

# Murphys Law of Police Work

1. You are not a Superhero.
2. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
3. Don't look conspicuous - it draws fire.
4. When in doubt, empty your magazine.
5. Never share a patrol car with anyone braver than you are.
6. Never forget that your weapon was cheaply made by somebody trying to make a profit.
7. If your stakeout is going really well, it's the wrong people.
8. No plan for a bust survives the first contact intact.
9. The light at the end of the tunnel is the muzzle flash of an Uzi.
10. Try to look unimportant because the bad guys may be low on ammo.
11. If you are too far out of position, backup isn't there.
12. The dirtbag you are ignoring is the bad guys leader.
13. The important things are always simple.
14. The simple things are always hard.
15. The easy way is always a trap.
16. When you are short of everything except scumbags, you are at work.
17. When you have secured an area, don't forget to tell the lowlifes.
18. Incoming fire has the right of way.
19. Friendly advice - isn't.
20. If the scumbags are in range, SO ARE YOU!!!
21. Gun control means being able to hit your target.
22. Police math is: Two beers times 37 cops = 49 cases.
23. Street math is: One cop with a .38 wheelgun = two scumbags with AK-47's.
24. Things that must be together to work usually can't be carried together.
25. Radios will fail as soon as you need backup desperately.
26. Anything you do can get you shot - including doing nothing.
27. Surveillance works both ways.
28. The only thing more accurate than being shot at by the dirtbags is being shot at by your buddies in the dark.
29. In the most secure jail, you can't get out either.
30. If you bust more than your fair share of lowlifes you will have more than your fair share of paperwork to do.
31. When both sides are convinced that they are about to lose, they are both right.
32. Professional crooks are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs.
33. Murphy was a watch commander.