

FIRST RESPONDERS SERIES

POLICE

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Depending on where you live the term First Responder has different meanings.

A person who is among the first to arrive and provide specialized assistance at the scene of an emergency, such as an accident, natural disaster or terrorist attack is considered a first responder. First Responder is an umbrella term that evolved since 9/11, meaning all emergency responders as defined in Section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (U.S.C. § 101). A certified first responder is one who has received certification to provide pre-hospital care in a certain jurisdiction. A community first responder is a person dispatched to the scene of a medical emergencies until an ambulance arrives.

Law Enforcement First Responders are responsible for stopping an emergency from progressing to a higher threat level. This means that the first officers to arrive on a scene need to be able to quickly assess the situation to determine what other assistance may be needed, neutralize any threats and maintain a safe scene until medical personnel arrive. Law Enforcement First Responders provide initial rescue or first aid care. Unless you are an EMT, you save more advanced medical care for when the ambulance arrives. In other words, a police officer may provide CPR to an accident victim, but they must stop when the more qualified medical first responder can take over.

Flower – Do 6 requirements.

Triangle – Do 8 requirements.

Circle – Do 10 requirements.

Rectangle – Do all requirements.

1. What is a policeman or policewoman?

2. Describe what you think a police officer does for his/her job.

3. Becoming a police officer has appeal for adults as well as youngsters. Some people like the idea of helping others, while other people want to make the world a better place and children want to catch the bad guys. Talk to a police officer and find out why they became a policeman/policewoman.

4. Do police officers need a college degree? What kind of training does a police officer need in your state? What certifications do they need? Research and find all the requirements needed to become a police officer and how long it takes.

5. Police officers rarely work a regular, 40-hour week. They work in shifts, late at night, on the weekends, and even on holidays. Patrol officers work outdoors and are subjected to all types of weather conditions. Police work is also mentally gruelling. Officers often witness terrible crimes and must handle the stress brought on by these situations while remaining calm and collected. How do you keep yourself calm and collected when you are stressed?

6. As a part of their job, police officers have rights that a regular citizen does not have. List as many rights that police officers have in their job that you as a private citizen do not have.

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____
- G. _____

Circles & Rectangles – Research and find out why police officers have these rights and why regular citizens do not.

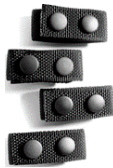
7. Draw a picture and write a story about how the Police can help you.

8. If you could talk to a Policeman and ask him 5 questions, what would they be?

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Why would you ask these questions? Do these questions have significant importance to you? Ask an officer your questions and explain why you are asking them.

9. Being a police officer can be very dangerous, that is why they have to carry the equipment they need to protect themselves, identify themselves, and have several methods of communication with their dispatch. Identify the following items carried by an officer.





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10. Law enforcement careers can seem exciting, rewarding and fun. Yes, there are many good reasons to become a police officer, but before you take that leap and decide on law enforcement as a career, there are a few things you probably should know.

Read the description in the left column and match it with the correct title.

_____ Long gone are the days of getting hired on the spot. You're not going to walk into your local police station, hand in a job application, and be patrolling the streets the next day.

_____ Police employment requires a very detailed and thorough check of your past. Typically, they include a criminal history check, a credit check, and a look at your previous employment.

_____ Training to be a police officer is hard. Some will succeed academically, but find the physical fitness gruelling. Candidates will have to qualify with a firearm, or demonstrate proficiency in defensive tactics, first aid, and driving.

_____ Training is about transitioning individuals from into a full-time law enforcement career, and will weed out those who have what it takes and those who don't.

_____ Officers respond to a variety of calls such as accidents, injuries, abuse, and death. Perhaps the most important part of the job as a police officer is dealing with the victims of crime and the families of lost loved ones.

_____ Police officers may work regular shifts, or may work rotating shifts. Weekends and holidays are often part of an officer's schedule as well.

_____ The experiences of a police officer working in a rural small town vs that of an officer working on the streets of a big city are going to be vastly different. There are different types of jobs and an officer might be involved in several of them during his/her career.

_____ Law enforcement fatigue is brought on by too much overtime, poor sleep habits, bad nutritional food choices, and too much stress.

_____ The correlation between police work and poor health has a lot to do with the bad habits police officers pick up. Eating fast food during their shift due to their odd work hours and the need to eat quickly and on the fly.

