

GARFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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GPD Essay

I will never forget the time that I was at my friend's drive-in birthday party and we were greeted by loud, blaring sirens. It was the local policemen of Garfield. They were beeping and honking their horns past my friend's house. I still remember seeing the big smile he had on his face. Officers can really spread positivity, especially during sad, horrific times like these. It is extremely important for you and the people of your community to connect with your local police. Members of communities should engage with their local police departments because they can help maintain public safety, promote a positive community, and build trust.

To start, some communities can be menacing and threatening. This eventually leads to a very dangerous living environment for everyone. When police officers step into the role, they can help maintain public safety and prevent these actions from happening. Officers wear uniforms and weapons for this very reason. People find them frightful and harmful but all they must do is keep us safe. It is their responsibility and their job. It is important for communities to start helping and participating in police-led activities because it can help individuals take public safety more seriously.

Secondly, when people get along with each other and their police departments, it promotes a more positive community. A good example may be “Police Officers visit a School Classroom.” This is an event where officers dedicate their time to visiting schools and meeting children. This is a great opportunity for students to be more active with their local police. When officers participate in this activity, it can educate students of the positive things that officers do for our country and community. Sometimes, they can even explain how their jobs work and how a healthy relationship between officers and their community looks. In addition, this can help motivate and inspire other children who may also want to be police officers.

Lastly, when communities engage and interact with their local police departments, it helps build trust between officers and their neighborhood. Trust is one of the most important things in life, especially when it is for the greater good. This idea can truly go both ways. For one, the officers will feel much more comfortable knowing that they are supported by that community. Likewise, the residents will feel safer when this friendly environment is spread. Once members of the community feel safer, there is a greater amount of trust in police-people relationships.

In conclusion, it is safe to say that the police are the heroes of our communities, and of society in general. They help maintain public safety, promote a positive community, and build trust. Therefore, it is extremely important to engage with and support the police. You can do this by participating in police-led activities and communicating with officers in your city. Without the help of brave policemen and women, the world would truly be a much more perilous place. So, show your appreciation for the hard work that these individuals put into to keep our world a happy and secure place.