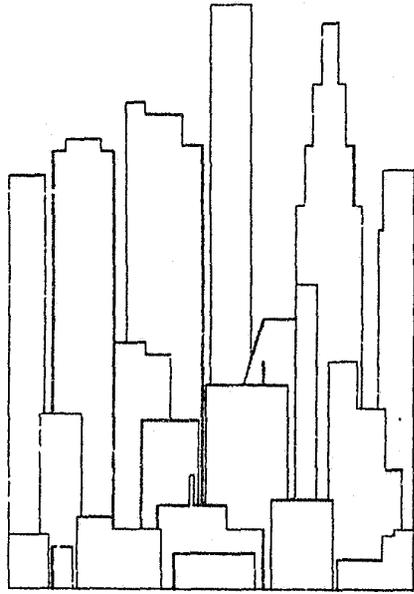
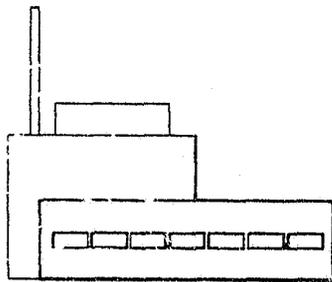


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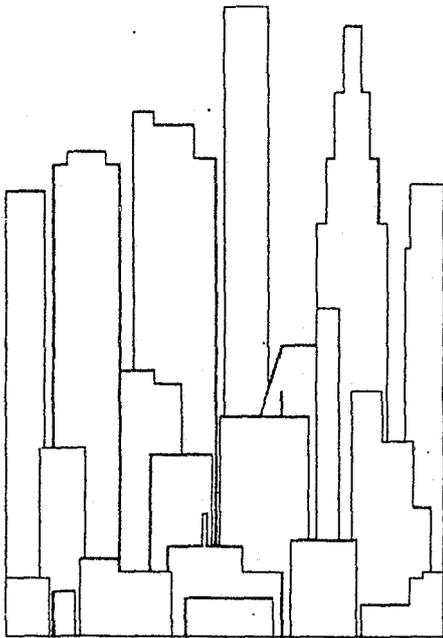
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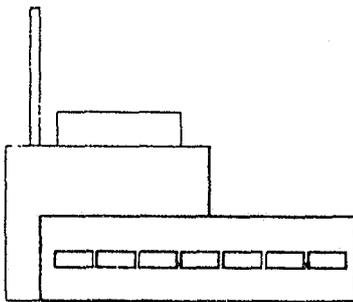
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POLICE DEPARTMENT  
William T. Fitzpatrick  
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 15, 1987

Honorable Mayor John F. McNamara  
Members of the Rockford City Council  
Board of Fire and Police Commissioners  
City of Rockford, Illinois

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit to you the 1986 Annual Report. The accomplishments of this Department during the year are the result of a total team effort by our employees, the City Council, the Mayor, the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, and most importantly, the citizens of Rockford. The combination of resources and expertise from all involved have led to a true quality of life in this community.

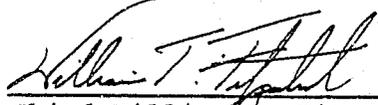
In 1986, the Department made major re-organizational moves, which will be completed in 1987. Manpower was reduced by ten sworn officers after careful analysis of service and personnel needs, especially supervisory needs. The consolidation did not hamper operating effectiveness; in 1986, almost five thousand more calls for service were handled. While our overall crime rate declined by five percent in 1986, the number of crimes solved rose from 1985's twenty-one percent to twenty-four percent in 1986, and to twenty-eight percent so far this current year. This is well above the twenty-one percent national average.

The Department continued its efforts to provide Rockford with cost-effective, modern law enforcement services. In 1986, a ten-year-old computerized dispatching system was up-graded - including hardware replacement - for a lower monthly cost than we were spending alone for the old system. In addition, we initiated purchase of a modern computerized law enforcement record-keeping system. The current system is totally inadequate. With the help of a grant, a new system - hardware and software - will be on-line in mid-1987. An added 'plus': The new system is supported by the State of Illinois, allowing future software modification, technical support, and report development at substantially-reduced cost. The Department expanded its application of computers in budget and personnel administration through greater use of the city-wide Burroughs system.

In 1987, use of Differential Police Response will continue. This program was researched and developed by police agencies around the country, under a grant from the National Institute of Justice. It allows the Department to better match our response to a citizen's real needs when handling calls for service. This plus emphasis of Problem-Oriented Policing methods are 1987's major goals.

In closing, let me thank all of you - Rockford's citizens - who helped make 1986 a successful year for local law enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,



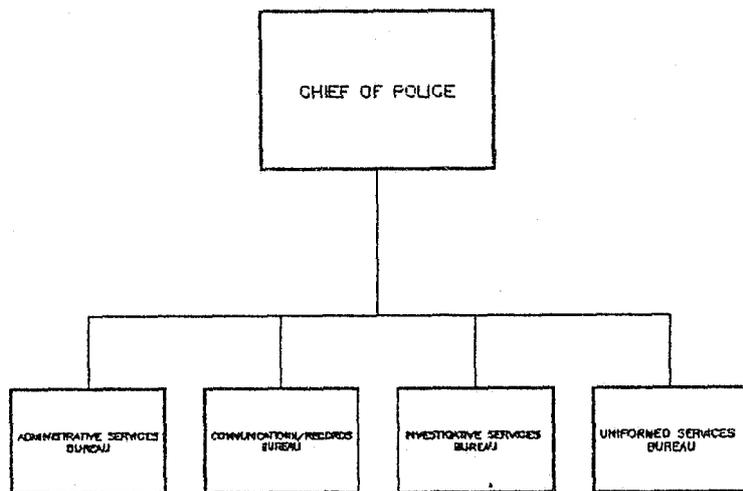
Chief William T. Fitzpatrick

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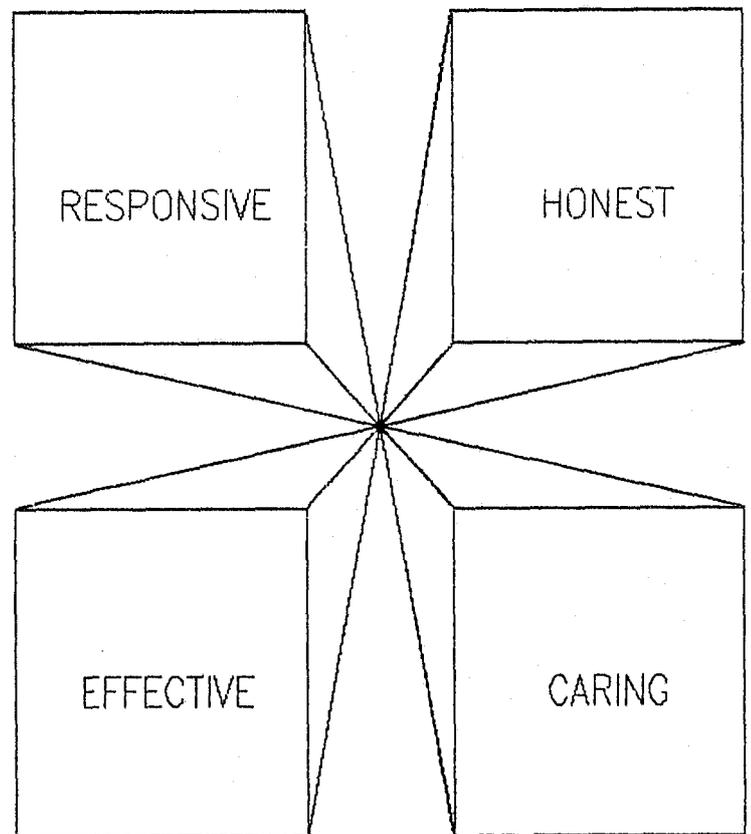
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# ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## A LOOK AT 1986 . . . .

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## A REVIEW OF 1986

The year 1986 was the Rockford Police Department's first full year under Chief William Fitzpatrick's management. It was marked by major organizational shifts and operating changes.

The Department went from six bureaus to four. The Youth and Detective Bureaus were combined with the Evidence, Property and Photo Divisions to form the Investigative Services Bureau. The Patrol and Traffic Bureaus were combined to form the Uniformed Services Bureau. The remaining bureaus - which provide the Department's support services - are the Administrative Services Bureau and the Communications/Records Services Bureau.

These changes allowed the Department to reduce the authorized strength without reducing the amount of personnel assigned to the street as patrol officers or detectives. All manpower reductions were accomplished by eliminating vacant management positions.

The reorganization of the Investigative Services Bureau allowed the Department to strengthen our efforts in gang, drug, and vice control. Two new or revised units now attack these problems.

The first is the Gang Unit. The Unit is staffed with only city officers, who monitor youth gang activity in Rockford. During 1986, the Unit made eighty-six (86) felony arrests for gang-related activity.

The second is the Special Investigations Unit for drug and vice-related crimes; the Unit is staffed with both city and county officers. The use of both city and county officers allows the Unit to operate anywhere in the county without worrying about jurisdictional lines or duplications of effort.

In 1986, the Unit produced the following results:

- One hundred and ten (110) Search Warrants executed
- One hundred and twenty-five (125) weapons recovered
- \$74,827 in cash recovered
- Illegal drugs with a street value of \$1,000,000 confiscated
  - Of this one million, \$800,000 was in marijuana
- Three illegal laboratories that were growing and processing marijuana were eliminated
- One hundred and eighty-two (182) arrests were made by the Unit for drug and vice-related charges. One hundred and forty-eight (148) of the arrests were for drug possession with the intent to sell or distribute

Because of, or in addition to, these efforts, there was an overall drop in the City's crime rate and increase in numbers of reported crimes solved by our Department.

None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the Uniformed Services Bureau. The uniformed officer is the one the public thinks of when that need a police officer. These officers are involved in or handle over

ninety-five percent (95%) of the Police Department's calls for service. This includes everything from homicides or traffic accidents to neighborhood problems. Programs to make the Uniformed Services Bureau more effective have included:

A program calling for differential responses to calls for service. The change involved handling some non-violent, not-in-progress incidents by a phone report. This allows for more effective use of the patrol force in attacking and suppressing violent and in-progress criminal activity.

A program was jointly developed with the State's Attorney's Office making it easier for victims of minor crimes to obtain a warrant if they are involved in a criminal incident. If the suspect is gone when the police arrive, but the victim has witnesses or evidence and can positively identify the suspect, an Intent to Prosecute form is used. This program allows a victim to avoid multiple trips to or long delays at the Public Safety Building and State's Attorney's Office when they want to sign a complaint and warrant.

In 1987, the Department's goal is to continue improving the effectiveness of law enforcement in Rockford within our economic and manpower constraints.

# ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PART I CRIMES 1986

(As compared to 1985)

TYPE CRIME	ACTUAL 1986	CRIMES SOLVED	PERCENT SOLVED 1986	ACTUAL 1985	PERCENT SOLVED 1985	PERCENT CHANGE 85 - 86
HOMICIDE	12	12	100%	6	83%	100%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	125	92	74%	101	67%	24%
ROBBERY	397	135	34%	380	50%	4%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	453	283	62%	419	62%	8%
ASSAULT	285	181	64%	251	53%	14%
BURGLARY	3,719	545	15%	3,939	15%	- 6%
BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE	1,471	100	7%	1,521	6%	- 3%
THEFT	5,186	1,418	27%	5,673	23%	- 9%
VEHICLE THEFT	423	101	24%	368	22%	15%
ARSON	49	7	14%	34	21%	44%
TOTAL	12,120	2,874	24%	12,692	21%	- 5%

# ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

	1985	1986
Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	1158	1241
Disobeyed Stop Sign	627	648
Drag Racing	30	30
Driving After Suspension/Revocation	705	1014
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Related Offenses	843*	1063
Failed to Yield at Intersection	197	142
Fleeing to Avoid Arrest	24	72
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	105	146
Improper Turns/Signalling	248	226
Negligent Driving	946	868
No City Sticker	825	892
No Valid Driver's License	601	674
No Valid Registration	365	102
Reckless Driving	143	174
Seat Belt Violations (Since July 1, 1985)	130	287
Speeding	5930	5566
Traffic Signal Violations	1431	1185
All Other Traffic Violations	5840	6555
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED</b>	<b>19,875</b>	<b>20,599</b>

\* - Includes only DUI arrests

## TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	1985	1986	
<b>TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY</b>			
Hazardous Violations	12,223	11,448	- 6%
Non-Hazardous Violations	6,809	8,529	+ 25%
Driving Under the Influence	843	622	- 26%
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED</b>	<b>19,875</b>	<b>20,599</b>	
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY</b>			
Accidents with Injuries	2,691	2,551	- 5%
Fatality Accidents	21	17	- 19%
Hit-and-Run Accidents	1,486	1,473	- 1%
Percent of All Accidents	19.7%	20.8%	+ 1%
Solved	470	530	+ 11%
Property Damage Only	3,358	3,024	- 10%
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>7,556</b>	<b>7,065</b>	<b>- 6%</b>
<b>PARKING TICKETS</b>	<b>45,570</b>	<b>37,363*</b>	<b>- 18%</b>

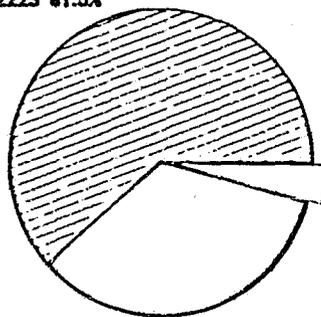
\* - Due to three traffic enforcement officers rather than four as in 1985

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## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

### 1985 and 1986

Hazardous Violations 12223 81.5%

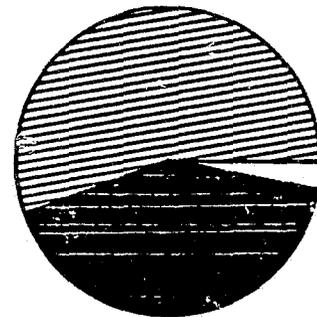


D.U.I. Arrests 845 4.2%

Non-Hazardous Violations 6509 44.3%

1985 TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Hazardous Violations 11448 55.6%



D.U.I. Arrests 622 3%

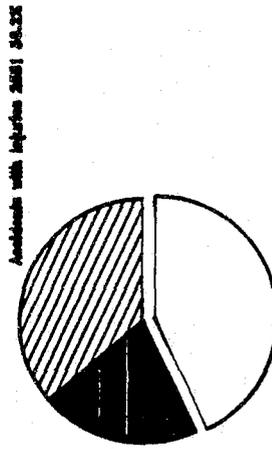
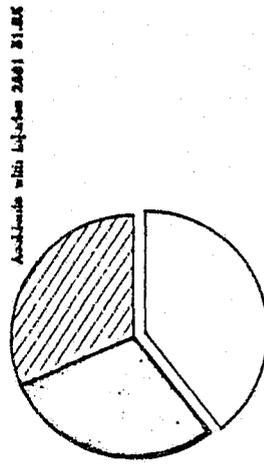
Non-Hazardous Violations 8828 41.4%

1986 TRAFFIC CITATIONS

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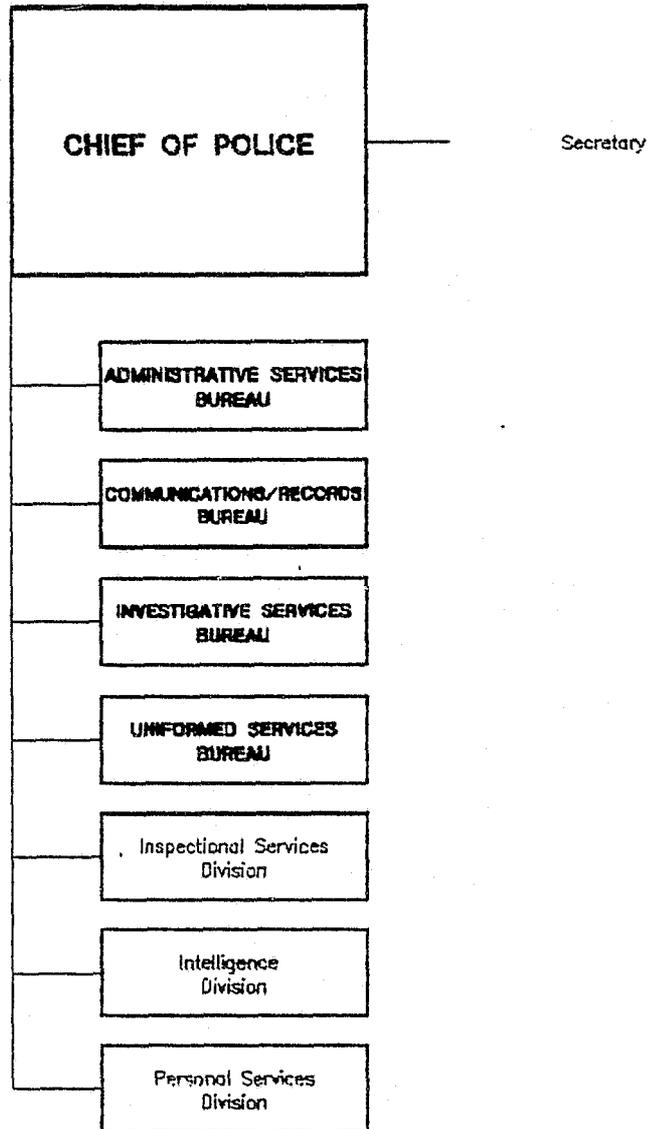
## TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

