Kids: Collect 57 Cop Cards and win prizes!

You've heard of baseball cards. How about Bloomfield Cop Cards?

This spring, your child can collect up to 57 Cop Cards to win great prizes, including one of nine grand prizes — a bicycle and helmet.

From April 1 through May 27, the Bloomfield Police Department Community Relations Unit is running its Cop Card program as a way for police to develop rapport with the town's younger citizens.

The Cop Card set includes 57 cards, and kids in all Bloomfield district elementary schools, plus St. Thomas School, are challenged to collect every one. Simply approach individual officers who will be carrying their own cards, or stop into participating downtown businesses (see below). Each store will be distributing a single officer's cards.

The card set includes some police units such as the Detective Division or the Community Policing Unit.

One winner per classroom, and one classroom winner per school will be awarded. Prizes are as follows:

• 200 Classroom Prizes - given to the most successful collector in each classroom. Prizes are a Bloomfield Police backpack, a Bloomfield PBA notebook and pen, or a limited-edition bonus Cop Card.



- 9 Grand Prizes given to the top classroom winner in each school. Grand prize winners will get a bicycle and helmet, a Cop Card-style picture taken standing next to a police car, and a full set of Cop Cards in poster format.
 - Bonus Prizes given for special secret cards.

Each double-sided Cop Card contains information about the featured officer. On the front is the officer's photo, name and rank; on the back, the officer's bio and inspirational message, and the card's business sponsor.

The Cop Card program is sponsored by participating businesses and private donors. Officers Hector Nunez and Ian Brundage from Community Policing are managing the program.

Businesses participating in the Cop Card program are listed on two Facebook pages: <u>Bloomfield Police Facebook</u> or <u>Bloomfield PBA Facebook</u>.