

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development**  
**Activity #12: Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers**  
**Estimated time: 30 – 45 minutes**

**National Career Development Guidelines Indicators**

ED1 - Attain educational achievement and performance levels needed to reach your personal and career goals

- ED1.K7 - Recognize that your educational achievement and performance can lead to many workplace options
- ED1.K8 - Recognize that the ability to acquire and use information contributes to educational achievement and performance

ED2 - Participate in ongoing, lifelong learning experiences to enhance your ability to function effectively in a diverse and changing economy

- ED2.K3 - Recognize the importance of being an independent learner and taking responsibility for your learning

CM3- Use accurate, current, and unbiased career information during career planning and management

- CM3.K2 - Recognize that career information includes occupational, education and training, employment, and economic information and that there is a range of career information resources available
- CM3.K4 - Identify several ways to classify occupations

CM4 - Master academic, occupational, and general employability skills in order to obtain, create, maintain, and/or advance your employment

- CM4.K4 - Recognize that many skills are transferable from one occupation to another

**Goal:**

Students will investigate careers in the **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** Career Cluster.

**Objectives:**

- Understand that a career cluster is a grouping of occupations based on commonalities
- Recognize that the **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** Career Cluster includes careers in public safety, protective services and national security
- Investigate careers in the **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** Career Cluster

**Materials:**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development Activity #12– **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers: Public Safety Workers** handout
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development Activity #12– **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers: Public Safety Workers** answer sheet
- Writing materials

**Activity:**

1. “Today we’re going to learn about occupations in the **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** Career Cluster. Does everyone remember what a Career Cluster is? **A career cluster is a grouping of occupations based on things they have in common.**”
2. “The **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security** Career Cluster includes jobs in public safety, protective services and national security.” *Write this on the board.* “Let’s look at public safety today. Did you know that there are all sorts of public safety workers? These are people whose job it is to make sure that the streets, the buildings, our homes, our communities, our businesses, our parks and our food are safe. Let’s do a short activity to see how many of these public safety workers you can recognize.”
3. “These kinds of people can help us at the local and state level, but what about the whole country? Who do we depend on to help protect the entire United States of America? The military. And what does this include? The Army, the Navy, the Marines, the Air Force, and the Coast Guard.” *Write these on the board and allow students to discuss the various branches of military service.*
4. *Distribute the **Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers: Public Safety Workers** handout. Explain the directions and ensure students understand them. Tell them to read the descriptions carefully and try to make a guess at the ones they don’t know. Walk around the room to answer questions and offer any help needed. Allow enough time for all students to complete the assignment.*
5. *Once students have completed the handout, go over the answers and be sure students have the correct answer for each worker. Then, as a group, have the class decide which four workers sound the most interesting. Once students have decided on the workers, divide them into four groups and assign each group one of the four workers. Have each group develop a short skit that shows what their assigned worker does.*
6. *Allow time for students to complete the assignment. Have the groups present their skits. Collect the handouts at the end of the session.*

**Evaluation:**

Students will be evaluated on their skits and on their handouts.

Handout #1

Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers: Public Safety Workers  
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Directions: Put the number in the blank next to the correct occupational description.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Inspect goods and merchandise to detect violations of customs laws and regulations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guard premises to prevent theft, violence, or infractions of rules
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guide car or pedestrian traffic on streets at schools
- \_\_\_\_\_ Control and extinguish fires
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maintain order in courts of law
- \_\_\_\_\_ Represent clients in civil and criminal litigation, and draw up legal documents.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Inspect buildings and equipment to detect fire hazards
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enforce law and order in rural or unincorporated districts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Receive reports of medical emergencies and relay information to proper officials
- \_\_\_\_\_ Guard inmates in jail
- \_\_\_\_\_ Gather, analyze, compile, and report information regarding individuals and organizations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Act as oversight and security agent for casino management and customers.

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| 1. Bailiffs                     | 7. Crossing Guards        |
| 2. Security Guards              | 8. Sheriffs               |
| 3. Ambulance Dispatchers        | 9. Customs Inspectors     |
| 4. Firefighters                 | 10. Correctional Officers |
| 5. Lawyers                      | 11. Private Detectives    |
| 6. Gaming Surveillance Officers | 12. Fire Inspectors       |

## Answer Sheet

### Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Careers: Public Safety Workers 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Development: Activity #12

- 9 - Inspect goods and merchandise to detect violations of customs laws and regulations
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