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PATROL POLICE IN ENGLAND

Law enforcement in the United Kingdom is organized separately in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Most law enforcement is carried out by police officers serving in territorial police forces.

The Police in the UK have support and confidence of citizens and effectively undertake their responsibilities: the level of crime in the United Kingdom is significantly lower than the European average.

Police officers are granted certain powers to enable them to execute their duties. Their primary duties are: protection of life and property, preservation of peace, prevention and detection of criminal offences. Police patrol officers are charged with ensuring safety and well-being, keeping a particular area of a municipality safe and crime-free.

Police officers on patrol may be called by citizens of England for any number of issues: fights and disturbances, criminal activity, vandalism, suspected gang activity, trespassing, robbery, mugging and assault. Patrol activities also include: monitoring suspicious or unusual behavior, dispersing non-permitted crowds, responding to other trouble shooting issues such as traffic lights being out, searching for missing citizens.

One of the aims of police in England is overseeing and enforcing traffic safety on roads and highways, responding to traffic or parking violations. Patrols investigate accidents. There are also the horse patrol police in England.

British police officers carry a small camera on their bulletproof vests in addition to whistles, batons, handcuffs and radios. Cameras are effective in collecting evidence. Video and audio records transmitted to headquarters support police officers and protect citizens. This may help when disclosing complaints about police actions.

Numerous reviews of 'what works' in policing to reduce crime highlight that visible police patrol can really reduce crime.

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