

💧 Career Spotlight

Plant Operator

Lane Marston New Baltimore WRRF

Lane Marston joined the City of New Baltimore police department in 2002 and signed onto a mission to provide excellent service and protection through leadership and partnership with the community. Back when he started, he had no idea that this path would eventually lead him into a career in the Water Environment Field. However, as an Operator at the New Baltimore Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF), he continues this work of vital service to his community and the protection of public health and the environment.

Lane worked as a police officer for 12 years before inquiring with the New Baltimore WRRF as to what the facility was all about. He was intrigued by the treatment process and the timing was right for him to make a career change. With a family to consider, he felt that he needed to make the move out of law enforcement into a career that would allow him to “learn something new” as well as provide different kinds of physical and mental challenges. After some discussions with Bill Bade, the facility’s Superintendent, Lane asked to be notified when a position was open. In 2016, there was an opening for an Operator and Lane jumped at the chance to transfer.



Education/Experience

- **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration (University of Phoenix)**
- **Macomb Police Academy**
- **Worked at the Police Department for 14 yrs total**



As an Operator, Lane performs an assortment of tasks at the treatment facility ranging from doing lab work to maintaining equipment, facilities, and even grounds/property. Operators in New Baltimore also maintain the City’s 13 pump/lift stations. This includes weekly checks, scheduled maintenance work, and also handling unplanned events like alarms and emergency repairs. Lane likes the variety of the work as an Operator but really favors being part of a great team.

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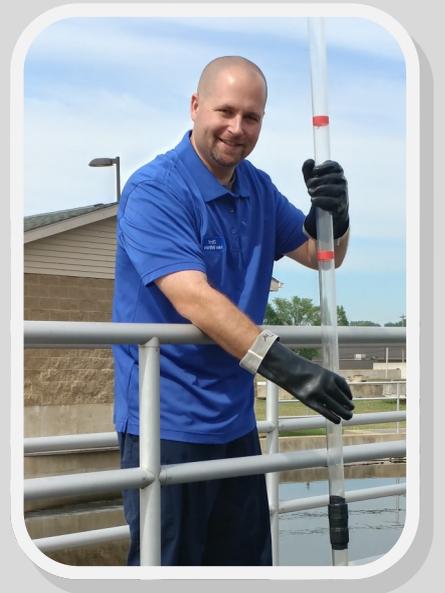
“My favorite part of the job is working with my fellow coworkers. We have a great crew and Superintendent. We all get along well and work great with one another. Next, would be the diversity of the work. There’s always something to be done. I like the fact that we are a facility that does it all.”

Lane is coming up to speed quickly at the New Baltimore facility and plans to take his D Licensing exam this Fall. His new skill sets and daily activities have been a source of enjoyment for him at the workplace but he also has seen a great improvement in time for his family life as well.

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As an individual transitioning careers into the Water Environment field, Lane brings true dedication and eagerness to learn. He came highly recommended for the Career Spotlight as he is quickly making a positive impact on his facility. We look forward to seeing what’s next in Lane’s future and hope that his story inspires other considering a career (or career transition) in Operations.

For more information about Lane and other excellent Water Environment Professionals in Michigan, please check out www.h20mich.org.



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