









WHO ARE POLICE OFFICERS?

Police officers protect life and property. They maintain order by enforcing local, state, tribal, and federal laws.



"Being a police officer is more than just making arrests and chasing "bad guys." It is about serving a community and knowing you are going to make a difference. Sometimes that means saving a life either directly or indirectly."



EMPLOYMENT TYPES

- ✓ City Police
- ✓ Airport Police
- ✓ Transit Authority Police
- ✓ Border Patrol
- Harbor Police
- ✓ Attorney's Police Investigator





CHARACTERISTICS

Good leaders **Problem** solvers

Good morals Mentally strong

Hates <u>injustice</u>

Most police officers are people who are good leaders with good moral character that love problem solving and hate injustice. They enjoy working with people from all walks of life. They usually respond well in chaotic or stressful environments, and take control of out of control situations. A good police officer has a personality that projects a calm authority and can divide their attention while doing so.

EDUCATION



High School

Practice leadership skills and maintain moral character

Join agency's explorer programs

Obtain High School diploma (or equivalent)



Post-High School

Enroll in Peace Officer Standards & Training (P.O.S.T) academy class

Obtain Bachelor's degree

Obtain Law Enforcement certification



LAND YOUR FIRST JOB

- Have a clean record and make sure you are in good shape
- Apply for your cities P.O.S.T basic academy class (takes up to 6 months)
- Research via city's civil service commission website, or police department

P.O.S.T

- ✓ Written Exam
- ✓ Physical Aptitude Exam
- ✓ Psychological Exam
- ✓ Structured Panel Interview
- ✓ Polygraph Exam
- ✓ Physical Stress Test
- ✓ Oral Interview



Starting Median

\$32,100

Mid-Career Median

\$54,200

Median Salary

"Being a lifetime learner. There is always something new to learn and many skills that require ongoing training."

RECOMMENDED TOOLS

- ✓ American Federation of Police
- **International Union of Police Associations**
- Fraternal Order of Police



Active Police Officer

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