

Police Officer



Cluster: Law, Public Safety, Correction, and Security

Content Area Integration: Art, Social Studies, ELL

Background Information:

Police officers protect people's lives and property. They wear uniforms and patrol streets on foot, in cars, or on horseback. They watch for lawbreakers, answer calls for help, issue traffic tickets, and help accident victims. Police officers keep our communities safe and help citizens solve their problems.

Objective:

Students will gain an understanding of the work of a police officer and how a police officer contributes to a community.

Hands-on Activity: I Am Here to Help

Give each student a small paper bag and ask them to make a policeman puppet. Puppets can be made by using classroom art supplies, or students can use crayons/markers only.

After students have finished their puppets, tell them it is their time to think like a police officer. Have students work with a classroom partner to discuss how they would help the community if they were police officers working together. Ask each team to prepare to tell the class their police officer names and how their team helps the town. Conclude by showing the picture of a police officer the **I Can Be... Series**.

Materials:

Paper bags and material to decorate

Journal:

Students will record whether they would like this job or not. Students should be encouraged to expand on their choice by drawing a picture and/or writing an explanation.

Independent Learning Center Activity:

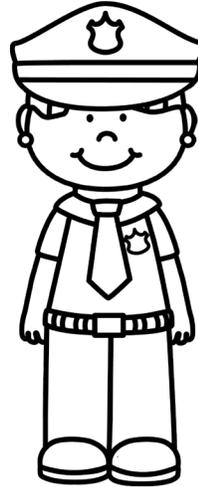
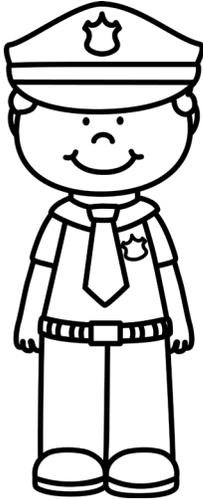
- **Thank You:** Have students write a thank you letter to the local police to thank them for keeping the town safe.
- **Police Officer Tool Kit:** Have the students draw pictures of all the items a police officer needs for work each day. Next to each drawing, the students can label the item and write why it is important.
- **Police Poster:** Have students create a poster entitled Police Officers Help our Community.

Workplace Connection:

Schedule a Keep Our Community Safe Day. Ask a police officer to be included in the presentations to discuss how he/she contributes to community safety. Other presenters could include a firefighter and crossing guard.

Evaluation/Comments:

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What I like about being a police officer is

What I don't like about being a police officer is

Who do I know in my community who is a police officer?

Why is it important to have a police officer in your community?
