Suppose there was an emergency, and nobody came. Or lives were in danger and there was no one to call. What if a child went missing, and nobody knew where or how to look? Our community relies on its firefighters, law enforcement and security officers and legal experts. It takes a special person to do this work.

Could you answer the call?

Whether it's for protecting people, property, or our nation's laws, if you have a protective instinct, you might consider a career in Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security.

You could be a real life hero, providing a vital community service.

What does it take to succeed in this Career Cluster?

Let's ask Keith Porter, a law enforcement officer.

Hello. I am Officer Keith Porter. I want to introduce you to the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. Discipline, creativity, and leadership skills enabled me to seek a career in public safety. I am the D.A.R.E. instructor for our local police department. To protect and serve, I teach elementary school students how to resist drug abuse. I also conduct many youth-oriented safety projects for my community. Students preparing for careers in legal, public safety, and protective services will have many opportunities to match their goals and interests.

Hello. My name is Corporal Brian Quick. I want to introduce you to the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security Career Cluster. Demand in this field is increasing, as our society has become more concerned about security and drug-related crimes. My partner, Durango, and I are a K-9 explosives detection team. We usually work high security details or special events, and we work with other law enforcement agencies when needed. I have always wanted to do this line of work ever since I can remember. Being a K-9 handler comes with the responsibility for the training, care, maintenance, and performance of the explosives K-9 unit. We are always on call for threats and emergencies. Durango and I are just one example of all the brave men, women, and working dogs who serve the public in many ways. Most of the careers require training beyond high school – anywhere from a one-year skill certification to a college degree. If your plan includes a future in this Career Cluster, you can have an exciting and challenging career.

Other careers in this cluster include... emergency services, security work, prison work, law enforcement, and legal services as an attorney or legal assistant. It takes a good grasp of math and science, physical fitness, and the technical skills you pick up after high school.

So if you're loyal and brave, we could all use you in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security cluster.