_____ Working in public service is largely about sacrifice, and often that sacrifice starts with the wallet. However, officers can earn a decent living with promotions.

_____ Law enforcement is definitely not a career that should be entered into lightly. Individuals serious about joining the police force need to do some research and soul searching in order to make sure it's a step they really want to take.

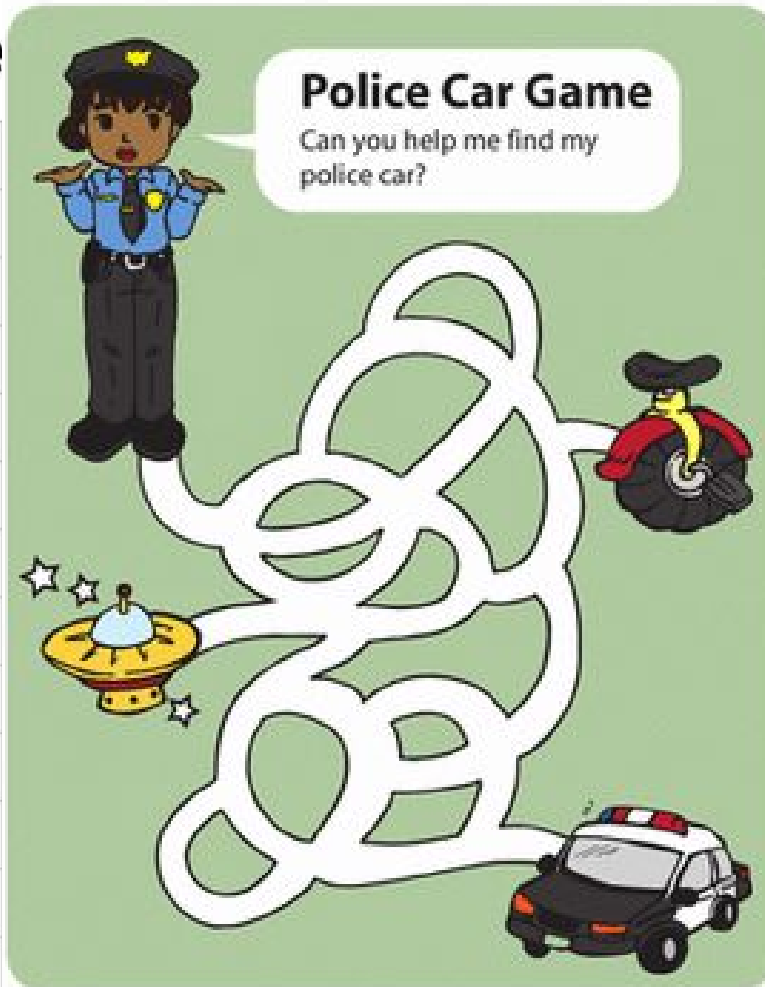
1. Academy Training
2. Hours
3. Money
4. Field Training
5. Seeing Things You Wish You Didn't
6. The Hiring Process
7. The Work

8. Job Fatigue
9. Background Checks
10. Bad Habits and Health Problems
11. Not For Everyone

11.

