

National POLICE WEEK

20★22

**Celebrating
the ones
who protect
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May 15 to 21, 2022

What police officers want you to know about policing

How much do you know about policing? Unfortunately, what many people believe about this line of work comes from television. For National Police Week, which takes place this year from May 15 to 21, here are some facts about this profession to keep in mind.

BECOMING A POLICE OFFICER IS DIFFICULT

Earning a police badge is challenging. Only one out of every 100 applications is accepted for training. Many cadets won't graduate from the academy, and more will quit during field training. The ones who make it are dedicated, intelligent individuals committed to keeping their communities safe.

POLICING IS INACCURATELY PORTRAYED ON TV

Shows like CSI provide a glamorized view of police work. In real life, officers involved in shootings don't go back to work right away, and murder cases aren't solved in a few days. Investigations are painstakingly slow. Don't assume that because you watch Criminal Minds, you're aware of what happens on the job.

PTSD IS A REAL PROBLEM

More than shootings can cause post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in police officers. Horrible car crashes, violent altercations and failed rescue attempts can all take a toll on an officer's mental health.

MOST COPS NEVER SHOOT ANYONE

Watching the news may give you the impression police officers are always shooting at suspects. However, the exact opposite is true. Most officers go through their entire career without firing their weapon outside of a training range.

During National Police Week, consider the good work officers do to keep their communities safe.

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