Conservation Officer Wannabes Worksheet

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Welcome to the **Conservation Officer Wannabes** group. You're elite in the realm of conservation because your career path provides the law enforcement "teeth" to all conservation-related regulations and laws. Without your vital role, the entire concept of "conservation of natural resources" would be a paper tiger that could be shredded by the lawless sectors of society.

Despite your vital role, you face some clear challenges with this career path. As you'll discover with watching the video and your online research, interactions with hunters, poachers, anglers, ATV riders, and a host of various types of people interacting with natural resources might put you in potentially dangerous situations. On the flip side, you also get to work with a variety of fish and wildlife professionals in helping manage different fish and wildlife species; many that are healthier now than they have been in the past 100 years, thanks in part to your vital role.

Your goal is to research what it takes to become a Conservation Officer, including the personal risks and rewards, then develop a **Career Path Plan to Becoming a Conservation Officer**.

On a separate sheet of paper or on your computer, develop your Career Path Plan to Becoming a Conservation Officer that should include:

- Why Conservation Officers are so important today? Contrast what happened to wildlife 150 years ago without laws and Conservation Officers.

- List the beneficial roles that Conservation Officers play to; 1) outdoor users, 2) fish & wildlife, 3) the environment?

- What are the personal characteristics of, dangers to and rewards of someone who chooses to become a Conservation Officer?

- What high school and college courses, and special training would be part of a career path in becoming a Conservation Officer?

- How might a career as a Conservation Officer overlap and provide other career opportunities in law enforcement and natural resources management?

- Consider role-playing of arresting a poacher as part of your class presentation.