
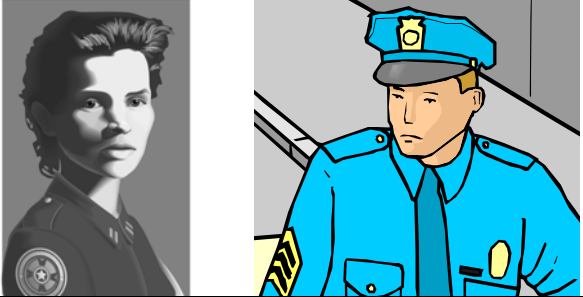


The Police






Vocabulary

	
<p>a badge</p>	<p>a police officer</p>
<p><i>badges</i></p>	<p><i>police officers</i></p>

<p>The USA Canada Mexico</p>	<p>Pasco Pinellas Hernando</p>	<p>Largo Tarpon Springs Clearwater</p>
<p>a country, a nation <i>countries, nations</i></p>	<p>a county <i>counties</i></p>	<p>a city <i>cities</i></p>

		<p>NO PARKING NO SWIMMING</p>
<p>street clothes</p>	<p>a uniform</p>	<p>a law</p>
	<p>uniforms</p>	<p>laws</p>

		
<p>a bicycle</p>	<p>a motorcycle</p>	<p>a patrol car</p>
<p><i>bicycles</i></p>	<p><i>motorcycles</i></p>	<p><i>patrol cars</i></p>

The Police

The police are men and women who enforce the laws. (Laws are rules.) Police keep people safe. They protect us from many dangers. Police help people to understand and keep the laws. But if you disobey a law, you will be in trouble with the police.

There are many kinds of police. Some police are FBI agents. Other police are sheriffs, state police officers, and detectives. Police do many kinds of work. For example, police stop cars that are going too fast. Police arrest people who are trying to rob or hurt other people. Police look for lost children. Police guard many buildings, such as City Hall.

Some police wear uniforms. Some police wear street clothes. But all police have a badge. Uniforms can tell you where a police officer works. Badges also tell where a police officer works, or what kind of work the officer does.



a state trooper and his dog



a Clearwater Police officer at the Hispanic Center



St. Petersburg police officers and Neighborhood Watch volunteers



a badge

Phonics with a Florida Twist

Beginning Consonant Sounds

b	c	d	f	g
big	car	dog	for	gun
badge	county	detective	fast	get
boat	country	day	family	go
Belleaire	Causeway Blvd.	Dunedin	Fort DeSoto	Gandy
Baywalk	Cape Coral	DeSoto	First Avenue	Gulfport

h	j	k	l	m
help	just	keep	laws	motorcycle
hurt	jump	K-9	lost	men
have	judge	kind	last	many
Highpoint	Juno Beach	Key West	Largo	Madeira Beach
Hispanic	Jacksonville	Kenneth City	Longboat Key	Miami

n	p	q	r	s
not	police	quick	rob	such
no	people	quit	rules	see
need	put	quiet	road	say
North Beach	Pinellas Park	Quincy	Redington Beach	Safety Harbor
Naples	Palm Harbor		Redington Shores	St. Petersburg

t	v	w	x	z
tell	very	work	box	zoo
to	vivid	will	fix	zebra
take	vacation	way	fax	zip
Tampa	Venice	Winter Haven		Zephyrhills
Tarpon Springs	Valrico	Woodville		Zellwood

Clap the Stress

X x	x X	x X x	X x x
people	police	policeman	officer
women	patrol	Hispanic	uniform
badges	arrest	in trouble	everyone
center	enforce	Dunedin	bicycle
county	because	Pinellas	Clearwater

X x	x X	x X x	X x x
country	about	Madeira	neighborhood
children	before	vacation	Indian
buildings	until	a robber	Redington
Oldsmar	forget	a building	Boulevard
Gulfport	Look out!	detective	Stadium
Pasco	Do what?	arrested	Jacksonville

Conversation 1

Officer: Your driver's license, please.