### 1985 and 1986

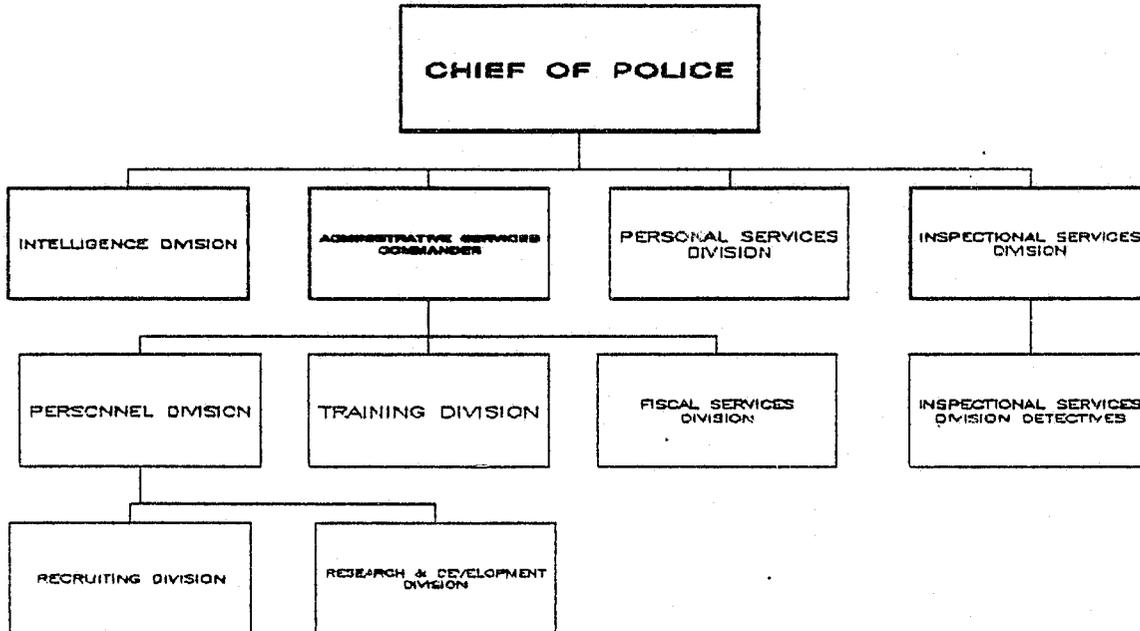


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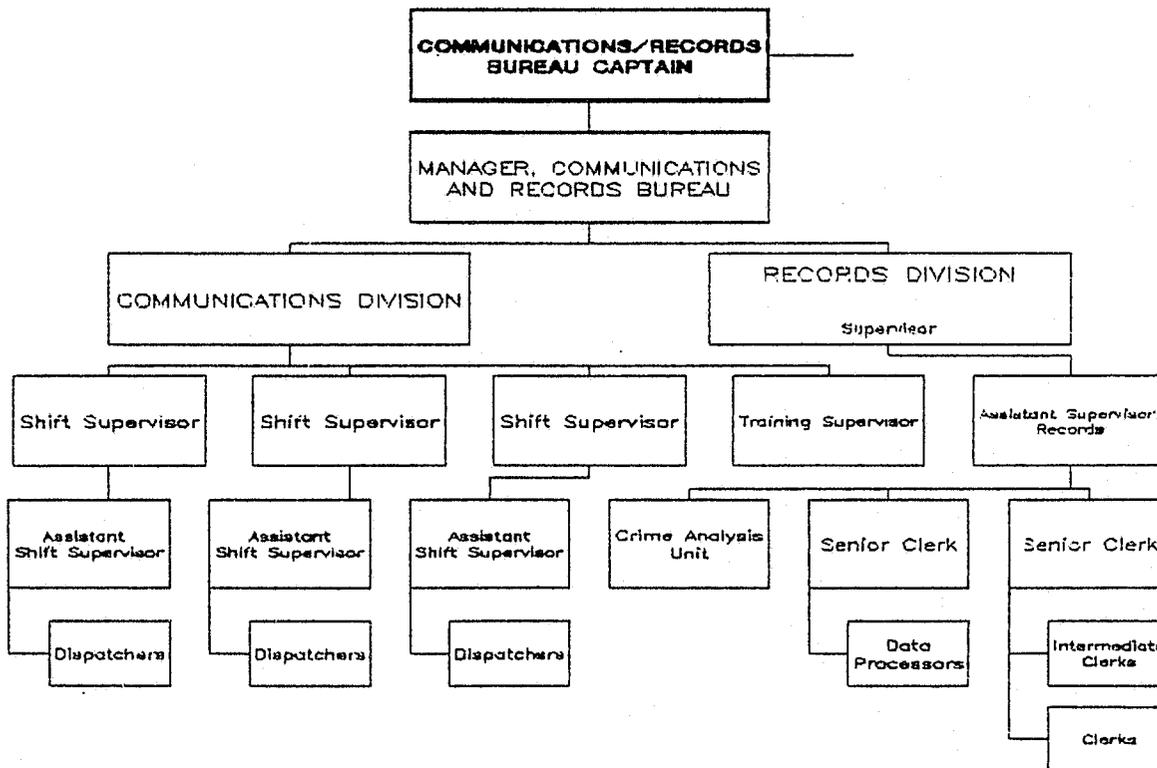
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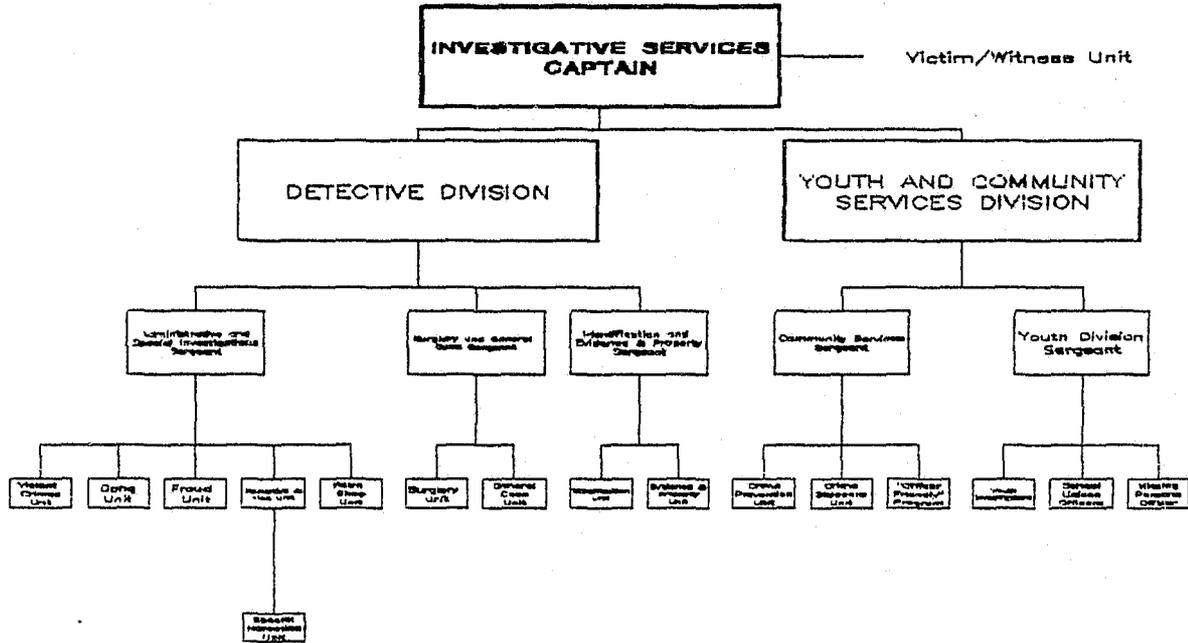
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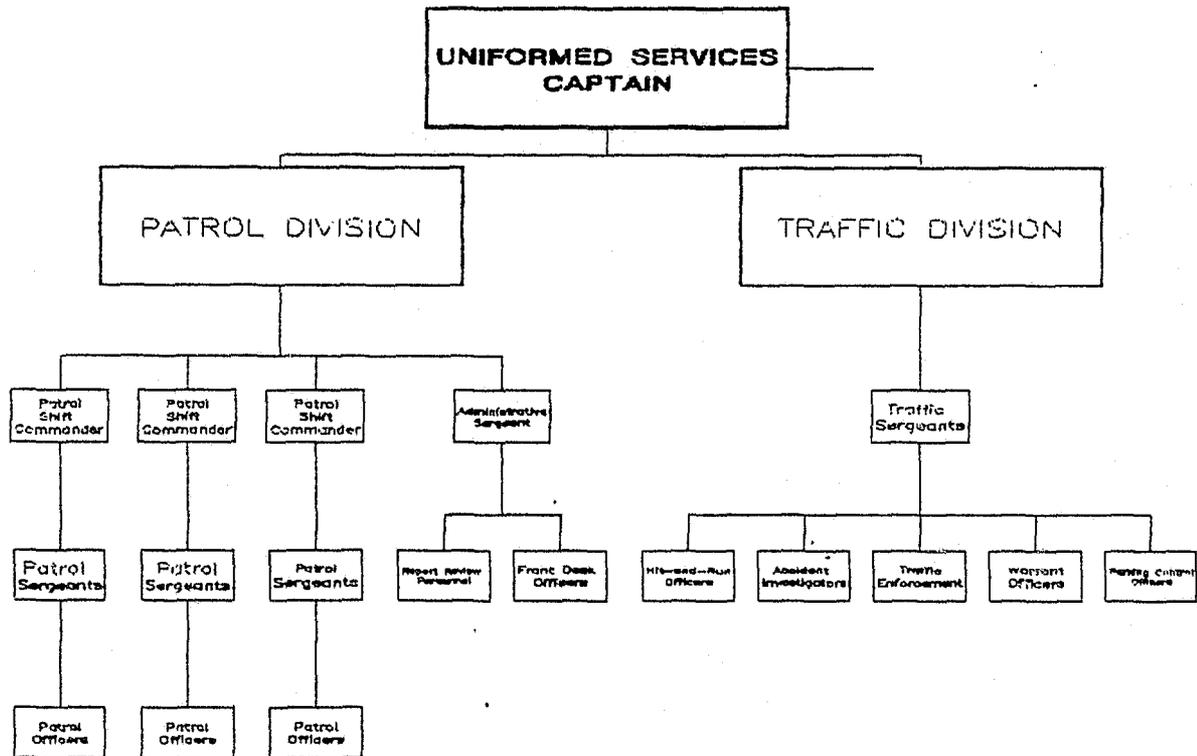
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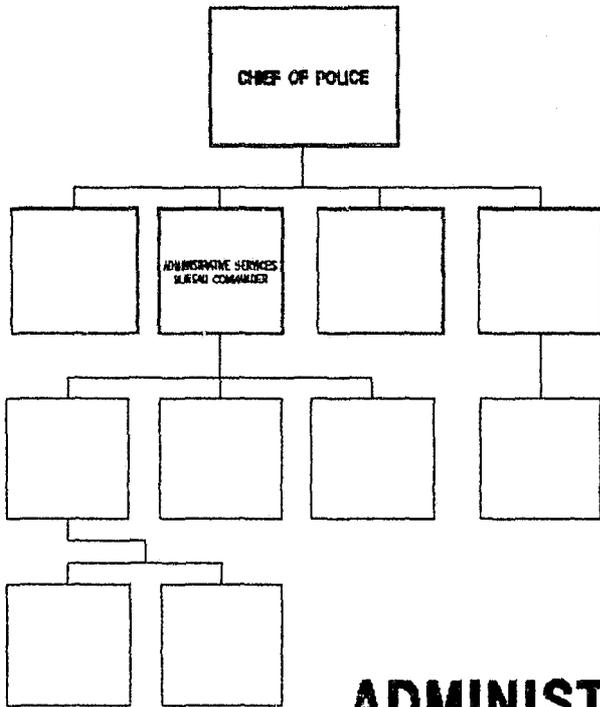
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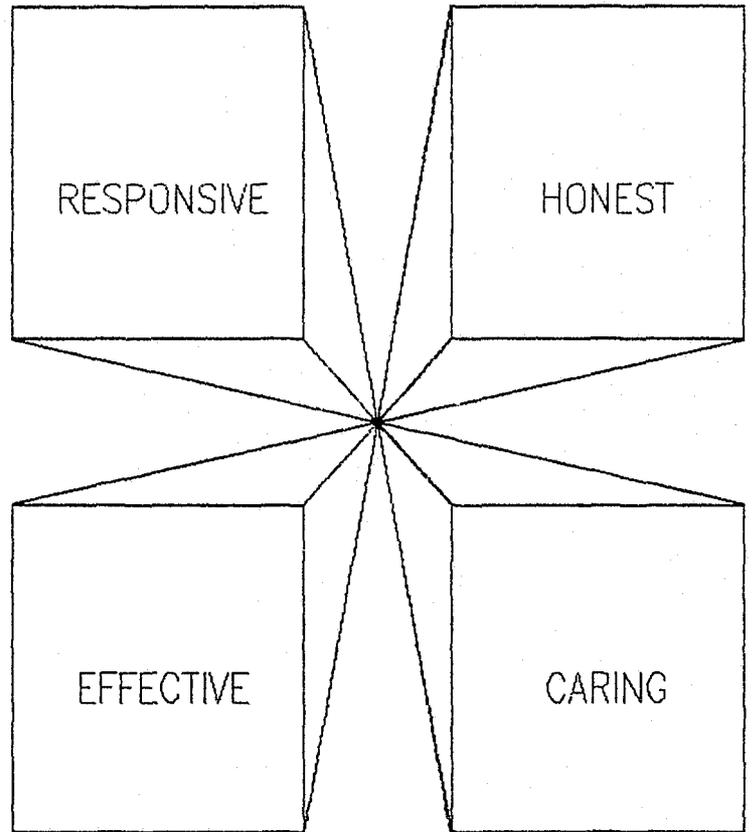


ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU



**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

The Administrative Services Bureau is responsible for coordinating all Departmental training, budget administration, personnel administration, and research and development. This Bureau is comprised of nineteen sworn and civilian personnel. These people insure the Department has sufficient resources [fiscal, equipment, and staff] to accomplish its mission.

In 1986, a highly successful recruiting drive to attract and hire qualified minority applicants was conducted by the Training and Personnel Division. The Department was again successful in providing all needed services at less than budgeted levels, thanks to the efforts of all personnel in the Administrative Services Bureau.

The Inspectional Services Division investigates and processes complaints of police officer misconduct. It has an unblemished reputation for integrity and thoroughness. This division insures the Department meets its commitment to every citizen's right to equal protection under the law, free from prejudice, bias, or brutality.

The Research and Development Division planned and helped implement several projects to modernize and improve service delivery. This Division is currently in the process of rewriting the General Orders of the Department under Chief Fitzpatrick.

The success or failure of the Administrative Services Bureau's effort are measured according to the quality of law enforcement provided the citizens of Rockford. In 1987, the Bureau looks to continue work on projects aimed at insuring the Department is properly positioned and able to take advantage of all available resources to provide law enforcement in Rockford.

### *POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET*

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1986 Budget	\$13,293,646
Actually Spent	\$13,199,559
Unspent at Year's End	\$ 94,087

# ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## REVENUE - All Sources

1985-1986

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>1985</i>	<i>1986</i>
1. Badges	\$ 81.35	\$ 287.12
2. Bicycle Sales	\$ 2,842.62	\$ 1,526.50
3. Chaplain's Fund	\$ 195.97	\$ 000.00
4. Clothing	\$ 325.35	\$ 707.83
5. Copies	\$ 75.15	\$ 22.60
6. Defensive Driving Classes	\$ 40.00*	\$ 556.00
7. Impound Fees	\$ 3,281.35	\$ 2,428.35
8. Impound Sales	\$ 3,021.99	\$ 9,142.53
9. I-Search Grant	\$ 7,726.00	\$ 12,189.00
10. Keys	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00
11. Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 17.25	\$ 3,055.90
12. Miscellaneous	\$ 8,031.32	\$ 3,994.28
13. NITAB (Northern Illinois Training)	\$ 31,555.47	\$ 4,575.00
14. Photo Refunds	\$ 206.00	\$ 484.00
15. Restitutions	\$ 132.45	\$ 180.00
16. Report Copies	\$ 445.00	\$ 18,744.15
17. Report Forms Refunds	\$ 181.00	\$ 2,482.06
18. Telephone Refunds	\$ 5.05	\$ 155.79
19. Weapons Purchases	\$ 150.00	\$ 700.00
20. Court Fines	\$573,632.59	\$608,667.00
21. Parking Violations	\$292,353.50	\$222,823.00
 <i>TOTALS</i> - - - - -	 \$924,304.41	 \$892,723.11

As of 01/07/87

## CHAPLAINS DIVISION

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*The Chaplains Division is a support unit of the Rockford Police Department and is under the direction of the Commander of the Administrative Services Bureau. The Personal Services Officer coordinates the program, and he, along with Head Chaplain - Father William Wentink - and our thirty-seven Duty Chaplains - is at the center of the program. All are available to handle calls for assistance on a twenty-four hour basis, three hundred and sixty-five days per year.*

In 1986, they handled more than 4,525 calls for assistance. The types of calls handled include a variety of situation, such as death and/or accident notifications, family disturbances, major fire incidents, lonely and despondent calls, alcohol and/or drug abuse problems, bereavement counseling, and calls from needy people for help in obtaining basic human needs, such as food, shelter, and transportation.

Other people have volunteered their services to the Chaplains Division in 1986. They have function in areas of secretarial and office work; sorting, organizing, and distributing items to the needy which have been donated to the Chaplains Division; packing, sorting, and distributing food to the needy, especially during holiday times; and just spending time befriending those who are needy and lonely.

In 1986, we estimate that the Head Chaplain, the Duty Chaplains, and the other Chaplains Division volunteers have donated more than 14,645 hours to our program. In addition to the above calls for assistance which are handled out on the streets, many people are assisted directly through the Chaplains Division office. This assistance involved financial help, as well as the non-monetary help we have been able to provide through the items donated to our Chaplains Division Treasure Shop.

The Rockford Police Department Chaplains Program is well-known throughout the United States, and has become a model for other departments. Our Chaplains Division presented several programs in 1986 to other departments in order to assist them in starting a Chaplains Program of their own. We also had the unique opportunity in 1986 of hosting Chaplain Tyrone Hillary who spent a week with us studying our program as a model for the one he is trying to start in Durham, England. Also in 1986, more than sixty-two programs were presented to churches and various other civic, fraternal, and social organizations throughout our community concerning the operation of the Chaplains Program.

In addition to the assistance given to citizens as described above, the Chaplains Division also provides assistance to police officers, fire-fighters, and their respective families. This assistance involves speaking on the recruit level, conducting Family Life Seminars and Stress Classes (as well as other in-service programs), and doing countless hours of counseling

with individuals and families. Most of this assistance is for personnel of Winnebago County, but several calls per month do come from police personnel needing help outside of Winnebago County.

We feel that 1986 has been a very prosperous and good year for the Chaplains Division. We were able to increase our staff and the number of volunteers in our program in order to handle the ever-increasing number of people we have the opportunity to try and assist. It is impossible in these few paragraphs to adequately describe all the Chaplains Division has accomplished in 1986. The Personal Services Officer has spent many hours working on the Committee to set up the Employee Assistance Program, working with retired and disabled officers and their families, assisting in the production and distribution of the Call Box newspaper, organizing and coordinating the annual Police Memorial Service, and working with other social service agencies and churches in an effort to better serve the people of our community. It does not reflect the many hours the Personal Services Officer and the Head Chaplain spend recruiting, training, and working with the Duty Chaplains and other Chaplains Division volunteers.

