When people are in a time of despair, they often turn to crime; there is a special group of individuals that rise to the call. These individuals are known as police officers. The officers often encounter high stress situations with frequently deadly consequences. Human error, fatigue, and emotional factors typically decide the outcome. Using robots will only increase the efficiency of these departments. Robots are able to do dangerous jobs more efficiently, more cost effectively, and with little or no cost of human life.

One might argue that a human could never be replaced by a machine for such a job because humans possess a logic and reason that far surpasses that of a computer’s when it comes to making decisions based upon emotion. Take for example the scenario in “iRobot”. Will Smith’s character was drowning in a car at the same time of a twelve-year-old girl named Sarah. The robot had to make the decision to rescue one based solely on the logic of which one would have the greater chance of survival. Most would feel the girl should have been saved because we are taught from a small age that: “women and children come first”. However, the robot’s choice proved to correct because ultimately Smith’s character saved the world. Had emotion prevailed, the girl would be alive and humanity would be dead.

Another argument for the fact that a human could never be replaced as an officer is cost. Critics might argue that a robot could never replace a cop because it would cost too much to replace the officer with a machine. This makes sense except nobody has factored into the equation that a robot would hypothetically outlast a human in the profession. Look folks, it is already being done in the factories of Detroit. Machines do repetitive acts over and over with little to no failure. Humans develop carpal tunnel and various other ailments. Which brings us to the next point.

What is the cost of human life? The point could be made that humans are a better choice for police work because of their abilities to think irrationally to solve complex crimes, dangerous crimes, and sometimes deadly crimes. But what happens when an officer is gunned down? Who really pays the price for that? Is it the hero? Perhaps, but often enough it is the officer’s family he leaves behind. Small children, a husband or a wife, they are all tossed into an emotional grinder that few ever recover from. Thus, scarring the lives of not one, but many. A robot could solve this issue. A robot doesn’t have family. If a robot is destroyed, there is no funeral or long hospital stay before it ultimately passes. Simply, we just fire up a new one. This seems the logical choice.

To lay it all out for you, robots are a more efficient, life-saving, and over-all cost effective means for patrolling our streets. Robots should be used whenever a human life could be spared.