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## **Quick Quotes**

# What Is a Police Officer?

"A police officer is many things. He or she is a son, a daughter, a father, a mother, an uncle, an aunt, and sometimes even a grandparent. Those who wear the badge turn out to be a protector in time of need and a comforter in time of sorrow. Their job calls for them to be a diplomat, a psychologist, a legal expert, a friend, and an inspiration. They suffer from an overdose of publicity about rare instances of brutality or dishonesty. They suffer far more from the notoriety produced by unfounded charges. Too often, acts of heroism go unnoticed and truth is buried under criticism. The fact is that fewer than one-half of one percent of police officers ever discredit their uniform. That's a better percentage than you'll find among members of the clergy."

The above is excerpted from a handout created for distribution by **The John Birch Society's** "Support Your Local Police" network of locally run committees. Several million copies were distributed throughout the nation beginning in the late 1960s.

# President Threatens Four Cities Where Lawless Behavior Has Been Tolerated

"My administration will not allow Federal tax dollars to fund cities that allow themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones. To ensure that Federal funds are neither unduly wasted nor spent in a manner that directly violates our Government's promise to protect life, liberty, and property, it is imperative that the Federal Government review the use of Federal funds by jurisdictions that permit anarchy, violence, and destruction in America's cities."

Responding to ongoing lawlessness in such cities as Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; New York, New York; and Washington, D.C., President **Donald Trump** instructed Attorney General William Barr to compile a list of "anarchist jurisdictions that have permitted violence and the destruction of property to persist and have refused to undertake reasonable measures to restore order." His memo was given prominent space in the New York Post newspaper.

# Official in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Issues Excellent Conclusion After Violence Wreaks Havoc

"Is there a bad apple in every profession? Yes, there is. But you don't defund the police department because of one person. As long as I'm alive and an alderman, it's not going to happen."

A six-term city alderman in Kenosha who is also chairman of the city's public safety committee, **Rocco LaMacchia** intensely rejects calls for defunding the police department.





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# Oregon Sheriffs Refuse to Aid Portland While Rioters Are Allowed Freedom

"Sheriffs in Oregon have cited the fact that so many rioters in Portland have had their criminal charges dropped as the reason they will not be sending any deputies to the city to quell the nightly violence."

In a rebuke to Democratic Governor Kate Brown and Multnomah County (includes Portland) District Attorney Mike Schmidt, who describes himself as a "progressive," area sheriffs decided not to send their personnel into the riot-torn city. They claimed that dropping charges against arrested lawbreakers aggravated an already serious situation. In his report published by the Daily Wire, reporter **Andy Ngo** noted that DA Schmidt had won election with backing from the far-left Real Justice PAC founded by Marxist Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Cullors and several other radical-left agitators.



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