In conclusion, each person who has served a part of the Chaplains Division staff in 1986 has truly enjoyed being a part of the Chaplains Division team, and is thanking God for the opportunities He has provided for us to serve and assist our fellow man. Since 1973, we have enjoyed watching the Chaplains Program increase in its staff, volunteers, activities, and assistance to those in need. We want to especially thank Chief Fitzpatrick as well as all the police officers who believe in and support the Chaplains Program. We are trusting that 1987 will continue to show an increase in our assistance to police officers in order to relieve them of some of their burdens and in the number of people we are trying to assist, as well as our effectiveness with them.

**APPROXIMATE TOTAL HOURS VOLUNTEERED IN 1986**

<i>Father Wentink (available on 24-hour basis)</i>	<i>1,825 Hours</i>
<i>Duty Chaplains</i>	<i>8,760 Hours</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>1,460 Hours</i>
<i>Volunteers (estimated)</i>	<i>1,500 Hours</i>
<i>Resource People (estimated)</i>	<i>300 Hours</i>
<i>Thanksgiving Help</i>	<i>300 Hours</i>
<i>Christmas Help</i>	<i>500 Hours</i>
<b>TOTAL ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>14,645 Hours</b>

NON-MONETARY ASSISTANCE

TREASURE SHOP	FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS
Food	166	474
Clothing, Household Items, etc.	352	1,014
TOTALS	518	1,488

HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE	FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	60	202
Christmas Food Baskets, Gifts	172	412
TOTALS	232	614

# CHAPLAINS DIVISION

## BREAKDOWN OF BENEVOLENCE MONIES

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	APPROX. %
Food	\$ 8,514.72	21.6%
Medical Bills	\$ 6,167.10	15.6%
Lodging	\$ 4,758.45	12.1%
Utilities	\$ 4,370.61	11.1%
Rent or House Payments	\$ 2,717.80	6.9%
Living Expenses	\$ 2,402.51	6.1%
Car - Gas, Oil, Etc.	\$ 2,369.24	6.0%
Bus Tickets	\$ 1,626.40	4.1%
Car Payments	\$ 1,275.00	3.2%
Car Repairs	\$ 1,249.21	3.2%
Clothing (Including Footwear)	\$ 1,032.75	2.6%
Counseling Fees	\$ 781.00	2.0%
Medicine	\$ 688.00	1.7%
Christmas Gifts	\$ 525.00	1.3%
School Tuition (Books, Fees, Supplies)	\$ 385.00	1.0%
Household Items	\$ 376.43	1.0%
Truck Rental To Move	\$ 175.00	.4%
Miscellaneous	\$ 64.00	.1%
<b>TOTALS - - - - -</b>	<b>\$39,478.77</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

This is a 180% increase over monetary assistance given in 1986.

TOTAL PEOPLE ASSISTED MONETARILY IN 1986		
Local	2,424	94%
Out-of-Town	151	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>100%</b>

This is a 200% increase over those assisted in 1985

Average spent per person in 1986:	\$15.33
Average spent per person in 1985:	\$16.86

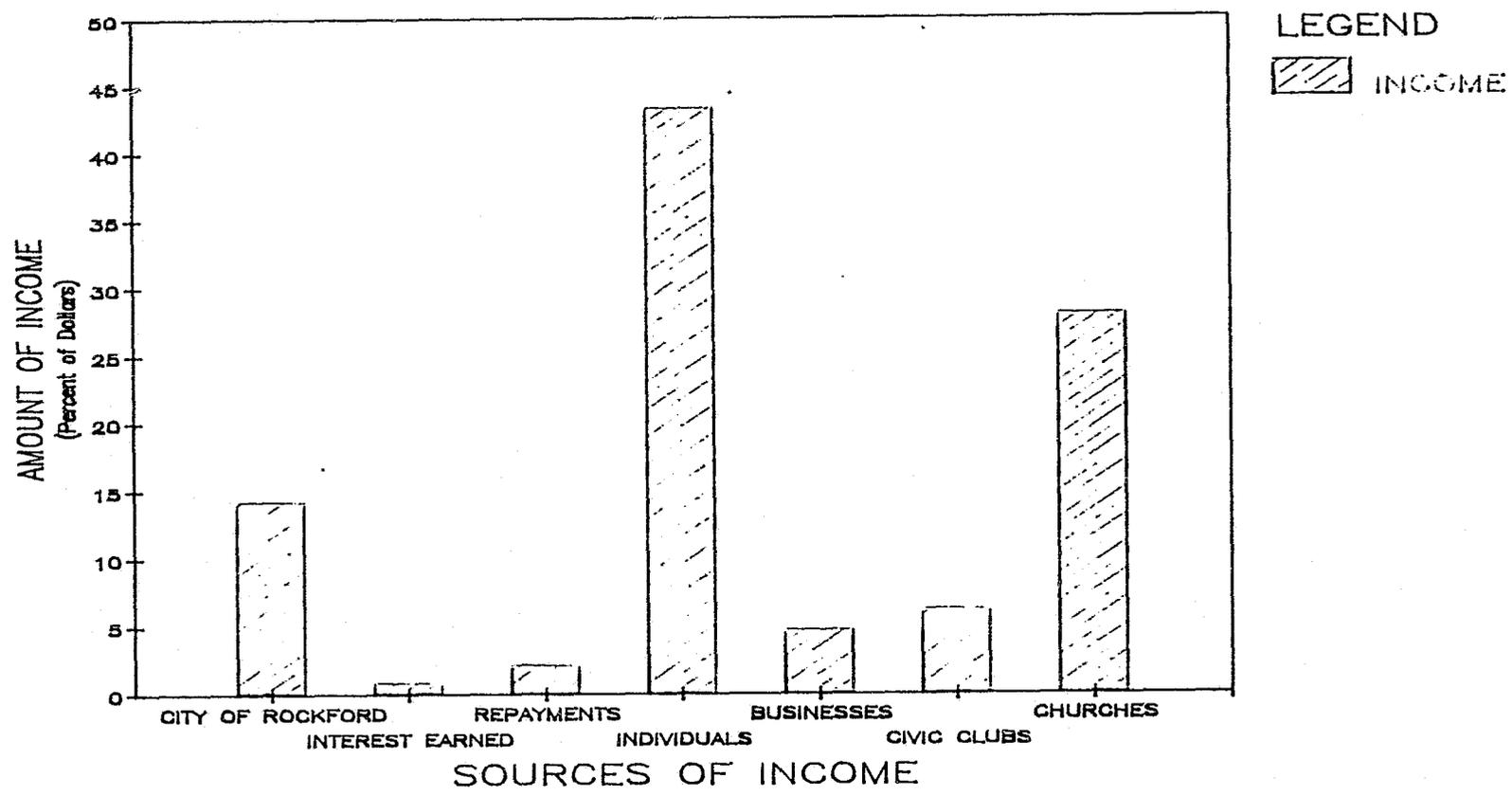
TOTAL BENEVOLENT MONIES SPENT IN 1986 \$39,478.77

NON-BENEVOLENCE MONIES SPENT IN 1986 \$20,052.95

Given for specific Special Projects  
(Call Box printing, Ambulance 'Teddy Bear' Program,  
Computer Equipment, Furniture, Office Supplies)

TOTAL MONIES SPENT IN 1986 (ALL SOURCES) - - - - - \$59,531.72

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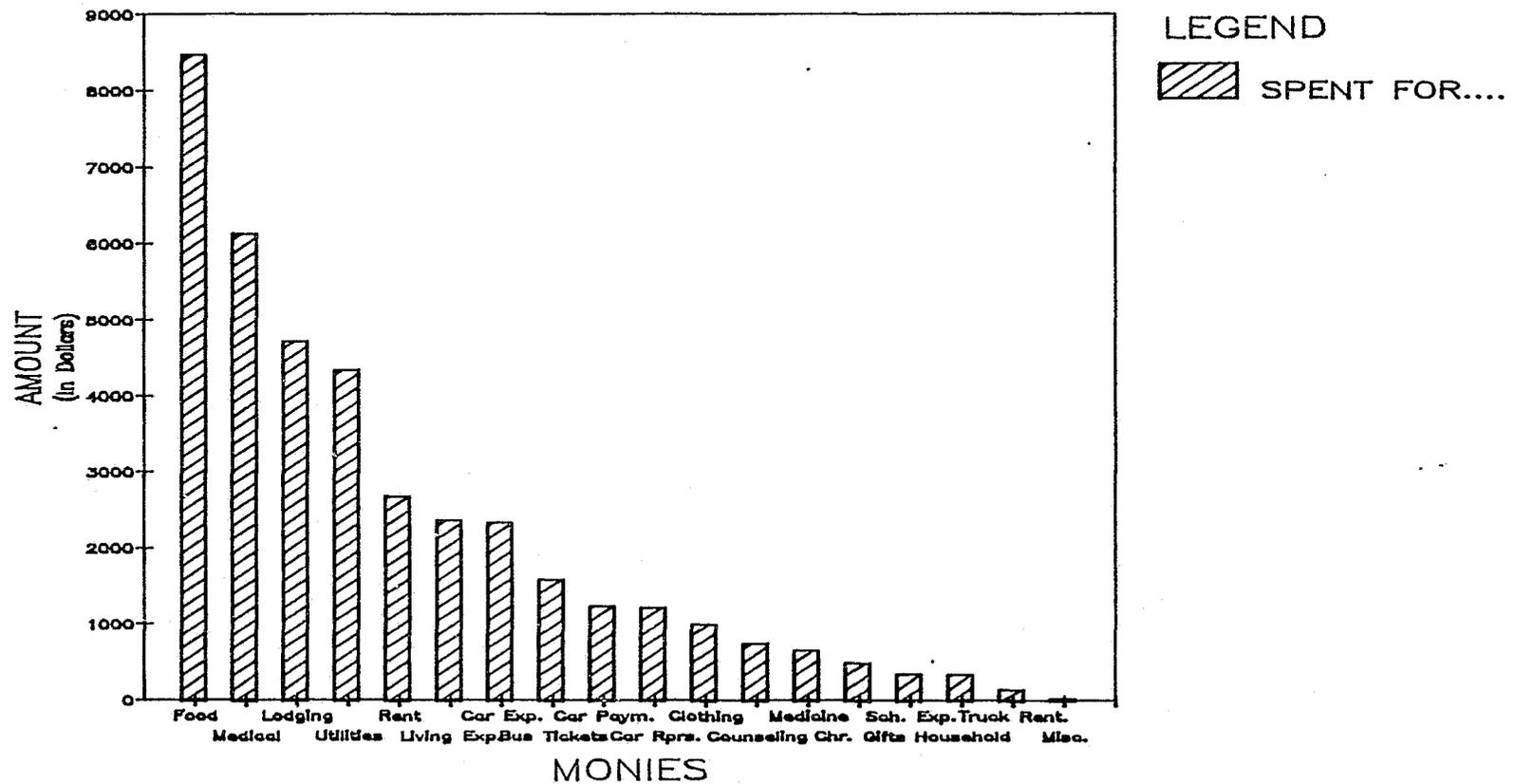


Chaplain's Division

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## CHAPLAINS DIVISION

BENEVOLENT MONIES SPENT — 1986



Chaplains Division

# TRAINING DIVISION

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In a modern law enforcement agency - which is *proactive* as well as *reactive* - training is a must. It has been said that the department is only as good as the training its officers receive. With this in mind, the Training Division continued to be involved in an extensive training program during 1986. Total training for 1986 amounted to well over 20,000 hours.

This training has affected all sworn and non-sworn personnel within the Department. The areas included basic courses for new officers and continuous specialized courses for investigators, managers, and supervisors. In addition, we have continued to pursue an aggressive training program regarding the drunken driver; Field Sobriety and changing DUI laws have accounted for 600 training hours.

### MANAGEMENT TRAINING

During 1986, our managers and supervisors attended numerous courses, such as Stress Management, Discipline Cause-and-Effect, Dynamics of Leadership, Executive Development, Firearms Management, as well as other management/supervisory courses.

### INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

Investigators assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau attended courses during 1986, such as Interviews and Interrogations, Hostage Negotiations, Crime Scene Investigations, Spanish language courses, and other courses pertaining to laws regarding *probable cause*, *search-and-seizure*, and others.

### UNIFORMED OFFICERS

In 1986, officers assigned to the Uniformed Services Bureau attended a number of the previously-listed courses as well as courses pertaining to the field officer. All sworn officers attended a continuous Firearms Training Program.

