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**POLICE SUB-CULTURE: ENDURING EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL STRESS**

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This poster explores the sub-culture of police officers. It discusses the high-stress environment that characterizes police work and explores its impact on the personal and family life of police officers. The research data presented focuses on the lives of three police officers of varying age and experience on the force in Normal, Illinois, as discovered through ethnographic interviews and participant-observation, including three ride-alongs with on-duty officers. The research identifies characteristics and behaviors of police officers that distinguish them from society at large.