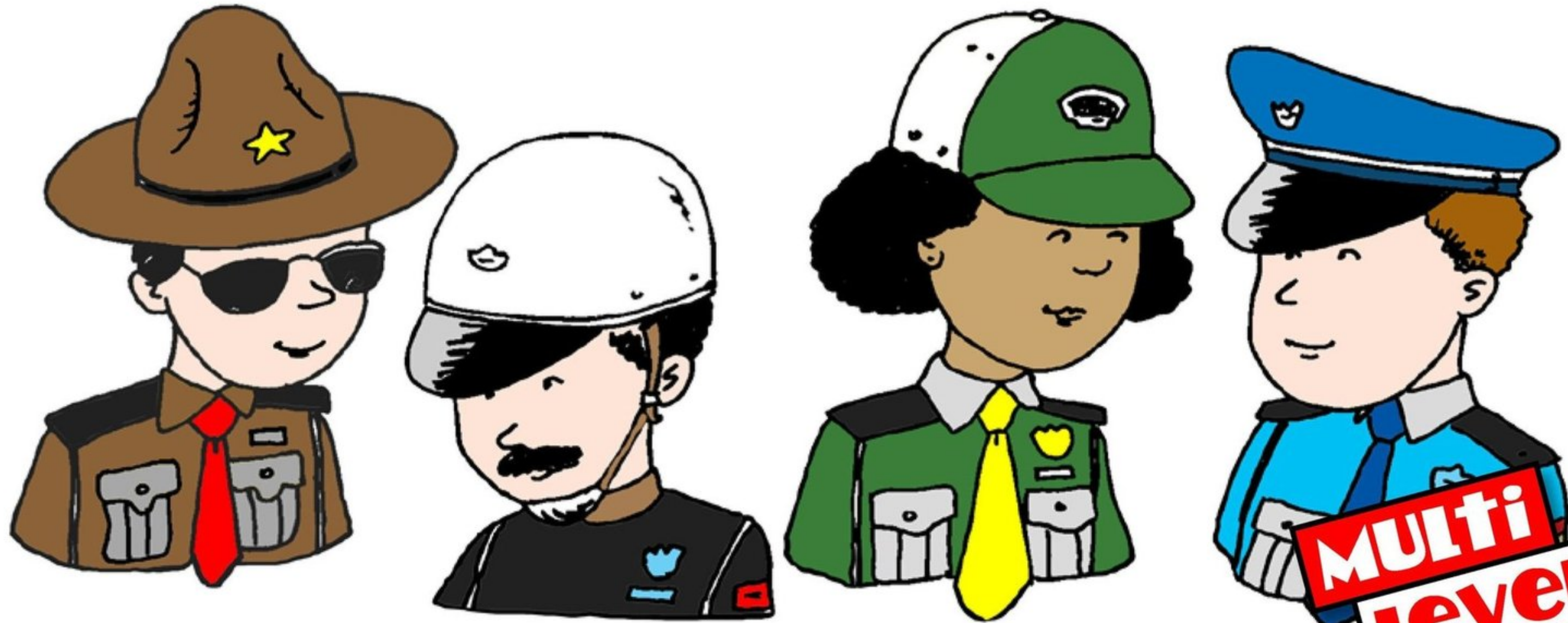


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Introduction

Walk the streets of almost any country in the world, and you will probably see police officers.

They help people and keep them safe.