The total courses given and topics covered are too numerous to list individually, but the training hours proved very productive. In addition, the *Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board*, *MOBILE TEAM UNIT II* provided over 14,000 hours of training to personnel of the Rockford Police Department. A number of outside agencies, such as the Police Training Institute, North-

western University Traffic Institute, Rock Valley College, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were also utilized during 1986. The numerous topics and hours involved indicate a productive year for training.

#### *TRAINING GOALS FOR 1987*

In looking ahead into 1987, the Training Division intends to expand its training in order to have better trained officers in an even wider variety of subjects. These subjects include the *Field Training Officer's Training Guide* to be revised in the hopes of improving this fine program. An aggressive firearms training program will be implemented with the goal of improving each officer's shooting ability which will improve the officer's service to the community.



# COMMUNICATIONS/RECORDS BUREAU

## 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rockford Police Department Records and Communications Bureau was formulated in early 1985 when the City of Rockford assumed responsibility for the join functional services previously controlled by the Public Safety Building Governing Board. The record-keeping, crime analysis, and communications functions are now under one bureau; the Bureau employs fifty-five personnel.

### RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division had some staffing shortages during 1986 and employees put in many hours of overtime, keeping up with the ever-increasing work load. To illustrate the impact of their accomplishments, the following volume of reports were processed:

Incident and Supplement Reports	62,924
Accident Reports	8,678
Traffic Tickets	29,021

The Records Division replaced some aging equipment to maintain current levels of operational efficiency. The Division applied for and was selected as the recipient of a grant and the opportunity to become a *Police Information Management System* (PIMS) computer site; Hewlett Packard will be the hardware vendor and PIMS of Chicago will supply the software. This computer will greatly increase our ability to provide users with a wide range of informational, managerial, and statistical data.

The Records Division also greatly expanded the capacity of their fingerprinting and picture-taking with the addition of the *I-SEARCH* program.

The Records Division has been able to replace and increase lost revenue caused by the *Freedom of Information Act* due to a change in the *Illinois Revised Statutes* that allows the Records Division to charge the public for accident reports. From July 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986, revenue was generated totalling \$18,744.15.

### CRIME ANALYSIS

The Crime Analysis Unit was relocated in the Records Division in mid-1986. Currently, the Unit consists of two Police Technicians who provide manually-compiled data gathered by analyzing each and ever report written by officers of the Rockford Police Department. The information - available to the extent that the officers include it in their reports - is analyzed, dissected, compared, catalogued, and formulated to provide patterns, trends, and insight for Departmental use. By using these formats, the Department is

able to review recently-compiled data from a broad focal point to facilitate preventative and reactionary measures. Some of the most frequently used files include:

1. The log books which provide quick reference summaries of burglaries, robberies, sex offenses, stolen vehicles, etc.
2. The nickname file which contains any nickname provided to the investigating officers, and the identity of the person known by the nickname
3. Spotted city maps provide a quick reference for the locations and dates of offenses, such as burglaries, robberies, sex offenses, etc.
4. Weekly recaps of primary arrests
5. Gang files which include all information available on gang members

Presently, limited information can be gleaned from our computerized records system. The system can be searched in various ways, but is not programmed to provide specific formatted reports.

Patrol, investigative, and command personnel are frequent users of the information provided by this Unit. The actual impact on the overall picture of preventing crime, closing cases, and the frequency of providing the piece of information that leads to an arrest is difficult to tabulate in productivity measures. However, the Unit makes every effort to provide every assistance available. The PIMS computer system, when installed, will increase the ability to get information needed, and a specific crime analysis module is now being formulated for incorporation into the system. It is believed that the effectiveness of the Crime Analysis Unit will be greatly increased in the near future as we move closer to an automated system.

#### *COMMUNICATIONS CENTER DIVISION*

The Communications Center is the central point of incoming and outgoing activity for the Rockford Police Department, Machesney Park, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and related agencies. The dispatcher/complaint-taker functions are combined functions. In 1986, the Communications Center handled 231,886 calls for service, which averages out to 19,324 per month, or 635 per day. This does *not* include information, internal call transfers, or administrative calls. An average of about two out of every three calls received are other than calls for service and are either transferred or handled internally by the Communications Center, illustrating the large volume of incoming calls received. The incoming call is the initial contact on an incident, and the skill of the dispatcher receiving the call to properly determine the nature of the incident has a direct impact on the departmental response and the outcome of the incident.

The dispatchers handling the radio consoles are the center of on-going activity, and are the relay point for the transfer of information between the officers and command personnel. Dispatchers operating the radio

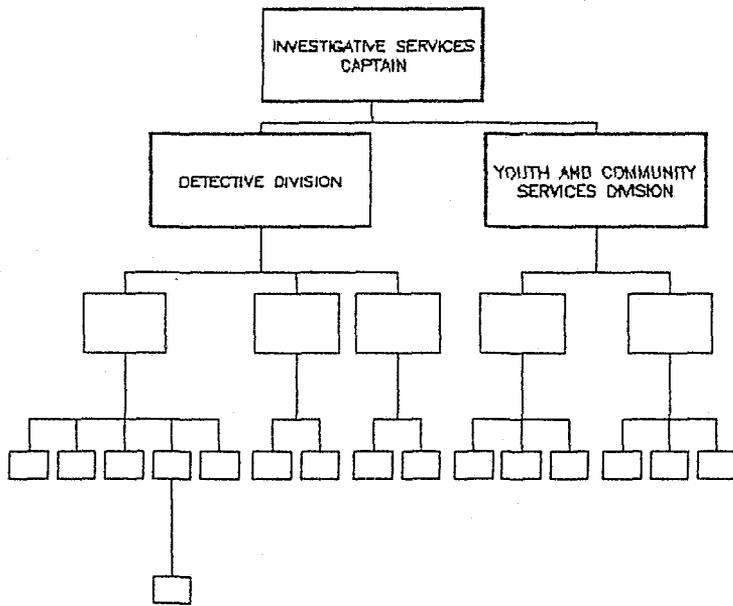
consoles are subjected to a high volume of incoming calls for service and operational radio traffic. The efficiency of the entire Department can be affected by the ability of the dispatchers to handle these duties in a timely manner.

To facilitate the rapid transfer of the high volume of information with minimal or no internal response delays and/or errors, a computer-aided dispatch system is used. This system relays the information received to the dispatch point after the type of call code and address is entered. This eliminates delays previously experienced while descriptions and incidental details are solicited by the dispatcher taking the call. Dispatchers immediately dispatch the proper units and relay information to the responding units as it is received.

The Communications Center also enters all computer hot files into LEADS (the state computer information center) and NCIC (the national computer information center) for all departments served. In 1986, the Communications Center completed 586,625 LEADS transactions which includes entries and inquiries. Dispatchers ran 458,055 LEADS inquiries and received 5,326 hits on those inquiries, with the rest being entries and other transactions.

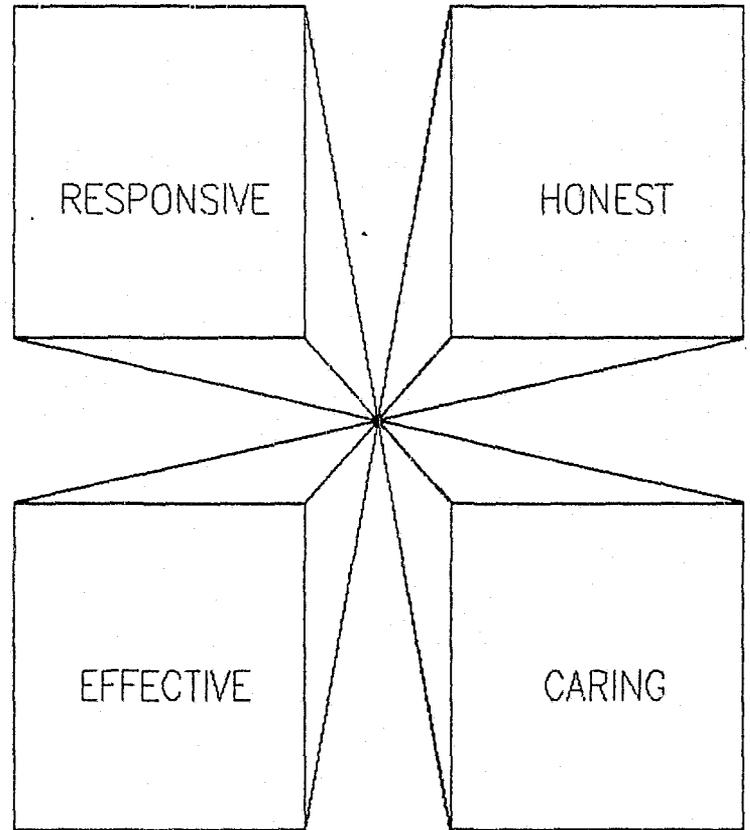
In 1986, the Communications Center purchased a new computer-aided dispatch system, and we are currently working out start-up problems. The CAD system will be linked by a direct data line to the PIMS computer in the Records Center in order to utilize information contained in CAD. PIMS terminals will be located in the Communications Center to facilitate officer access to Records Division information in the field.

**ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU*



**INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU**

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# INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

## 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

The Investigative Services Bureau consists of the Detective Division; the Youth Division, including the Crime Prevention Unit and the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit; the Identification Division - including Identification officers, the Property and Evidence Unit, and the Photography Laboratory. Fifty-eight (58) sworn personnel and fourteen (14) non-sworn personnel comprise the entire Bureau.

Noteworthy within Investigative Services are two new programs: The *Intent to Prosecute* procedure and the *I-SEARCH Program*.

In August, 1986, guidelines were established discontinuing the referrals of complainants to the City or State's Attorney. This practice had been done regularly, even when the initial investigation showed no arrest was possible. After input from all concerned, the *Intent to Prosecute Procedure* was developed. The Victim/Witness Assistance Unit was assigned the responsibility of handling the new procedure; in November and December after the program was initiated, the Unit processed two hundred and nineteen cases meeting the new guidelines.

Another program of importance is the implementation of the *I-SEARCH Program*, and the establishing of the *Metro Rockford I-SEARCH Unit*. The acronym 'I-SEARCH' stands for the Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children. The *Metro Rockford Unit* is made up of the Rockford Board of Education - District 205, Cherry Valley Police, Loves Park Police, Machesney Park Police, Metro Center Police, Pecatonica Police, Roscoe Police, Rockford Police, Rockton Police, Winnebago Police, and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police.

I-SEARCH is a program designed to promote an immediate and effective response to runaway, missing, and abducted children who may be, or are, victims of crime, accident, or exploitation. It uses a multi-faceted program to inform and advise the public on missing and exploited children. Kits for parents containing children's permanent identification information are available free of charge from the Illinois State Police. LEADS (Law Enforcement Agencies Data Systems) provides a central repository for information on all reported missing children. In 1986, we conducted twenty-three identification programs which included the fingerprinting and photographing of over 2,300 children.

All the men and women of the Investigative Services Bureau are dedicated, diligent workers. Their efforts produced professional law enforcement services which showed a solve rate increase of 14.3% from 1985 to 1986.

## DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division was reorganized and divided into separate units during 1986. These include Violent Crimes, Burglary, General Case, Fraud and Forgery, Pawn Shop, and a Special Investigations Unit dealing primarily with drugs and vice-related offenses. This unit is a combined effort of the Rockford Police Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. This Unit has been very effective in combatting drug-related offenses. During 1986, the Unit made 182 arrests, confiscated 125 weapons, and \$74,827 in cash.

The Gang Unit was absorbed into the Special Investigations Unit because many of their investigations were related and coincided with drug-related investigations. Together they work hand-in-and, and this eliminates any overlap between the units. There were 86 arrests made for gang-related offenses. Because of the growth of the Detective Division and the work of the specialized units, extra office space was built into the Division to house the Special Investigations Unit.

Our Burglary Unit has done an outstanding job in the clearances of many burglaries. Our clearance rate has remained the same despite the rise in the number of burglaries. Many large scale burglaries were solved through the efforts of our burglary investigators.

Our General Case Unit has had a tremendous work load since they investigate all crimes not included in the special units; their clearance rate is also up. This Unit handles basically many crimes that are not newsworthy, but nevertheless require a great deal of investigation and leg work. This Unit has also done an outstanding job.

Our Fraud/Forgery Unit also has a tremendous work load. Our investigator has one an outstanding job of solving many of the check-related cases. In fact, this investigator has developed a very close working relationship with many businesses and banks. He has also established a good rapport with the State's Attorney's Office and is able to make many arrests as a result of these positive relationships.

Our Pawn Shop Detail keeps a daily tab on all items taken in by our local and surrounding area pawn shops and works closely with the Burglary Unit to monitor the stores, stolen property, and suspects who may be pawning stolen property.