Driver: Here it is.

Officer: Thank you.

Conversation 2

Officer: I need to see some form of identification.

Person: I have a Florida photo ID card.

Officer: That's fine. Let me see it, please.

Person: OK. Here it is.

Different Police Enforce Different Laws

Laws are rules that everyone must obey. Laws tell us how fast to drive. Laws tell how old a person must be to vote. Laws tell us what people can do and what people cannot do. Signs tell us what some laws are.

Here are some examples of laws:

- No smoking
- No fishing
- Speed Limit 55 MPH
- Do not take guns or knives onto an airplane.
- Do not kill (murder) a person.



Some Levels of Laws	Some Laws on This Level	Some of the Police Who Work on This Level
<p>Federal (entire USA)</p> 	<p>Don't kidnap children. Don't sell cocaine. No guns on airplanes.</p>	 <p>an FBI agent</p>
<p>State (Florida)</p> 	<p>Don't drink and drive.</p>	 <p>The Florida Highway Patrol</p>
<p>County (Pinellas)</p> 	<p>All dogs and cats must have a license.</p>	 <p>Sheriff and Deputies</p>

Meet Officer Waters

This is Sergeant Sheila Waters. She is a Clearwater police officer. Her badge number is 418. She became a police officer in 1990. Like all police officers, she does many things.



Officer Waters patrolled (worked in) the Wood Valley neighborhood from 1998 until 2000. In 2000, Officer Waters was promoted to Sergeant. Her responsibilities changed when she became a Sergeant.

On May 21, 2000, some Wood Valley residents wrote a letter to the newspaper* about Officer Waters. They wrote that she was "more like family to us than a police officer" and she "always had time for the residents of the community."

Officer Waters also is an instructor (a teacher). She teaches new police officers. She teaches them about family violence and other things.

Officer Waters has three hobbies: boating, photography, and riding motorcycles.

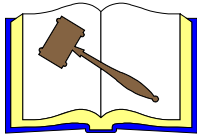
Officer Waters loves children. She has this advice for parents:

1. Teach children to run to a police car if there is trouble. Children also are safe at any police station or fire station.
2. Know where your children are and what they are doing.
3. Warn children about gangs. Tell children to stay away from gangs.
4. If your child runs away, and the police find your child, they will call you and tell you where to go to get your child. You must go there and get your child.

Officer Waters has this advice for everyone:

1. Never tell the police something that is not true. Never give false information. Don't use a false name.
2. The police can stop anyone who is doing something suspicious. For example, if you are standing at the back door of a store at 1 a.m., that is suspicious. It looks like you are planning to rob the store. The police can stop you.

**St. Petersburg Times*, Letter to the Editors, May 21, 2000, "Residents will miss officer's caring presence"



It's the Law!

The Miranda Warning

When a police officer arrests a person, the officer must say the following:

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
3. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and have him present with you while you are being questioned.
4. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed to represent you before any questioning, if you wish.
5. You can decide at any time to exercise these rights and not answer any questions or make any statements.

Your Rights When a Police Officer Arrests You

Laws are rules that protect everyone. Pinellas County laws protect everyone in Pinellas County. Federal (national) laws protect everyone in the entire USA.

One federal law is the "Miranda Warning." This is what it means:

1. You do not have to answer questions a police officer asks you, if you want to get a lawyer first. (A lawyer is a law expert you can hire to help you and speak for you.)
2. The officer can tell anything in court that you tell the officer.
3. You can call a lawyer. You can wait for the lawyer to get to you before you answer any questions.
4. If you do not have money for a lawyer, the judge will choose a lawyer for you. (You will not be able to choose who this lawyer is.)

An Internet Activity about The Police

Go to the Internet. Type in this Internet address: www.google.com.

Type the name of your city and police. For example, type *Clearwater police*. Then click on **Google Search**.

You will see a list of Internet sites about your police. Click on one. See what you can learn about the police that protect you. Write down 1 or 2 things that you learn:

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