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'Robocop' – first robot police officer starts work

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The world's first robot police officer started work this week. Its name is 'RoboCop'. It is part of the Dubai Police force. Robocop's first official job was to greet guests at a security conference. It also answered questions and gave directions. RoboCop has a built-in tablet for people to interact with, pay traffic fines and use other police services. The tablet is linked to a police station, so people can talk to real police officers. The 170-centimetre-tall RoboCop can speak six languages. It can also shake hands, salute people and recognize people's emotions and facial expressions.

RoboCop is the first of many robot police officers for Dubai. By 2030, 25 per cent of the Dubai Police force will be robots. By 2030, Dubai will have the first smart police station. No humans will work there. A spokesman said: "The RoboCop is the latest smart addition to the police force and has been designed to help us fight crime, keep the city safe and improve happiness levels." RoboCop will also, "assist and help people in the malls or on the streets". An official at the security conference commented that: "The age of the robots is no longer coming. It has arrived."

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