



COMICS AND CHARACTERS

TV's men and women in blue

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While the new "NYPD 24/7" presents a look at real New York City cops, TV has offered many memorable fictional Big Apple cops. Here are some of them:

Officer Joe Bolton (Joe Bolton, "The Three Stooges Funhouse," 1958-61). A local TV legend: WPIX/11's faux cop introduced the adventures of Moe, Larry and Curly to New York-area baby boomers while reminding them that "the policeman is your friend."

Lt. Mike Parker (Horace McMahon, "Naked City," 1958-63). Steely-eyed, no-nonsense boss of the 65th Precinct in the city where "there are 8 million stories ... and this is one of them."

Officer Gunther Toody (Joe E. Ross, "Car 54, Where Are You," 1961-63) - Dim-witted Bronx patrolman who grunted "ooh ooh" whenever he got excited.

Lt. Theo Kojak (Telly Savalas, "Kojak," 1973-78). Chrome-domed lollipop-sucker who always did it his way.

Det. Phil Fish (Abe Vigoda, "Barney Miller," 1975-77). Burnt-out, deadpan kvetcher whose favorite room at the 12th Precinct stationhouse was the bathroom.

Det. Christine Cagney and Det. Mary Beth Lacey (Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly, "Cagney & Lacey," 1982-88). TV's first female partners, the ambitious single woman and the married mom.

Det. Lennie Briscoe (Jerry Orbach, "Law & Order," 1992-2004). Streetwise heart of the long-running show.

Det. Andy Sipowicz (Dennis Franz, "NYPD Blue," 1993-present). Short-fused rageball whose personal life has suffered more tribulations over the years than Job's.

Det. Robert Goren (Vincent D'Onofrio, "Law & Order: Criminal Intent," 2001-present). Brilliant, intense, but often eccentric interrogator.

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