



The ideal police
officer

Definition:

- ▶ Police officers work in partnership with the communities they serve to maintain law and order, protect members of the public and their property, prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve the quality of life for all citizens. They use a wide range of technology to protect individuals, identify the perpetrators of crime and ensure successful prosecutions against those who break the law.



Characteristics:

- ▶ The personal characteristics and values that are deemed essential to performing the duties and responsibilities of a Police Officer include the following: honesty; integrity; personal ethics; compliance with laws, rules, regulations and orders; dependability; good judgment; self-control; interpersonal skills; respect for others; respect for diversity; and teamwork.



Studies:

- ▶ Police officer courses are offered through bachelor's and master's degree programs in law enforcement and criminal justice. They're also available through the police academy's programs, which are typically only available to individuals who have been hired by a police department. Through police officer classes, students learn how to analyze and gather criminal evidence.



Advantages:

- ▶ Government jobs are often best known for their generous health benefits, even if salaries aren't always equal to equivalent private sector jobs. This most often means affordable health insurance for police officers and their families.



Disadvantages:

- ▶ First of all, that is a dangerous job.
Secondly, you will work long hours. Even some off-duty days, people who know you are police, they would ask you help.
Thirdly, that is a thankless job. To protect people is your duty, so you often put your own safety back of your mind. However, nobody will thank you, because everybody thinks that is your duty.
Finally, the rising crime rate is another disadvantage to be a police.



Job Opportunities:

- ▶ If you enjoy challenges and like the idea of helping to make communities safer, this could be an ideal career for you. As a police officer you would work to maintain order. You would help prevent and investigate crime. And you would also find and prosecute offenders.



Work Place:

- ▶ The police can work everywhere whether businesses, shops, schools, or as bodyguards.



Salary:

- ▶ El presidente de la República, Ricardo Martinelli, anunció un nuevo aumento salarial para los agentes de la Policía Nacional, en medio de una ceremonia de ascenso de unas 900 unidades policiales.
- ▶ Este aumento sería de B/ 100.00 y se espera que se haga efectivo para el próximo mes de octubre.
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