Title: Motorcycle Police

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Summary: The motorcycle police are called to an accident on the highway. The police help direct the traffic and clean up the accident.

STORY PRESENTATION

Setting the Stage: Play the sound button on the book without showing kids the cover. Ask: What does this sound like? What kind of vehicle might have a siren like this? Today we are going to be reading a story about the motorcycle police.

Read the Story: As you are reading the story, demonstrate the action flaps and ask what is happening each time you move the flap. Reread the story and ask students to read the words that you know. Ask someone to come and push the button at the end of the story.

Finishing the Story: There are a lot of cities that have motorcycle police, have you ever seen a motorcycle officer? Besides what we read in the story, what other jobs do motorcycle police officers have to do? Harley-Davidson makes very special motorcycles for police officers. Let’s go look at a police motorcycle.

GALLERY PRESENTATION

Exhibit/Artifact: Take your students into the third gallery of the Harley-Davidson Journey on the second floor. Look for the 1936 Police motorcycle and the adjacent case with police accessories.
Gallery Facts to Share with Students:

- Police first used Harley-Davidson motorcycles more than 100 years ago, in 1908
- Most police use was for traffic enforcement (catching speeders, writing traffic tickets, etc.) and not for pursuing criminals
- Look at the police vehicle, the adjacent case with accessories, and show image of modern police bike. Ask children to name the accessories you point to, and discuss what these were used for/how related to the different jobs police officers need to do.
  - Radio Receiver
  - Foot-Operated Siren
  - First Aid kit
  - Billy Club
  - Flashlight
  - Tire Pump
  - Fire Extinguisher
  - Speedometer with hand lock for marking speeders (on 1936 bike). The officer got up to the same pace as the lawbreaker and then set the lock to register the speed (explain that this was before radar guns)