

## **The Officer's Best Friend**

Officer Mike knelt down to talk to his partner, Rex, a young police dog. Today was his first field test, and Mike wanted to make sure Rex understood everything.

"Rex," Mike said in a calm voice, "today you have to remember two things. First, you have to be prepared for anything. There might be an obstacle, a loud sound, or a strange smell. Your training is all you need to overcome anything that comes your way."

Rex tilted his head, his ears twitching.

"And second," the officer continued, "you have to be careful. The path can be dangerous, so you must pay attention to every step you take. If you're not careful, you could put yourself or me in danger."

Rex barked softly, as if to say he understood. He stood up, his tail wagging with determination. He was ready to be the best friend an officer could have.