

**posse**[ˈpɒsi] *n* преим. амер.

1. = posse comitatus
  2. отряд полицейских
  3. толпа; группа; ватага
- a whole posse of enthusiasts - целая толпа энтузиастов
- ◇ in posse - потенциально возможный

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**posse** [posse posses] BrE [ˈpɒsi] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [ˈpɑːsɪ] <sup>m</sup> noun

1. (*informal*) a group of people who are similar in some way, or who spend time together
  - a little posse of helpers
2. (in the US in the past) a group of people who were brought together by a <sup>↑</sup>sheriff (= an officer of the law) in order to help him catch a criminal
3. (*informal*) a group of young men involved in crime connected with drugs

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from medieval Latin, literally power, from Latin posse 'be able'.

Example Bank:

- He was sat at a corner table and surrounded by a posse of attentive waiters.
- She arrived at the theatre followed by the usual press posse.

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**posse** /ˈpɒsi \$ ˈpɑːsɪ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> noun [countable]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: posse comitatus 'power of the county']

1. *informal* a group of the same kind of people
  - posse of <sup>m</sup> I was surrounded by a posse of photographers.
2. a group of men gathered together by a <sup>↑</sup>sheriff (=local law officer) in the US in past times to help catch a criminal
3. *American English informal*
  - a) someone's group of friends – used especially by young people
  - b) a group of friends from a particular place who share an interest in <sup>↑</sup>rap, HIP-HOP, or <sup>↑</sup>house music **SYN massive** *British English*

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