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Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers

The term "24/7" could have easily been coined for police officers. Even in off-hours, they're expected to continue to do their job. From patrolling the streets to enforcing traffic laws, a police officer's job is one of the most important in every community: to keep the streets safe and protect citizens from harm. Despite the obvious dangers of the job, many people grow up wanting to be police officers—and can't imagine doing anything else.

Can you handle the responsibility of saving lives and keeping your community safe? If so, a career as a **police or sheriff's patrol officer** may be for you.

Police and sheriff's patrol officers protect people's lives and property by enforcing the law.

Are You Ready To...?

- Patrol the streets
- Respond to emergencies
- Interview witnesses
- Arrest suspects
- Write reports

It Helps To Be...

Someone who can enforce rules yet maintain compassion for others. Honesty, sound judgment and a desire to serve your community are vital.

A Day In The Life...

- Provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws and promoting good community relations
- Record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities
- Identify, pursue and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts
- Provide road information to motorists

Salary and Opportunity in the Austin-area

Median Hourly Wage: \$35.21

*That comes out to more than
\$73,240 a year.*

**In 2016, we had
2,917 Police & Sheriff's
Patrol Officers.
By 2026, we'll need 3,220.**

Could you be one of the 303?

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After High School...

In addition to a high school diploma, most employers for police and sheriff's patrol officers require job candidates to pass a **written test**. To work at the state level, job candidates will probably need an **associate's or bachelor's degree**.



Top 5 Industries for Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers

1. Local Government
2. State Government
3. Colleges, Universities and Professional Schools
4. Federal Executive Branch
5. Elementary and Secondary Schools

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CareerPlanning.aspx](http://www.wfscapitalarea.com/YouthServices/CareerPlanning.aspx).

Related College Majors

- Corrections
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Management/ Homeland Security
- Forensic Science
- Law Enforcement Administration
- Sociology

Related Industry Certifications

- Accelerant K-9 Team Test
- Certified Relationship Specialist
- First Responder
- Search and Rescue K-9 Team Test
- Police Service Dog Certification
- Firearm Detection K-9 Team Test
- Trailing Dog Test

Related Careers

- Correctional Officers
- Detectives
- Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics
- Federal Agents
- Firefighters
- Private Detectives

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