and Public Safety from Auburn University Montgomery. She holds Instructor Development, Outward Mindset, Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T), and Mentoring certifications. Courtney volunteers her time with a few Non-Profit organizations that benefit the military, veterans, and first responders. She has a passion for serving her community and mentoring those around her to reach their fullest potential.