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Laura Grantham - Author, Speaker, Digital Forensic Examiner, ESD K9 Handler



Laura Grantham is an author, speaker, Digital Forensic Examiner, and Sergeant with the Mobile County Sheriff's Office in Alabama. With more than 36 years of law enforcement experience, she currently serves in the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit, where she specializes in digital evidence and technology-related investigations involving crimes against children.

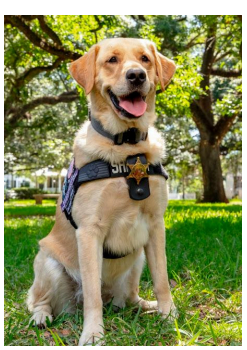
Laura is also the handler of Estie, Alabama's Electronics Storage Detection (ESD) K9, one of the state's pioneering digital evidence detection dogs. Together, they assist with criminal investigations by locating hidden electronic devices while also serving as passionate advocates for child online safety.



Drawing on her professional experience, Laura created The Estie Files, a children's book series that introduces online safety through engaging stories that educate without creating fear. Her mission is to equip children, and caregivers, with the confidence and knowledge to make safe choices online while preserving the wonder, curiosity, and joy of childhood.

Laura is also the author of Stories of the Shore and Sea, inspired by her lifelong love of Alabama's Gulf Coast. Through imaginative storytelling, the series encourages children to appreciate and protect coastal wildlife, marine ecosystems, and the natural beauty of the shoreline. Through frequent presentations at schools, libraries, community events, youth organizations, conferences, and family programs, Laura and Estie empower thousands of children, teens, parents, educators, and caregivers each year with the knowledge and confidence to navigate today's digital world safely and responsibly.





Whether speaking from the stage, visiting a classroom, or writing her next adventure, Laura's mission is to help children and families become confident digital citizens, compassionate community members, and lifelong learners, one story, one smile, and one paw print at a time.