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Born in 1994, this week's Wednesday's Child is a soft-spoken young man with a dream. Christopher wants a career in public safety as a police officer or a firefighter someday. Who are some of his heroes? Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to just name a few. Where do you take a fine young man with such a fine aspiration? To the "World's Finest Police Department", the LAPD – where we went on patrol to find Christopher the safe and permanent home he needs.

Christopher was the special guest of Captain Ann Young, the first African American Captain of the Los Angeles Police Department and commanding office of the Detective Bureau and Vice Squad. Christopher told us of his career aspirations and *said "When I grow up, I want to learn the techniques to save people's lives."*

Rescue was the name of the game and aside from being a member of the LAPD for a day, Christopher was also a team member of LAPD's most elite – The Metropolitan Division (otherwise known as METRO) – which includes K-9 units and SWAT. Christopher learned from the K-9 Unit that dogs are used not just to chase bad guys but also used to find missing people or to help a person with Alzheimer's disease by picking up scents and tracking backwards to their home and family members.





Public safety and saving lives is dangerous business and the most important thing an officer can do is to keep him or herself safe. Nonetheless, sometimes an officer finds themselves in harm's way. Therefore, special protective equipment is a necessity, especially for members of the SWAT team.

With the assistance of his "team members", Christopher put on the heavy gear and was soon ready for his first deployment in the Rescue 4 Armored Personnel Carrier and learned that SWAT is not focused on weapons in as much as tactics to not have to use their weapons. This was certainly an eye opening experience for our kid who is even more encouraged to follow through with his dream.



In order to be a part of LAPD's METRO Division, one must go through other steps first. Before one even becomes a police officer, he must withstand the rigors of academy training. Similarly, life has its own steps and training. Unfortunately, children in foster care have to climb many more steps than the average person. To get through the steps of one's "life training", he needs support, encouragement and stability. For Christopher, that means a permanent and safe place to call home.

The LAPD's METRO Division has been deployed to help Christopher find an adoptive home. Please answer our call. LAPD is knocking at your door.



To learn more about Christopher and/or adoption, please give us a call

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