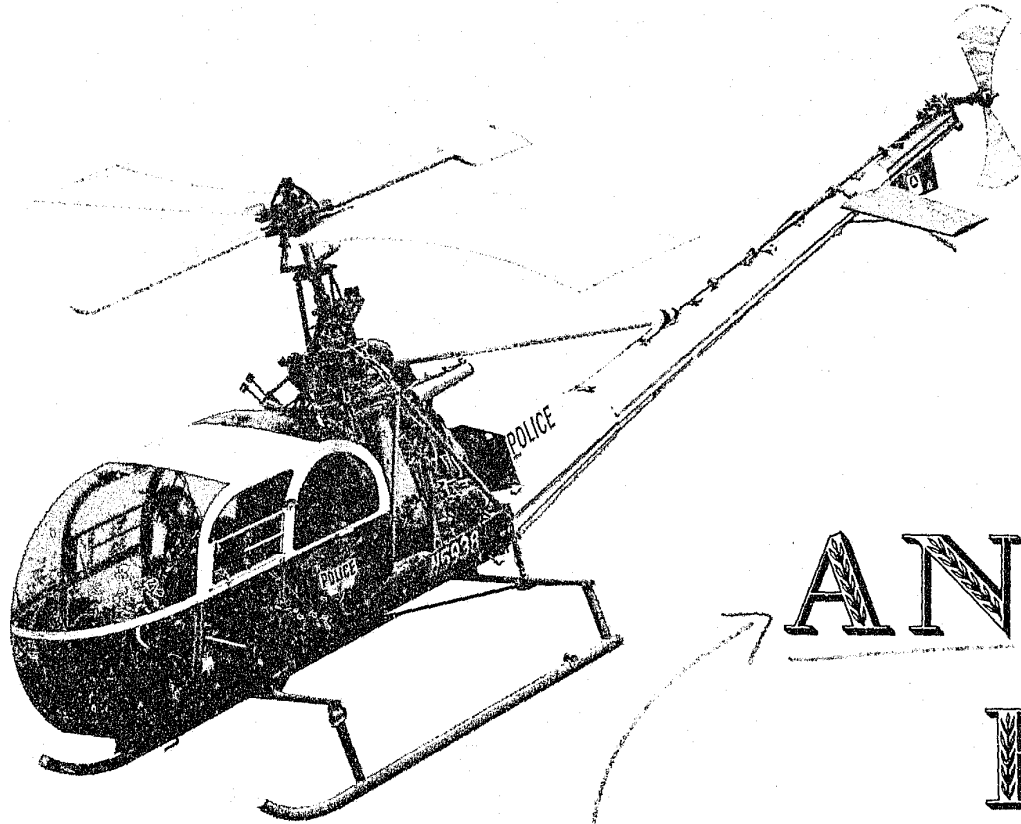


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THE BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT - BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA





GEORGE G. SEIBELS, Jr.

Mayor
City of Birmingham



JAMES C. PARSONS

Chief of Police

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
Birmingham, Alabama 35203



JAMES C. PARSONS
CHIEF OF POLICE

GEORGE G. SEIBELS, JR.
MAYOR

April 17, 1974

Honorable Mayor George G. Seibels, Jr.
City Hall Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mayor Seibels:

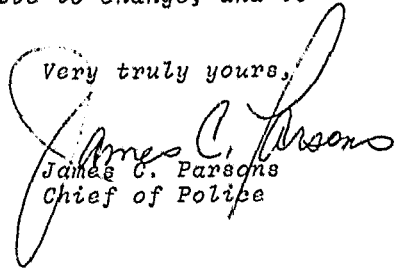
During 1973 we in the Police Department have pressed forward in a spirited continuation of effort toward established goals. Already the results of our labors are evident in many ways, such as the complimentary inquiries we receive from across the Country regarding our progressive and innovative moves.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak for the entire Police Department in expressing our gratitude to you and the Council. We refer with pride to 1973 as a year when the Mayor and Council were unstinting in their leadership, helpfulness, and support of Police Department goals.

