

Thank the Police

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**FADE IN:**

**INT. CHARMING FIELDS AUDITORIUM - DAY**

JORDAN JONES, 13, brown hair parted in the middle, skinny -- couldn't ever be mistaken for an athlete on any level.

He stands centered on a stage, surrounded by ten other BOYS -- mostly the same age as Jordan, all wearing light blue POLICE EXPLORER UNIFORMS.

In the audience, parents and family -- proudly smiling.

Jordan tip toes to reach the microphone...

JORDAN

I went with Officer Lewis on a ride along to Mr. Williams' house last month. He was sick and having trouble breathing. We got there before the ambulance and Officer Lewis put some wires on his chest.

Mr. WILLIAMS, 68, sits in the second row of the auditorium. He smiles with soft recognition.

JORDAN

We followed Mr. Williams to the hospital and the doctors made him better. Thank the police for helping him.

The AUDIENCE in unison...

AUDIENCE

Thank you, Police Officers.

JORDAN

Right afterwards, it started raining outside, we drove really fast to a car accident. When we got there, a lady was crying because her car was smashed up. Luckily, she wasn't hurt. Officer Lewis had the lady sit in the police car with me until help arrived. There was a lot of paper work involved and Officer Lewis hates doing paper work.

The audience chuckles. OFFICER LEWIS, 36, full uniform, standing to the side of the stage, smiles and then nods her head in agreement.

JORDAN

The lady felt so much better afterwards. Thank the police for helping her.

The audience in unison...

AUDIENCE

Thank you, Police Officers.

JORDAN

The most exciting part was when we helped search for a man that took money from a gas station. Officer Lewis said that the bad man had a gun and since I was riding with her, she told me that we would help from a distance. She did a great job looking after me.

Jordan looks at Lewis who winks back at him.

JORDAN

There was a helicopter, search dogs and a bunch of other cops all looking for the bad man. It wasn't until he stole from a second gas station and tried to hurt a man getting gas, that the police caught and arrested him. Thank the police for helping YOU.

The audience in unison...

AUDIENCE

Thank you, Police Officers for helping US.

JORDAN

Then, we had lunch.

When was the last time you ever thanked the police?

**FADE OUT:**

**THE END**