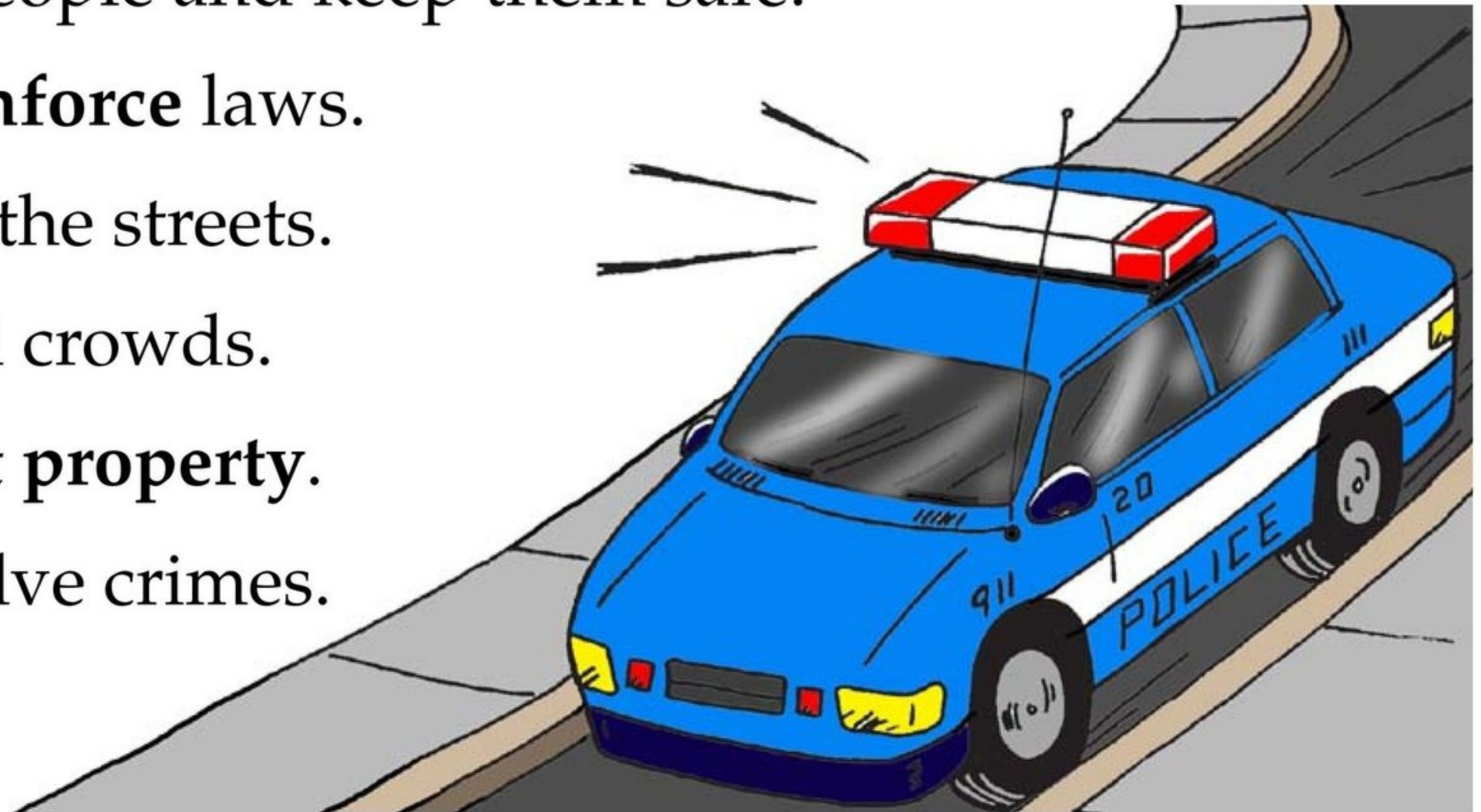
They help **enforce** laws.

They **patrol** the streets.

They control crowds.

They protect **property**.

And they solve crimes.





Becoming a Police Officer

If you want to be a police officer,
you need to care about people.

You have to want to help people.

You have to solve problems.

And you have to stay calm in difficult **situations**.

In many countries, police officers get **training** at special schools.

These schools are called police **academies**.

