

OUTSTANDING GOVERNMENT SERVICE



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Daniel R. Tenney is a park ranger for the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Division of Parks and Recreation. He is stationed at Crowders Mountain State Park in Kings Mountain, where he is responsible for the safety and protection of park visitors and the park's natural resources. Tenney is also a North Carolina special peace officer, emergency medical technician and wildland firefighter.

In addition to his everyday job duties of promoting safe, enjoyable, outdoor recreational opportunities, Tenney is also the armorer and leads firearms safety training for over 200 Parks and Recreation law enforcement officers. He spends more than 20 days each year leading training exercises, where he teaches park rangers from across the state more than just how to handle a weapon safely. He creates scenarios based on his 22 years of service to the State of North Carolina and offers tactics that park rangers can use to deescalate tense encounters. These tactics are vital to the protection of the public as well as the natural landscape the park rangers protect.

Even with these additional responsibilities that take him outside of the park, Tenney consistently performs above and beyond expectations. He manages two other park rangers, works closely with the park superintendent and is responsible for the management of the park's operations and facilities. Daniel monitors internal and external threats to the park's natural resources, mitigating these threats through prescribed burning, invasive species eradication, trail maintenance and park boundary management.



Described as a truly dedicated state employee, Daniel R. Tenney is the perfect example of what it means to go the extra mile and provide exceptional service to the public. The State of North Carolina is honored to benefit from his outstanding government service.