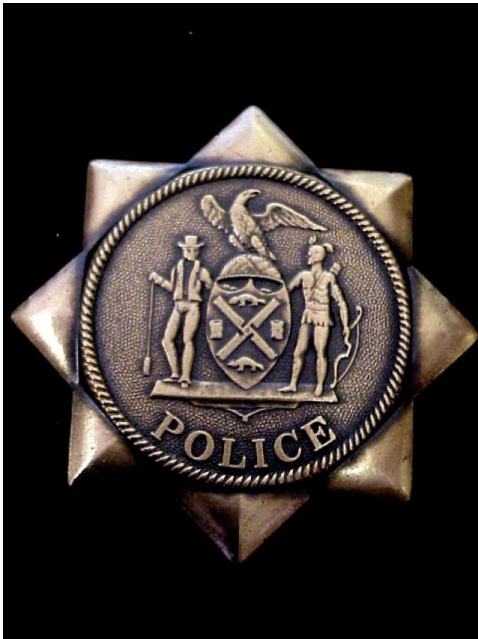


Origin of the words « Cop » & « Copper » !

The term "Copper" can be traced back to the early 19th century in New York City, when the first police force, consisting of an 8 men unarmed patrol unit, wore on their shirt an 8 point copper badge, to distinguish themselves as officers of the law. As a result, the general public started calling them coppers.

COP is just the abbreviation of copper. This term is a slang word, but it is not derogatory. In English, as in other languages, many colorful and rude slang words are used to label a police officer, among which pig, ginger, or bacon.

« Goddamn yo, yesterday I got pulled over by the coppers for driving without my headlights turned on! ».



NYPD first badge (patrolman)



NYPD actual badge (patrolman)