The projects and tasks of 1973 were numerous. Among these are a detailed plan to reduce residential burglary by marking property and taking certain other steps, opening and operation of the North Birmingham Service Center, field training officer program, acquiring and placing a police helicopter in service, establishing a freeway patrol, institution of the Pacer Program, heavy involvement in TASC Program, preparation and acquisition of L.E.P.A. funds for records automation, and so on and on.

We in the Department continue to develop both technically, and in the spirit of public service. We continue in our willingness to remain flexible, to be receptive to change, and to challenge tradition.

Very truly yours,


James C. Parsons
Chief of Police



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SAFETY
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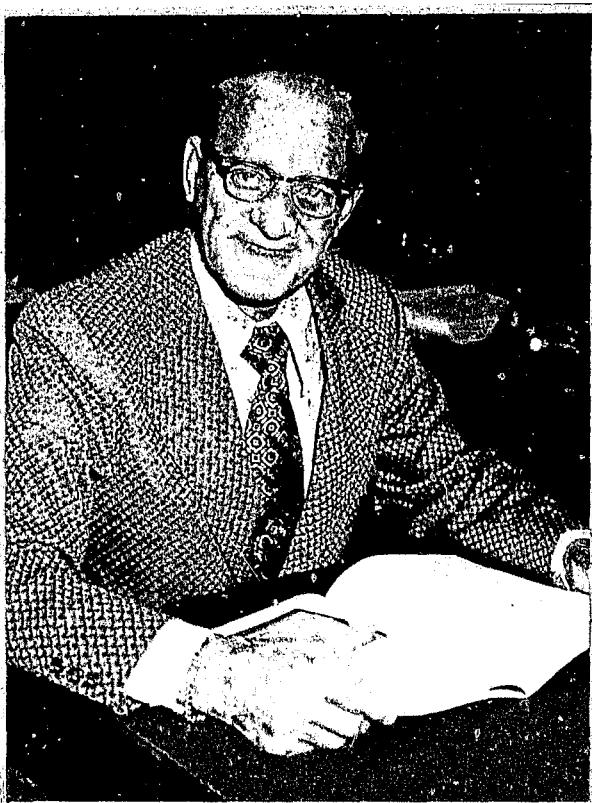


