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Introduction to Criminal Justice

Chapter 5: On the Streets: Organization, Responsibilities, and Challenges

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. The authors indicate that patrol officers devote an estimated 80% of their time performing duties other than traditional law enforcement. What do some of the duties include?
2. Of all the federal agencies which most appeals to you in terms of career possibilities?
3. The application process to become a police officer involves many steps. What is being testing for in each step? Why has testing become so extensive?
4. It has been noted that the majority of an officer’s time is spent responding to calls for service. What might be some self-initiated tasks an officer could engage in when not responding to a call?
5. What are some policies or steps that police departments can take to reduce police corruption?
6. Why does the number of female police officers remain low? Is it because they are not being hired or because they are not applying?