During 1986, the Identification Division and Property Division were absorbed into the Investigative Services Bureau, working closely with the investigators in the Investigative Services Bureau. Since we have merged, the working relationship between the Identification Division and our specialized units has become more effective. The Identification officers are to be commended for their expertise and willingness to put in long hours at crime scene. The Crime Analysis Unit was transferred to the Communications/Records Bureau to provide a more effective analysis of crime.

## YOUTH DIVISION

The Youth Division is dedicated to establishing and maintaining communication and cooperation between the Rockford Police Department and the citizens of Rockford toward a common goal of preventing criminal acts directed at or committed by the youth of our community. There are three major areas in which the Youth Division concentrates its efforts. The first area is the investigation of criminal incidents where the victims or suspects are juveniles. This area also includes missing persons investigations and the school liaison program. The second area is that of community education on the topic of crime prevention and security and relations between the Rockford Police Department and the community. This includes the Crime Prevention Unit and the Crimestoppers Program. The third area comprises assistance to victims or witness' problems. Activities of the Crime Prevention Unit, the Crimestoppers Program, and the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit are multi-faceted.

During 1986, a total of 1,624 assigned cases were investigated by Youth Division investigators. Of these complaints, 1,337 were cleared, representing a clearance rate of 82%. A case clearance can be obtained by counseling the persons involved, station adjustment (lecture-and-release) of the offender, referral to other agencies, or by arrest. During 1986, Youth Division investigators arrested 510 different juveniles and 147 adults.

Over one million children are abused or neglected each year in the country. As many as seven children die each day as a result of abuse. An estimated one in ten boys and one in four girls will be sexually misused before adulthood. It is impossible to determine the number of abused and neglected children who suffer emotional, mental, and physical injury as a result of this tragedy.

In 1986, the Rockford Police Department Youth Division investigated 183 cases of child abuse or neglect. As a result of these cases, thirty people were arrested on related charges. The Youth Division is determined to react to this problem in our community and will investigate all reported cases of child abuse and neglect as well as assisting in educating the community so they, too, can help identify, report, and aid in the prosecution of child abuse offenders.

Missing persons and runaways continue to be such a significant problem that it requires a full-time assignment of one Youth Division investigator. During 1986, a total of 1,078 persons were reported as missing, runaway, attempt to locate, or wanted on a Department of Corrections warrant. This is down by one hundred and fifty persons from 1985. Statistics show the following breakdowns: By sex, 601 females and 477 males; by race, 810 Caucasians and 268 minorities; by age, 911 juveniles and 167 adults.

Among the several community relations programs sponsored by the Rockford Police Department, one of the most successful is the Junior Gun Safety Program which is manned by volunteer members of the Department, the Illinois Department of Conservation, and the Pine Tree Pistol Club. During 1986, a total of ninety youths attended the Spring and Fall classes. Since this program began in 1958, 4,329 students have attended the sessions. To the best of our knowledge, no person who has completed the course has ever been involved in a firearms or hunting accident.

# IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

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### IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The Identification Division is staffed by eight investigators and evidence technicians and a police technician, and is supervised by a sergeant. As part of a Department-wide reorganization, the Identification Division was consolidated into the Investigative Services Bureau. This allows for a smoother, more complete informational flow as well as greater cooperation between the Identification Division and the major consumers of its services - the investigators of the Youth and Detective Divisions. Additionally, the Identification Division was placed on a twenty-four hour work schedule in order to extend its services to the public and other elements of the Department around the clock.

The Identification Division is responsible for the collection, analysis, and preservation of physical evidence from crime scenes. This mission is accomplished through the use of photography; video taping as well as diagrams of physical evidence in crime scenes; the development, collection, and subsequent comparison to suspects of latent fingerprint evidence; collection, preservation, and analysis of various trace evidence (i.e., hair, fibers, blood, soil, glass, paint) which may link, or possibly eliminate, certain suspect individuals to a crime scene.

We anticipate a constantly increasing demand by the rest of the Department for the Identification Division's services. A major goal in 1987 will be the examination of methods currently in use by the Department to provide identification services. Review will keep an eye towards increasing efficiency and effectiveness while holding or reducing cost. One possibility is increased training for patrol officers. The purpose would be to make them proficient in the development and collection of latent print evidence as well as basic photography. This would reduce the down time experienced by patrol officers awaiting Identification officers' arrival from the Public Safety Building to process a crime scene. It would return the patrol officer to service more quickly. It would allow minor crime scenes to be processed for evidence. In effect, every patrol officer will be an evidence technician. Those investigators assigned to the Identification Division can then concentrate on training and processing to better evaluate and major crime scenes.

An additional goal is to become integrated into the *Automated Fingerprint Identification System* which the State projects to have on-line by late 1987.

**IDENTIFICATION DIVISION SUMMARY**

	1986	1985	CHANGE
TOTAL CASES	2,763	2,582	+ 181
TOTAL MILES	8,195	7,652	+ 543
MAN HOURS	2,815	2,222	+ 593
FINGERPRINT COMPARISONS	56	51	+ 5
NARCOTICS TESTS	238	362	- 124
BREATHALYZER TESTS	362	502	- 145

\* - decreased as a result of the Metro Narcotics Unit and the Traffic Division assuming increased responsibility in doing their own tests in their respective areas

**EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY CONTROL SECTION**

The Evidence and Property Control Section consists of three Police Technicians. The Unit is responsible for the control and inventory of all items of property - evidence, recovered stolen or found property - that comes into the Department's possession. Additionally, the Unit coordinates the abandoned or impounded vehicle program in conjunction with the private garages in the city. By law, all arrangements for disposal of abandoned or impounded vehicles must be made through the law enforcement agency having jurisdiction. Due to the increased emphasis on keeping the city free of unsightly and often dangerous derelict vehicles, the Unit's work load in this area has been significantly increased in arranging for auction or return to the owner of these vehicles. The Unit is also responsible for the administration of the Department's uniform and equipment quartermaster system.

**DISPOSITION OF EVIDENCE**

	1986	1985	CHANGE
PIECES RETURNED TO OWNER	1,046	1,050	- 4
PIECES SOLD TO PUBLIC	680	576	+ 104
PIECES DESTROYED	2,138	771	+ 1367
PIECES TAKEN IN	6,978	5,265	+ 1713
 VEHICLES IMPOUNDED	 716	 549	 167

*MONIES COLLECTED FROM SALES*

VEHICLE SALES	\$9,142.53
GENERAL AUCTION	\$3,055.90
BICYCLE SALES	\$1,526.50
IMPOUND FEES	\$2,428.35
TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES	\$16,153.28

*PHOTOGRAPHY LABORATORY*

Today, color photography is accepted as an invaluable tool in police work. The Rockford Police Department's photographic laboratory has complete color processing capabilities. The use of color photography helps to advance the potential for apprehension and provide for an increase in the conviction rate. The Photography Laboratory is a service-oriented group providing work for all phases of the police department. Although we work primarily for the City and County agencies, we also provide service for other area police agencies as well as the Rockford Fire Department. The Rockford Police Department encourages joint participation with other agencies in the City and County.

During the year ending December 31, 1986, the Photography Laboratory has processed over 3,300 feet of microfilm, and more than 2,200 rolls of color film. There have been approximately 3,000 work orders requiring some 102,300 photographic prints.

# CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

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### CRIME PREVENTION

The Crime Prevention Unit had an active year, and statistics indicate a dramatic increase in services provided to the community in 1986. Changes in personnel, additional programs provided, and developing greater community outreach were among the significant work within the Unit. Security training in the commercial community, contacts with burglary victims, and assisting the elderly with crime prevention techniques were further developed during the past year.

These accomplishments were only a small part of the overall activities of the Crime Prevention Unit. The figures gathered indicate a 69% increase in security inspections, 36% increase in programs presented to the public, a 42% increase in the Ride-along Program, and the number of educational materials distributed to the public increased by 62%.

The effectiveness of crime prevention measures and public relations of the Rockford Police Department is furthered through news media sources. The Citizen's Alert Column and other crime prevention news was published by local papers, and crime alerts were broadcast by radio and television stations. Members of the Crime Prevention Unit were interviewed by the media as well on specific topics.

Crime Prevention personnel presented two eight-hour training classes for the Northern Illinois Mobile Training Unit. In addition, classes on crime prevention for the Rockford Police Law Enforcement Explorer Scouts and the Rockford Police Auxiliary were given.

Displays and booths were several civic functions were also provided during the year by the Crime Prevention Unit. These functions include: Rockford Home Show at the Metro Center, Law Enforcement Week at Cherryvale Mall, the Mexican Fiesta on South Main, "On the Waterfront" Festival, and a Senior Citizen Program at Rockford College.

### THE "OFFICER FRIENDLY" PROGRAM

The "Officer Friendly" Program, which has been a very successful program for several years in the public and parochial schools at the elementary school level, was transferred to the Crime Prevention Unit in the Fall. Courses including 'stranger danger', child safety, emergency use of the telephone, safety patrol, and drug education were among the programs presented in the elementary schools.

"Officer Friendly" visited the forty-six elementary schools within the City of Rockford several times during the school year. Handouts were given to

school children, including "Officer Friendly" School Handbooks, "McGruff, the Crime Dog" Child Safety Bookmarks, and Halloween Safety Tips. Also distributed were Halloween Safety Trick or Treat Bags provided by the National Safety Council.

The 1986 Summer Bicycle Program was well received. In a cooperative effort with the Rockford Park District, bike safety and registration were conducted in various parks within the City. Twenty-one hundred bikes were registered with the Rockford Police Department as a result of the program this year.

Of note is a new program, called "The Mitten Tree", which was initiated during 1986. Its purpose is to supply needy students with warm outerwear during the cold season. Twenty-three schools were provided with mittens, caps, and scarves to distribute to these students. All the items were donated by church groups and other concerned citizens.

#### **"CRIMESTOPPER" PROGRAM**

The "Crimestopper" Program, in its sixth year of operation, has increased productivity in terms of cases solved and property/narcotics recovered. To date, nearly five thousand persons have contacted the Rockford Area "Crimestoppers" Program at least once. These callers have furnished information which has solved nearly 1700 felony cases and resulted in the recovery of nearly five million dollars in stolen property and narcotics.

In 1986, callers furnished information which assisted area law enforcement agencies in the solution of three hundred and sixty seven felony cases. This resulted in three hundred and forty-two persons being charged, \$322,297 in recovered stolen property, and \$2,765,458 in narcotics was seized. The total amount paid in rewards to callers was \$43,895. It should be noted that all reward money comes from contributions from the general public, foundations, corporations, businesses, and service clubs; no tax dollars are used for rewards.

