

## PUBLIC SERVICE



### **DEBBIE RIDDLE** Department of Public Safety, Communications

Debbie Riddle works as a graphic designer within the Office of Communications for the Department of Public Safety. In her role, Riddle develops the department's visual presence for internal and external audiences as well as manages the aesthetics of the department's branding.

In her personal time, Riddle uses her skills to help spread awareness of the seriousness of stalking. After her sister, Peggy, was murdered by a stalker in 2003, Riddle became an advocate for anti-stalking efforts. She joined a collection of advocates who helped her share her sister's story with the nation as part of a Capitol Hill briefing that led to the resolution to create National Stalking Awareness Month. Established in Peggy's honor, the observance now takes place every January.

Since then, Riddle has participated in numerous panels, podcasts, and interviews for news organizations covering the issue of stalking to better inform the public. She calls for the end of romanticizing stalking and aims to teach young people that stalking is not a form of love.

Riddle is highly regarded as a subject matter expert in stalking and anti-stalking efforts. In 2021, she spoke at five events, including three college campuses and a national webinar. Riddle has raised thousands of dollars for stalking awareness programming and co-produced a stalking awareness training video used nationally by criminal justice agencies, forensic nurses and other groups. She also volunteers her graphic design talent to help stalking awareness nonprofits.



Debbie Riddle not only supports and enhances public safety efforts through her work at the Department of Public Safety but also in her personal life as an anti-stalking advocate. By dedicating her life to protecting those in need, she has established herself as an excellent public servant for the State of North Carolina.