

SCHOOL: CLEVELAND ENEAS PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRADE 6: SOCIAL STUDIES
THEME 1: OUR SYSTEM of GOVERNMENT
TOPIC: ENFORCING the LAWS of THE BAHAMAS
PART 1



Please Notice This



READ ALL OF THESE NOTES AND WATCH ANY VIDEO THAT MAY BE ATTACHED BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE ASSIGNMENT ON THE NEXT PAGE.

VOCABULARY:

law enforcers - people who make sure people obey the law, for example policemen, customs officers, immigration officers, defense force officers, and prison officers.

WHY DO WE NEED LAW ENFORCERS?

We need **law enforcers** to make sure that the laws are obeyed. People who break the law are committing a crime. In The Bahamas one group of law enforcers is the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF).

WHO ENFORCES THE LAW IN THE BAHAMAS?

- a) The Royal Bahamas Police Force (R.B.P.F.)
- b) The Royal Bahamas Defense Force (R.B.D.F.)
- c) Bahamas Customs Department
- d) Immigration Department
- e) Prison Officers

Which branches of the government share in responsibility for enforcing the law?

- a) The **EXECUTIVE** branch
- b) The **JUDICIAL** branch

What does it mean to “enforce the law”?

- a) To make sure that laws are obeyed
- b) Try and prevent crime from happening

Which Government Ministry is responsible for law enforcement?

The **Ministry of National Security**. The current/present Minister of National Security is the **Honorable Marvin Dames**.



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The Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF):

In The Bahamas, one group of law enforcers is the Royal Bahamas Police Force (RBPF), established in **1840**.

MOTTO: COURAGE • INTEGRITY • LOYALTY

It is the duty of the police to arrest people who commit a crime and to bring them to court. The police work long hours, both day and night, so that law-abiding citizens can feel safe and secure.

In order to become a police officer you must:

- Be 18 years old
- A Bahamian citizen
- Be a law-abiding citizen
- Have no police record for any criminal offence
- Pass the entrance exam
- Be physically fit
- Attend the Police Training College for special training.



The **lowest rank** on the police force is that of a **constable**. An officer can then be promoted to **corporal**, **sergeant**, **inspector**, then to the **highest rank** of **commissioner** – the officer in charge of the entire force.

The current commissioner of Police is **Commissioner Paul A. Rolle**



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