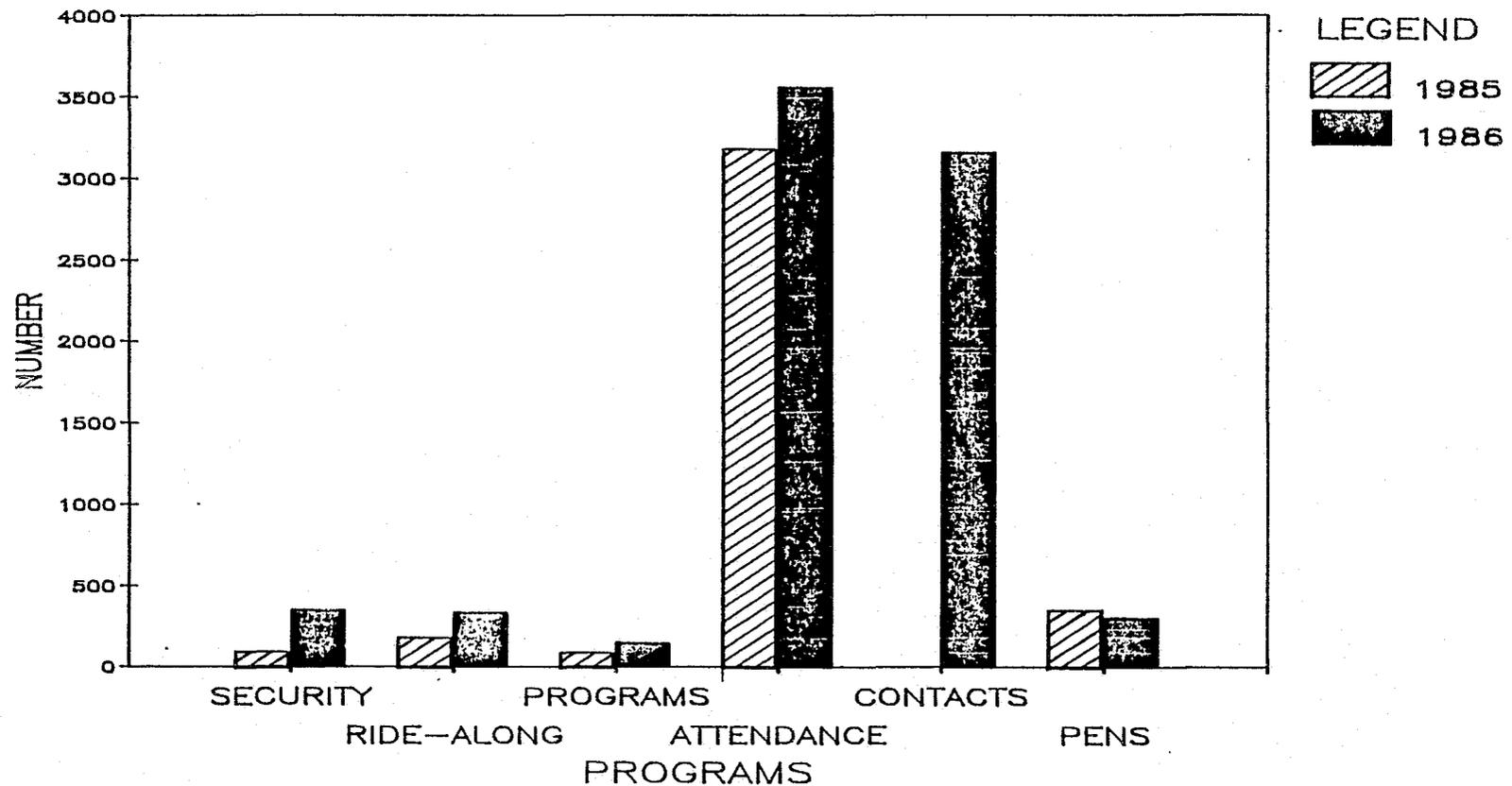
The success of the "Crimestoppers" Program is dependent on the support of both the public and the news media. Without this cooperation, the "Crimestoppers" Program would not be as successful as it has been. The media-newspaper, radio, and television - have been invaluable in producing and presenting public service announcements, the "Crimestoppers" segments, and articles about our work.

In addition to the tremendous help on the part of the public and the news media, the success of the "Crimestoppers" Program is due to the cooperation and support of area law enforcement agencies and governmental bodies.

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*Crime Prevention Unit Activities*

**Two Year Comparisons for 1985 and 1986**

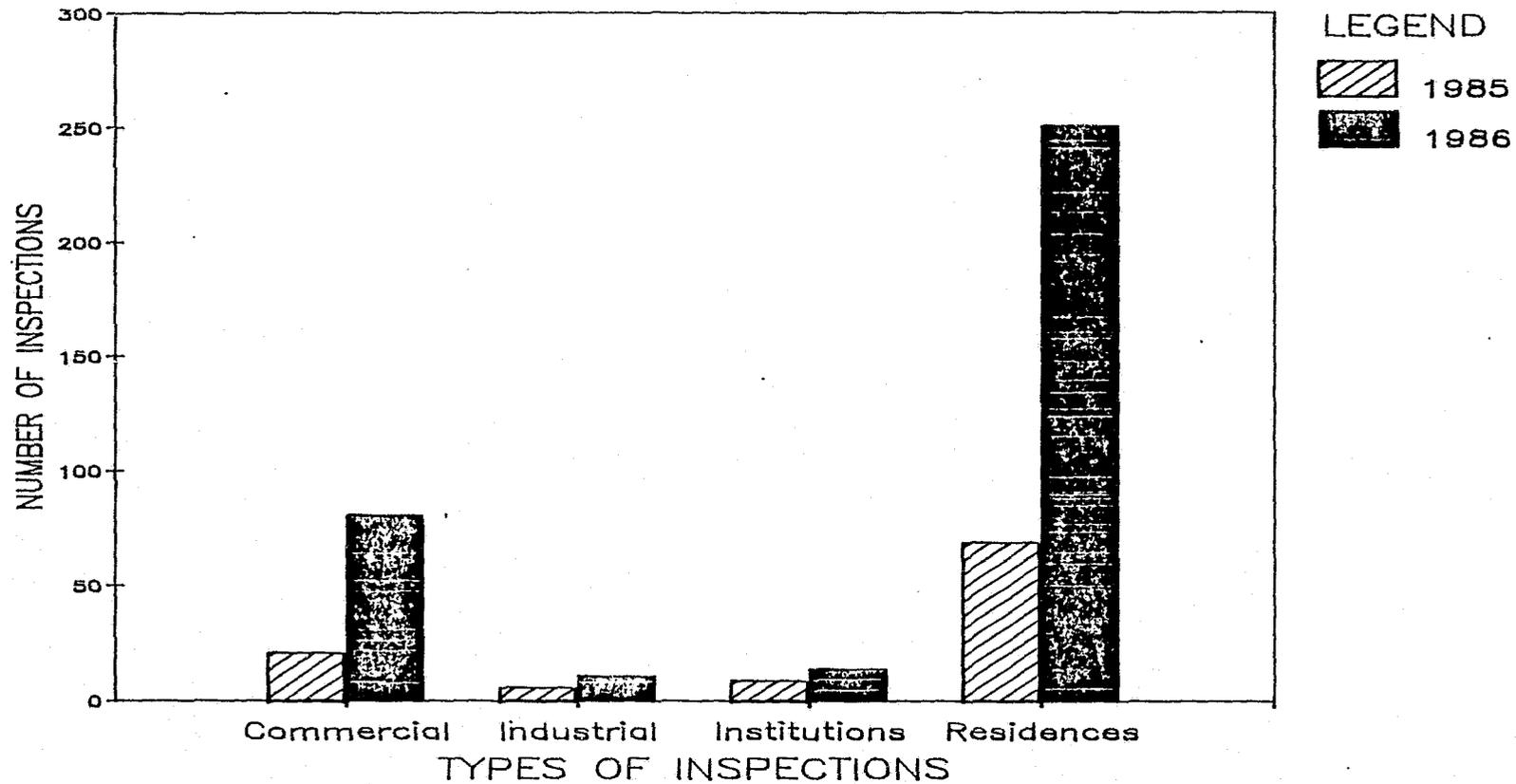


Crime Prevention Unit

# ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Crime Prevention Unit*

*Security Inspections for 1985 and 1986*



Crime Prevention Unit

# VICTIM / WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT

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The Victim/Witness Assistance Unit is in its tenth year under the auspices of the Investigative Services Bureau of the Rockford Police Department. Assistance is provided to victims and witnesses of criminal acts and to individuals who have become involved with the Rockford Police Department as a result of non-criminal matters, or who are referred to the Unit.

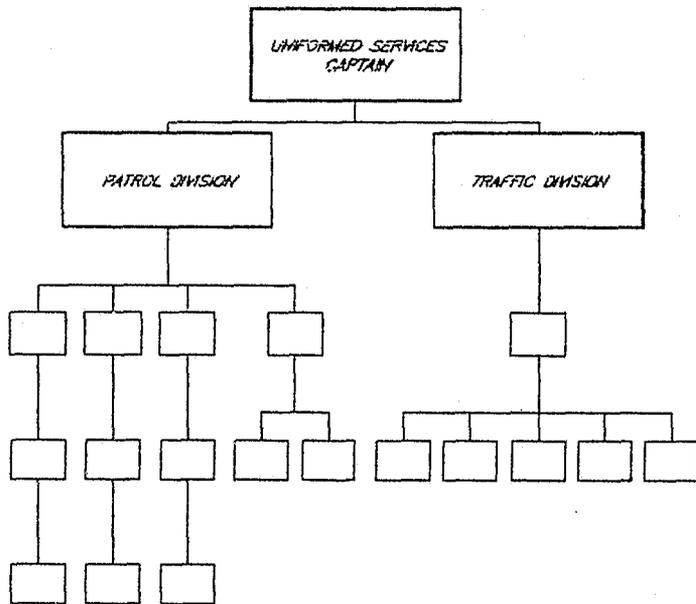
Referrals continue to come from all segments of the Department, from the Associate Circuit Judges, from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, from the State's Attorney's Office, from the City Attorney's Office, from the Adult/Juvenile Probation Offices, from the Adult Parole Office, as well as area agencies and past clients. Officer's reports are checked regularly for individuals who may need the services of the Unit.

Services provided by this Unit include information regarding the criminal justice system, its procedures and the client's case status, advocacy for victim's rights, emotional support and counseling, information about and referral to other agencies, assistance in signing a criminal complaint and filing for Crime Victim's Compensation, transportation, and investigation and assessment of referral cases.

On November 3, 1986, the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit was assigned the Intent to Prosecute program which was developed by our Department, and originally being administered by the Detective Division. The Intent to Prosecute is used to eliminate the need for victims to spend unnecessary time obtaining a criminal complaint when all elements of the crime are included in the police report. The program is still be reviewed and refined by the Department as well as the State's Attorney's Office.

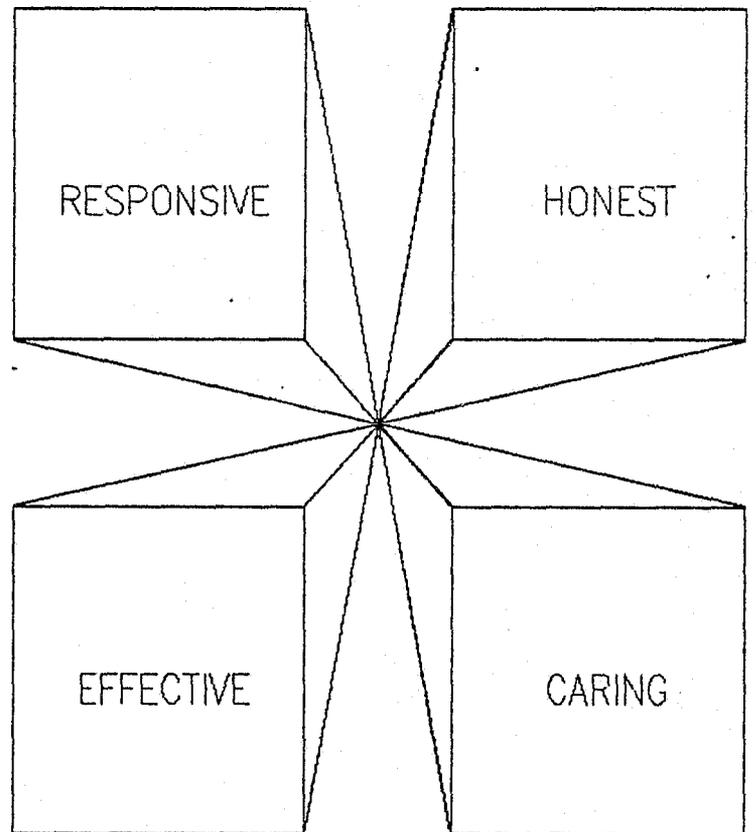
When this Unit becomes aware of a citizen with a need, every effort is made to assure that the need is met through proper assessment, referral, and follow-up. During 1986, the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit, which is comprised of a Supervisor and two (2) Crisis Intervention Case workers, provided assistance and/or follow-up in 2,090 cases and 219 incidents of Intent to Prosecute.

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# UNIFORMED SERVICES BUREAU

## 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

### PATROL DIVISION

The Uniformed Services Bureau has used one-officer patrol units almost exclusively for the past six years to serve the community in the most efficient manner. This continues to be the most efficient allocation of manpower. We continue to use the two-man squadrol as back-up units to the one-officer patrol units when not transporting prisoners. The squadrol officers' duties have been extended to include serving subpoenas to lessen the duties of patrol units and allow more motorized patrol time.

The reinstated walking beat began its second year in the west downtown mall area. The beat is still patrolled from 7 AM to 11 PM Monday through Fridays by two officers assigned for at least one year. The beat is also patrolled on Saturdays from 10 AM to 6 PM.

The Patrol Division continues to use special units from the cover shift to patrol problem areas within the City. In addition to this, officers are encouraged to park their squad cars and spend a few minutes each day on foot patrol at specific business areas in a 'Park-and-Walk' program which has been in effect for the past several years.

This year, a differential response program was instituted. On August 26, 1986, the Patrol Division began the program with cancellations of missing persons by telephone. Since the program has been in use, it has been expanded to include the taking of reports concerning nuisance and obscene phone calls and phone threats. If the program continues to be successful, expansion to other types of calls can be expected. This will further relieve patrol officers of the burden of excessive time available for patrol and enforcement duties.