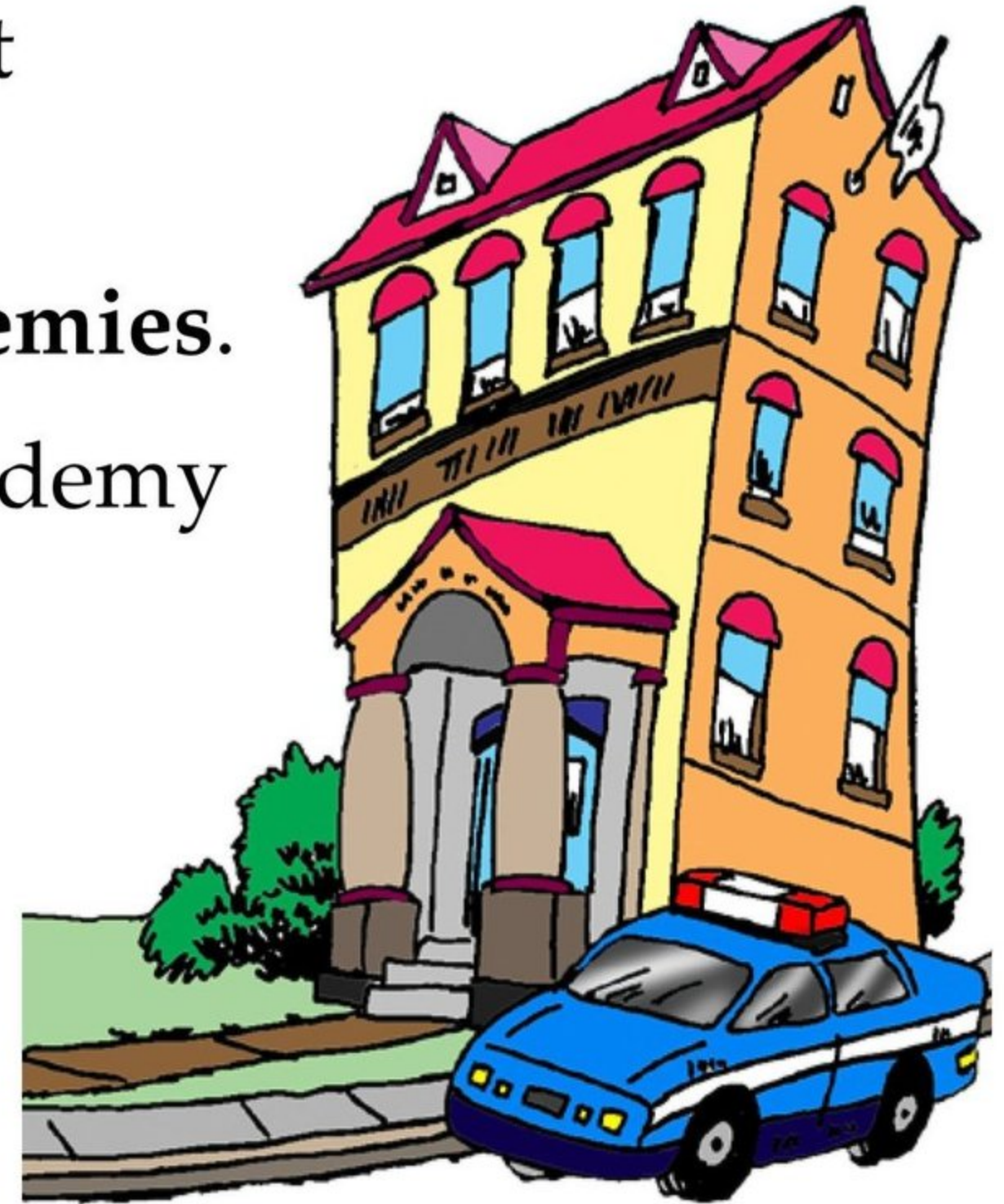
Police officers learn things at the academy that help them do their job.

They learn about laws.

They learn how to control people.

They learn about the safe use of weapons.

And they learn how to treat **injuries**.



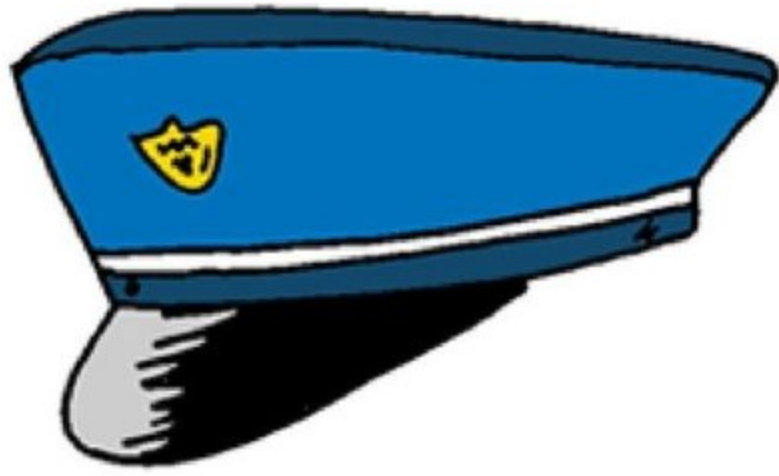


Police Uniforms

In different countries, police officers wear different **uniforms**.

The most common color for police uniforms is dark blue.

But in some countries, the uniforms are tan or green.



Police officers wear many kinds of hats.

Many police officers wear flat-topped hats with small bills.

State troopers and forest rangers wear hats with wide brims.

Some police officers wear helmets.

Others wear hats that look like baseball caps.





These pictures show some of the different kinds of hats worn by police officers around the world.



