



Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Patch Program

The Suffolk County Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer in Suffolk County and is responsible for crime prevention and protecting life and property. The Suffolk County Sheriff also maintains efficient response to both emergency and non-emergency requests for law enforcement service, and has oversight of the largest suburban correctional facility in New York State.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Patch represents the role that law enforcement officers play in society. Girls who earn the patch will learn about careers in the field and the responsibilities of Correction Officers and Deputy Sheriffs and how they protect public safety.

To earn the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office patch, girls must complete at least 1 out of the 3 requirements below.

- Show your Sheriff Smarts! Review the Sheriff's Office website at <u>www.suffolksheriff.com</u> and write down at least 3 things that you learned. Did any of the information surprise you? Share your newfound knowledge with your family and Troop members. To demonstrate what you have learned, complete the Sheriff Smarts questionnaire, available at <u>www.SheriffsPatch.com</u>.
- 2) Celebrate Sheriff's Week! Visit the Sheriff's Open House and Family Day Event, which is held every fall to celebrate Sheriff's Week in New York State. The event features fun activities for the whole family, including K-9 and Sheriff's Emergency Response Team demos, jail tours (limited to ages 12 and up), child ID cards, aquatic robots, simulated drunk-driving buggies, snacks, music, face painting and so much more! Information about the event is posted on the main page of the Sheriff's Office website at www.suffolksheriff.com. Girl Scouts that attend this event will receive their patch after completing a round of visits to various exhibits. Attendees must visit the Community Relations Unit table to receive instructions and the patch.
- 3) Interview an Officer! Have your Troop Leader or other adult schedule an interview with a Correction Officer or Deputy Sheriff to learn about careers at the Sheriff's Office. Interviews can be done by phone, video conferencing or even in person! To schedule an appointment, contact Megan Siegal in the Sheriff's Community Relations Unit at 631-852-3763. After your interview, complete the questionnaire to show us your education in career exploration! To access the questionnaire, please visit www.SheriffsPatch.com.