With the exception of expansion by annexation, the patrol areas have remained basically the same as when reconstructed in 1982. Extra patrol units are assigned to the areas when necessary. In addition, patrol units are given directed assignments when special attention is needed to suppress criminal activity in a particular location within a patrol area.

### TRAFFIC DIVISION

In 1986, the Traffic Bureau became a division of the Uniformed Services Bureau. The Traffic Division has primary responsibility for the investigation of accidents, traffic law enforcement, warrant services, DUI enforcement, and hit-and-run accident follow-up investigations. In addition, the Traffic Division is responsible for the coordination of special events, such as the Fourth of July celebrations, parades, festivals, walk-athons, marathons, and other community activities.

There was a six percent decrease in the total number of traffic accidents overall. There was a five percent decrease in accidents with injuries, a nineteen percent crease in accidents with fatalities, and a ten percent decrease in property damage only accidents. There was an increase of eleven percent for the number of hit-and-run accidents solved. The number of persons arrested for DUI was reduced by 26% to 622 over 1985, due, in part, to more strict laws, increased enforcement including the use of the DUI Task Force, and better education of the public.

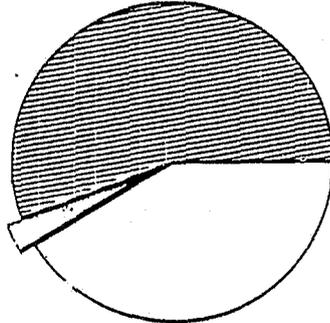
A total of 20,599 traffic citations were issued in 1986, a 3.6% increase over 1985. A total of 37,363 parking tickets were issued for the year.

In 1987, the Traffic Division will continue its efforts to reduce the number of citizens killed or injured, and to reduce the amount of property lost due to traffic collisions. The Traffic Division will also continue to provide for the safe and rapid movement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the highway system of the City of Rockford by reducing congestion and the frequency of accidents.

The Traffic Division will continue to utilize selective traffic law enforcement and the DUI Task Force to reduce the number of accidents resulting in injuries and/or fatalities.

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY  
1986

Hazardous Violations 11448 55.6%



D.U.I. Arrests 622 3%

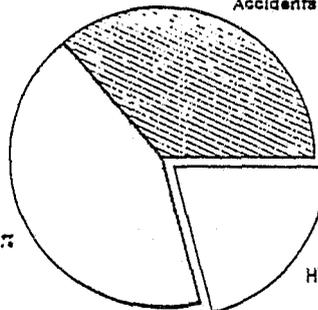
Non-Hazardous Violations 8529 41.4%

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY  
1986

Accidents With Injuries 2551 36.2%



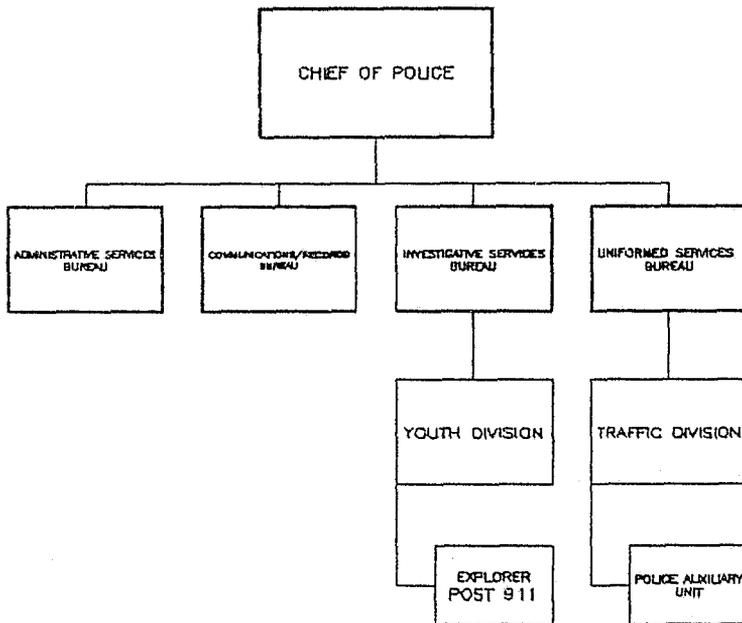
Property Damage Accidents 3024 42.9%

Hit-and-Run Accidents 1473 20.9%

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

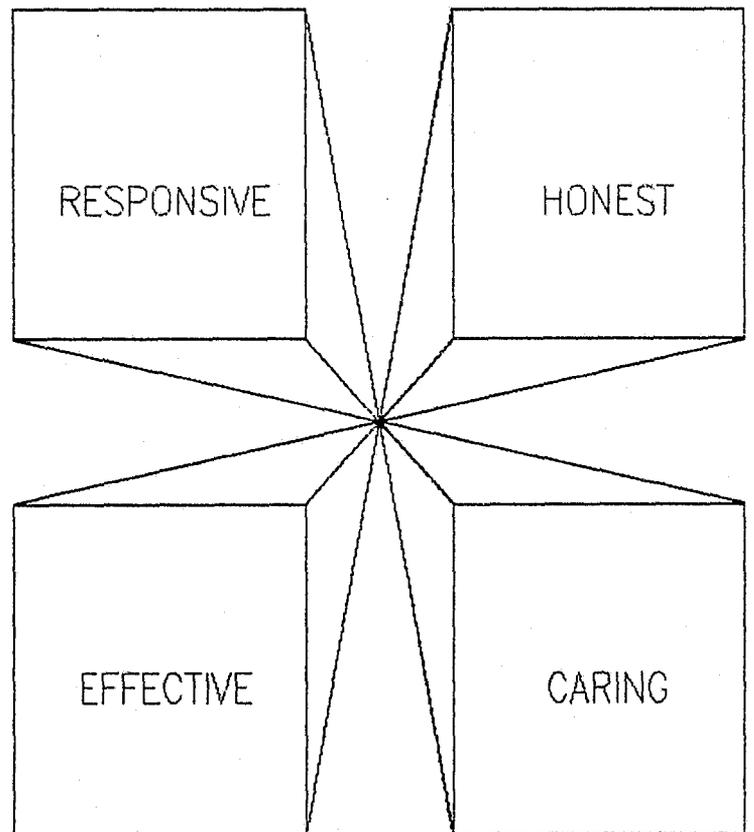
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# EXPLORER POST 911

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Explorer Post 911 has been part of the Rockford Police Department's program for over twenty years. In excess of two thousand young people between the ages of 14 and 20 have participated in *Explorer Post 911* for at least one year or more. In addition, several each year continue for two or more years.

### MEMBERSHIP

The *Post* was re-organized in late 1985, which includes a Post Committee of several persons representing several areas of the Department as well as some volunteer Committee members from the Community. Several officers work on a volunteer basis with the *Post* in the weekly schedule. Due to a change in policy of the Rockford School Board, surveys from which the majority of our members are recruited - which formerly had been distributed and returned in the Spring - were not available until early November and the *First-Nighter Recruiting Program* was not held until the third week in November; seventeen old and new members were registered, a fifty percent increase over 1984.

Again, in 1986 the surveys were not available until middle November and the *First-Nighter* was held the first Thursday in December, with new people added. A number of the older members had graduated or moved, but six additional people were registered in the summer of 1986. With the additional persons recruited in the late Fall, and eight of the members returning from last year with our registration for the 1986-1987 school year, our membership includes twenty-one Explorers.

### TRAINING

In addition to the new basic training course of forty-eight hours which was implemented in the 1985-1986 school year, a number of special programs were presented; in addition, several practical exercises were scheduled to give *Explorer Post 911* members a chance to put the classroom training into practical experience. An excellent program on *Arson Awareness* through the State Fire Marshal's office was one of the highlights of the special programs; Cherry Valley Police Department officers sponsored a practical exercise in *Traffic Stops* in the parking lot of the Cherryvale Shopping Center. Our Crime Prevention Unit made a presentation in preparation for a practical exercise on Crime Prevention Surveys. Range Officers supervised a six-week *Firearms Training Program*.

## PROJECTS

Post members participated in a number of community activities, some of which have become annual events. The *Post* assisted in the *I-Search Fingerprinting Program* in several shopping centers, provided security for the *YWCA Christmas Tree Lane* and the *Ken-Rock Gem and Mineral Show* among others, and participated for the eleventh year in the annual *Galena Pilgrimage*, working with the Galena Police Department and several nearby Law Enforcement Exploring Posts to provide security and crowd control for over 8,000 Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts who registered; they also helped in crowd control activities at the *Harvard Milk Day Parade*, which the *Post* has been invited to participate in for the past eight years. Their services have been requested by other Rockford area organizations as well.

## A LOOK AHEAD

With a growth in membership in 1986 and additional officers becoming involved in the adult leadership, 1987 should be a year in which the *Post* will see a stronger program than ever. The *Post* will be preparing for competitions and other activities for the *1987 Illinois Law Enforcement Explorer Conference* August 4 - 7 to be held in Champaign; numerous Posts throughout the State of Illinois will be participating.

Efforts are also being made to improve recruiting procedures to get additional members, and to provide additional training for the Post officers. Continued efforts are expected to result in placing more responsibility on Post officers to run the Post activities while adult leaders will continue to assume responsibility for training. The *Ride-Along Program* has been very successful, and plans are being made to encourage more members of the *Post* to participate.

Another goal is to provide opportunities within the Department for Post members to work on a volunteer basis in several Department Divisions as needed. This will give members looking for potential career opportunities to experience some first-hand knowledge in the field of law enforcement.

The *Post* is grateful for the strong support which has been shown at the various levels of our Department. It has further strengthened a growing program of interested young people looking towards law enforcement either as a career or getting a better understanding of the various aspects of law enforcement.

# POLICE AUXILIARY UNIT

## 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rockford Police Auxiliary Unit provides additional manpower for special events in the Rockford community. This allows the regular sworn officers to remain in service. The Police Auxiliary Unit has provided traffic control and crowd control at a number of community events during 1986.

Among the events include the "On the Waterfront" weekend, the Fourth of July activities, the Cerebral Palsy and March of Dimes walk-athons, the Phantom Regiment event, the Pro-Am Golf Tournament, and the Rockvale Balloon Rally. The Auxiliary Unit assisted in all community parades, the Tebala Shrine parade, Brookview School parade, and the Children's Halloween parade. In addition, the Police Auxiliary Unit provided crowd control for several fitness 'runs' as well as school fun fairs.

During 1986, the Unit assisted in several programs, including providing manpower for the Crime Prevention Booth, several I-Search functions, and Police Week. Police Auxiliary members helped the Chaplains Division in distributing food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas and aided in toy distribution.

The Rockford Police Auxiliary Unit gave 4942.6 manhours to the Rockford Police Department to various activities and training. Training hours were increased ten percent over 1985 with 1142 hours spent for training purposes. Hours donated for activities were 3800.6 hours, an increase of nearly twenty-seven percent; this is due to the increased membership recruited prior to and during 1986.

The yearly average officers' training was 32.62 hours per officer; hours spent in activities were 141.2 per person. Auxiliary members worked an average of six events during the Spring, Summer, and Fall months.

The Police Auxiliary van is used for events involving the Unit. In addition, the Chaplains Division used the vehicle to pick up donations for their Thrift Shop, providing food, clothes, and other items to needy persons in the community.

The members of the Police Auxiliary Unit provide a needed service, as all time spent for training and activities for the community are volunteer hours.

# NORTHERN ILLINOIS TRAINING ADVISORY BOARD

## 1986 ANNUAL REPORT

The Rockford Police Department was once again an active participant with the Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board. Under the regional training concept, the cost of a law enforcement agency's in-service training can be greatly reduced.

Rockford police officers attended a total of one hundred and twenty-one courses offered; total manhours generated were 12,575 for a cost of under 70¢ per manhour. In addition, thirty-four civilians and auxiliary personnel attended the courses. Many of the courses were taught by officers from the Rockford. The Mobile Team was awarded one Juvenile Justice grant, one Illinois Department of Transportation grant, and five Field Sobriety Testing grants during 1986.

Courses offered included Interviews and Interrogations, Police Officer Survival Tactics, Spanish, Basic Fingerprint, Discretionary Firearms, Supervisory/Management seminars, Advanced Driving Maneuvers, and Hostage Negotiations.

There are twenty-eight law enforcement agencies within Boone, DeKalb, and Winnebago counties that support the Mobile Team.