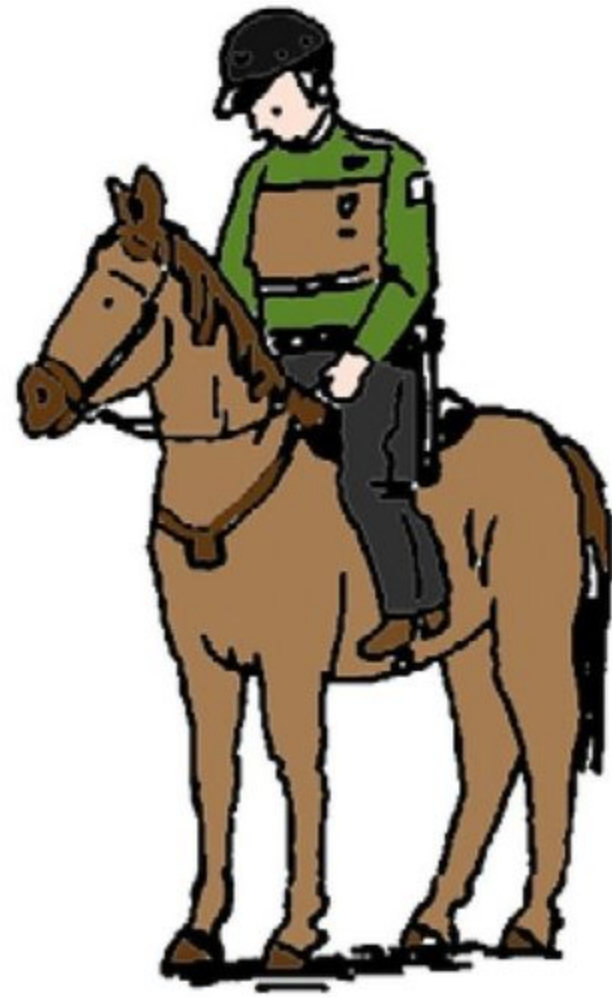
How Police Officers Get Around

To do their job, most police officers have to move from place to place.

Some police officers walk the streets.

Others ride around in cars.

Police officers who patrol traffic often ride motorcycles.

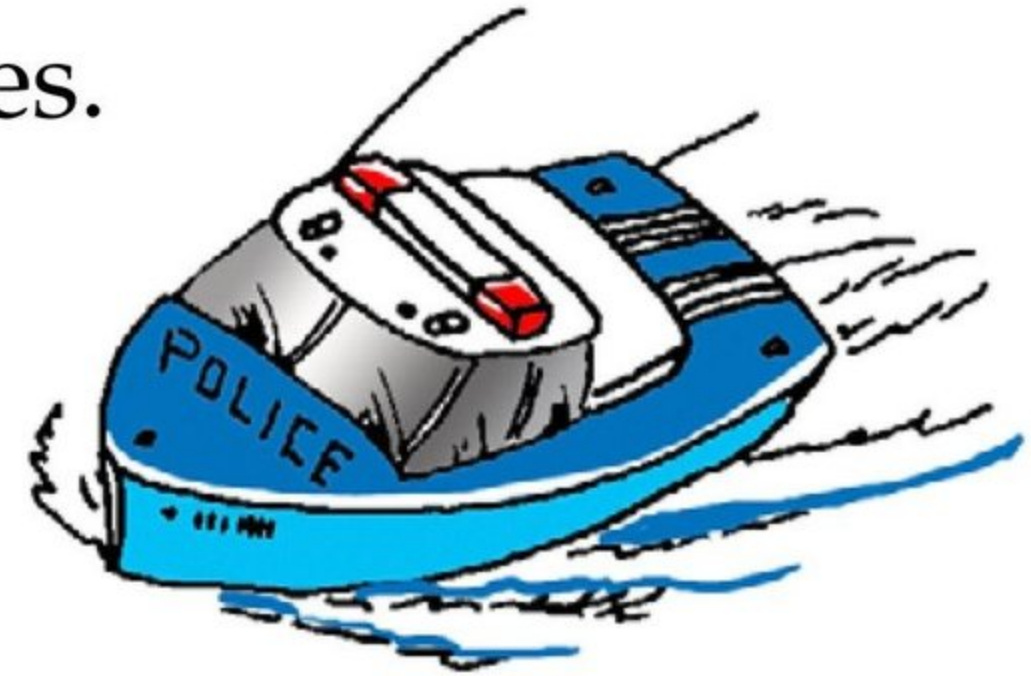


Police officers in some places ride horses.

Some even get around on bicycles.

Some police officers patrol places
by flying in helicopters.

And some police officers patrol waterways in boats.





How Police Officers Help People

Police officers help people in many ways.

They stop crime.

They direct traffic.

They stop speeders.



Police officers help lost children find their parents.

What other ways do police officers help people?

Glossary

academies (<i>n.</i>)	special schools (p. 6)
enforce (<i>v.</i>)	to make people obey (p. 4)
injuries (<i>n.</i>)	broken or hurt body parts (p. 6)
patrol (<i>v.</i>)	to watch over (p. 4)
property (<i>n.</i>)	things people own (p. 4)
situations (<i>n.</i>)	things that are happening (p. 5)
training (<i>n.</i>)	the teaching of a skill or behavior (p. 6)
uniforms (<i>n.</i>)	special clothes for a job (p. 7)

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