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## Thinking First

*Police officer Rachel Blair works in Queens, New York. A reporter is asking Rachel about how she does her job.*

**Reporter:** How long have you been a police officer?

**Blair:** Six years.

**Reporter:** How did you get started?

**Blair:** First, I had to take a lot of tests. Then, I went to the Police Academy for 12 weeks. I learned how to drive a police car, make an arrest, and file a police report. I also had to exercise every day!

**Reporter:** How do you stay safe on the job?

**Blair:** I use my training. That helps me make sure a situation does not get out of control. I am always cautious. If I think a situation is too dangerous, I call for backup. If I run into a dangerous situation without thinking first, I can get hurt.

**Reporter:** Are there any new tools that police officers use?

**Blair:** We use special glasses that help us see better in the dark. When I wear the glasses, I can see moving objects like cars and other people at night.

**Reporter:** Have you ever saved someone's life?

**Blair:** No, I haven't. But my partner has. He says it gave him a pretty special feeling.

**Reporter:** Do you ever get afraid?

**Blair:** There is no time to be afraid. I have to think about what I have to do to take care of the situation quickly and safely.

**Reporter:** What do you like best about being a police officer?

**Blair:** Helping people!