Police

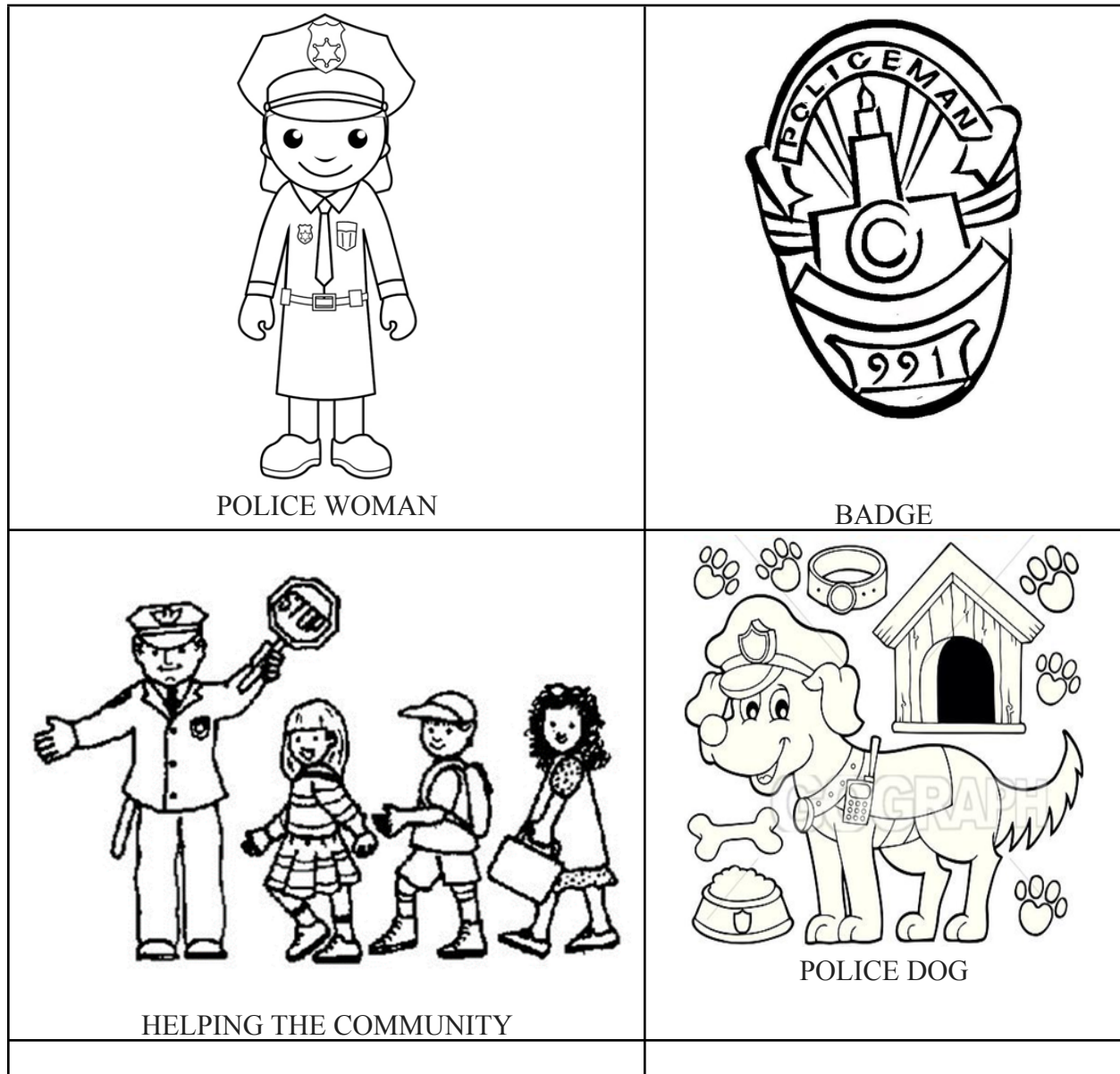
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- UNIFORM
- EVIDENCE
- PATROL
- GLOVES
- TASER
- BATON
- VEHICLE
- COMPUTER
- OFFICER
- OMB SQUAD
- SUSPECTS
- VEST
- PARTNER
- TRUNCHEON
- PHOTOGRAPH
- WALKIE
- SUMMONS
- GUN
- ARREST
- TAPE

What is the definition of each of these words? Find or draw a picture to represent each of them.

12. Color the pictures and learn police vocabulary.



Vocabulary

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| Accident | Culprit | Occurrence | Disturbance |
| Affidavit | Delinquent | Omission | Erratic |
| Alibi | Felony | Probable Cause | Hinderance |
| Arrest | Malicious | Prosecute | Homicide |
| Burglary | Mischievous | Pursuit | Surveillance |
| Collision | Misdemeanor | Recurrence | Theft |
| Corroborate | Obstruct | Disorderly | Warrant |

Answer Key:

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| 1. | Baton | 13. | Handcuffs |
| 2. | Baton Belt Holder | 14. | Handcuff Belt Strap |
| 3. | Weapon | 15. | Pepper Spray |
| 4. | Holster | 16. | Pepper Spray Belt Holder |
| 5. | Radio Headset | 17. | Cell Phone |
| 6. | Radio | 18. | Cell Phone Belt Holder |
| 7. | Radio Belt Holder | 19. | Flash Light |
| 8. | Radio Mic | 20. | Flash Light Belt Holder |
| 9. | Belt Straps | 21. | Rank Arm Patches |
| 10. | Bullet Proof Vest | 22. | Badge |
| 11. | Belt | 23. | Name Tag |
| 12. | Key Fob Belt Strap | 24. | Blue Line Flag Patch |