

# E-RESOURCE CENTER

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE 101

### ☐ Review Sheet for "Law Enforcement" Unit

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#### Instructions:

- Review the main ideas from the unit in the text.
- Test your understanding by completing the questions. If you want help answering the questions, go to exercise 3, "Understanding police functions."

#### **The Patrol Function of the Police**

Police patrol gives the police a direct connection with the community because patrol officers have the greatest contact with the public. They can develop close connections with individual members of community, which can help improve the public's perception of the police. The trust that is also developed between the public and the patrol officer can be helpful for various future crime fighting efforts. A police officer is assigned a particular area, also called a beat, which is then patrolled twenty-four hours a day by different shifts. Historically, patrol has been done on foot, but over the years more patrol has been conducted in cars. But although patrol gives the police a close connection with a community, does increasing patrol really reduce crime? Are there different kinds of patrol, and if so, which one is most effective for reducing crime? The Kansas City Preventive Patrol Experiment in 1972 set out to answer these questions.

**Describe the findings of the Kansas City Preventive Patrol Experiment.**

**List five functions of police patrol.**

**Write the definition in your own words of these concepts.**

- **reactive patrol**  
*Definition:*
  
- **proactive patrol**  
*Definition:*