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DEPUTY CHIEFS

William J. Haley
Technical Services Division

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Night Deputy Chief

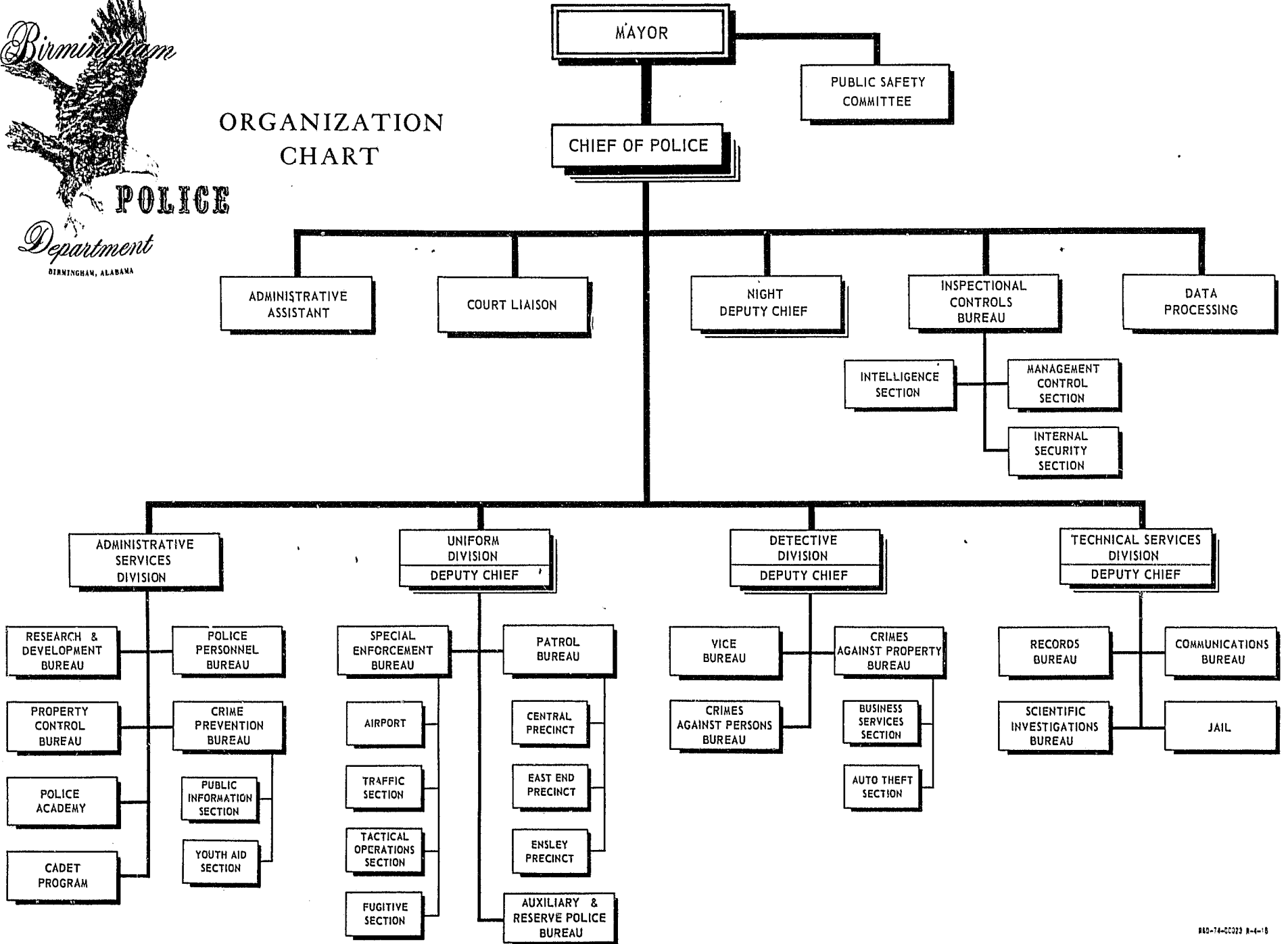


George Wall
Detective Division

Jack A. Warren
Uniform Patrol Division



ORGANIZATION CHART



HIGHLIGHTS 1973

- ★ IN JANUARY, it was announced that the number of black police officers has doubled over the year 1972.
- ★ IN JANUARY, female police officers worked side by side with male partners on routine patrol duty for the first time.
- ★ IN MARCH, a new walking beat man program was put into effect for the Central business district and shopping centers throughout the city. The purpose of this program was to determine the benefits gained by putting police officers back on the street in high crime areas.
- ★ IN MARCH, the PACER program was instituted. This project combines the efforts of citizen band radio operators to aid law enforcement officers.
- ★ IN MAY, a Police Service Center, the first of its kind in Birmingham, was opened at 1900 North 27th Street. The accent of the Service Center has been on community relations, and its acceptance in the community and services rendered have been remarkable.
- ★ IN JULY, several new patrol cars were put into service as freeway patrol vehicles. Their sole purpose is to render service to citizens stranded on the freeway and investigate all traffic accidents on the freeway.
- ★ IN AUGUST, Birmingham hired its first black policewoman.
- ★ IN SEPTEMBER, a new concept in post-recruit school training, the Field Training Program, was instituted. The rookie officer spends at least twelve weeks, forty hours a week, with an experienced, trained Field Training Officer, enabling close supervision and evaluation of the rookie officer during his first few weeks in the field.
- ★ IN SEPTEMBER, a new camera Surveillance System was installed at City Jail. The \$55,000 project, consisting of 18 cameras, monitors the area where police most expect trouble - the receiving area.
- ★ IN OCTOBER, a long-needed addition to the East End Precinct was begun.
- ★ IN OCTOBER, the Traffic Citation Bureau converted to computerized record keeping. New uniform traffic tickets went into effect October 15.
- ★ ON NOVEMBER 28, 1973, the Birmingham Police Department began to utilize the standard "10 Series" for administrative radio dispatches. Use of the "10 Series" conforms the Birmingham Police Department's radio dispatching procedure with other cities and jurisdictions across the country.
- ★ IN DECEMBER, Birmingham Police Officers dedicated their off-duty time to work in the Toys for Tots Program to provide underprivileged children with Christmas presents.



