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- Sheriff
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## Ensuring Crime Doesn't Pay

A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS HIGHLY DEDICATED AND SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO FACE DEMANDING SITUATIONS ON A DAILY BASIS. For instance, to even start the application process with the Winnipeg Police Service, a person must be at least 18 years-of-age, have completed high school, possess a valid Class 5 Driver's License, be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant, have no criminal record, and pass a physical test.

Barb Cameron, an administrative assistant with the Dakota Ojibway Police Service, says that all police forces have their minimum requirements for officers – physicals, criminal background checks and training. "It's never as simple as applying and then getting your badge and strapping on a pistol the next day," says Cameron.

The Winnipeg Police Service indicates that there are many transferable skills you can gain from other related careers including: insurance investigator, private investigator and loss prevention and security analyst.

"There are a number of other jobs that support police services such as 911 operators, clerks, administrative assistants," says Cameron. "There are also many occupations relating to the courts such as corrections officers, parole officers, sheriffs and Crown attorneys who all work in some capacity within the law enforcement system," added Cameron.

Being victimized by crime is something that we all hope to avoid, but the fact is that it is something that touches some of us sooner or later. We need good men and women that will work to protect us. ●

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- WINNIPEG POLICE SERVICE • [WWW.WINNIPEG.CA/POLICE](http://WWW.WINNIPEG.CA/POLICE)
- BRANDON POLICE SERVICE • [WWW.BRANDON.CA](http://WWW.BRANDON.CA)
- RCMP RECRUITING • [WWW.RCMP-GRC.GC.CA](http://WWW.RCMP-GRC.GC.CA)
- DAKOTA OJIBWAY POLICE SERVICE • [WWW.DOPS.ORG](http://WWW.DOPS.ORG)



# PROSPECTS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

## Crime Prevention and Protection

Police Officer (NOC 6261)



Police officers protect the public, detect and prevent crime, and perform other activities directed at maintaining law and order. Municipal and federal governments, some provincial and regional governments and the Armed Forces employ them.

Other areas where former police officers can put their skills to use are for those who conduct private investigations, implement security measures to protect property against theft and fire, and provide other protective services. They are employed by security and investigation service companies, hotels, retail establishments, businesses and industry, or they may be self-employed.

### DUTIES:

- patrol assigned areas to maintain public safety and order and to enforce laws

- investigate crimes and accidents, secure evidence, interview witnesses, compile notes and reports and provide testimony in courts of law
- arrest criminal suspects
- provide emergency assistance to victims of accidents, crimes and natural disasters
- participate in crime prevention, public information and safety programs

### SKILLS:

- excellent level of physical fitness, agility, strength and vision
- ability to stay calm in stressful situations
- good judgement and strong work ethic
- high school graduate
- three- to six-month police training program is provided ●

## PROFILE

### Kristen Tompsett

Police Constable

As a child growing up, it wasn't the flashy cop shows on television that spurred Kristen Tompsett's interest in becoming a police officer but her father's best friend who worked as a police officer in Brandon. "I've wanted to be a police officer since I was six years old," said Tompsett.

Kristen's career path to working with the Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS) was not a straight line. After high school graduation, she was in a work practicum while taking the Aboriginal Stud-

ies program at Assiniboine Community College. One day a friend set her up with an interview to become a volunteer with DOPS and she hasn't looked back.

She worked at DOPS for several years as a receptionist but started her police training in September of 2005 through the RCMP. "It was a very good experience but a very intense one," said Tompsett. "I was able to look at my strengths and weaknesses and it gave me an inside perspective of the work of a police constable."



Tompsett has been stationed at the Roseau River detachment since September 2007. In the future, Tompsett hopes to be able to work more with youth to help them achieve their goals. ●