HELICOPTER

•••• Adds a new dimension to police patrol in Birmingham. "Chopper ONE" will perform missions such as traffic control, parade

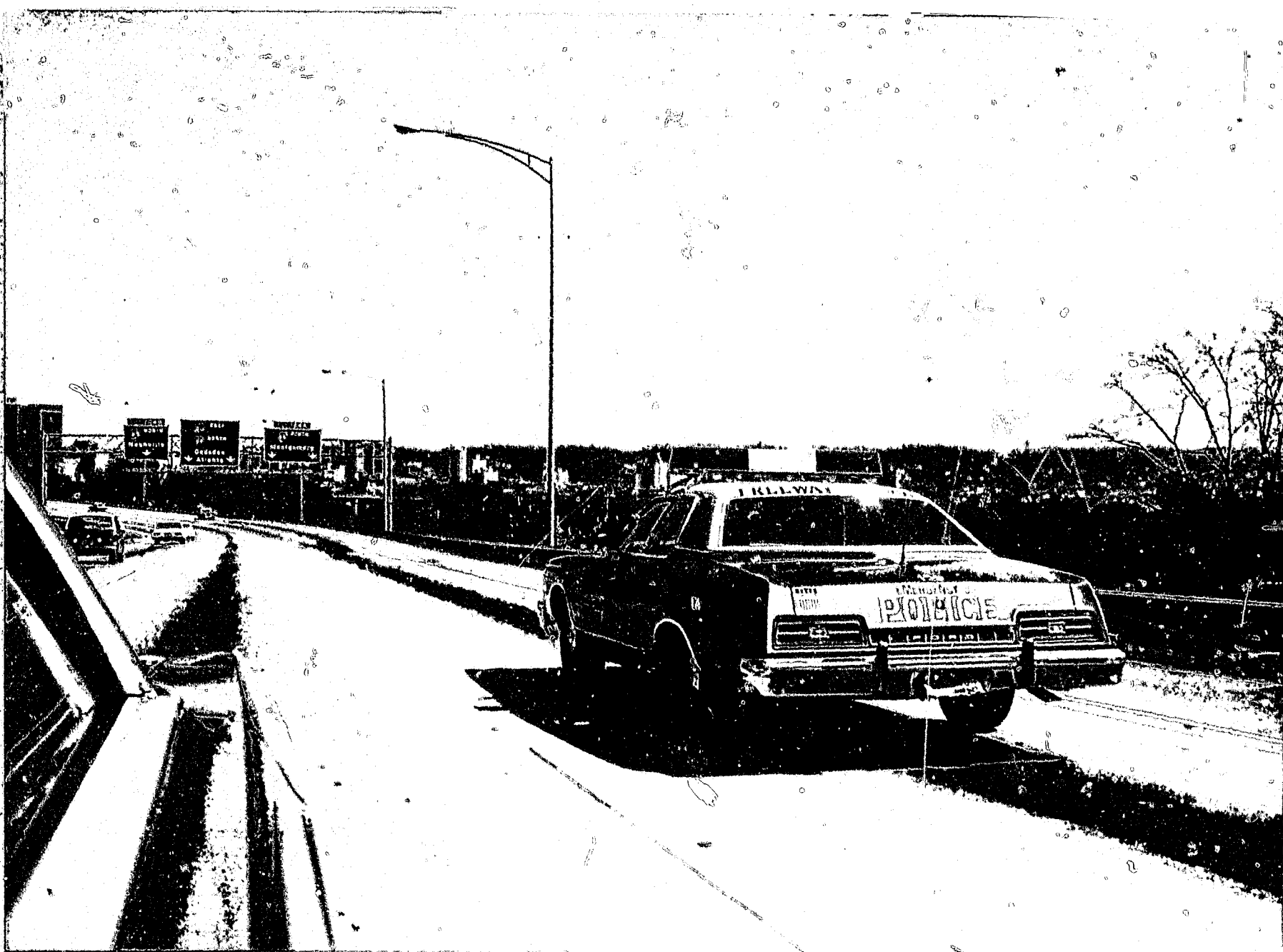
route security, searching for fugitives, and seeking stolen cars.



POLICEWOMEN

..... in Birmingham have been given the same responsibility and job tasks as their male counterparts. High on their priority

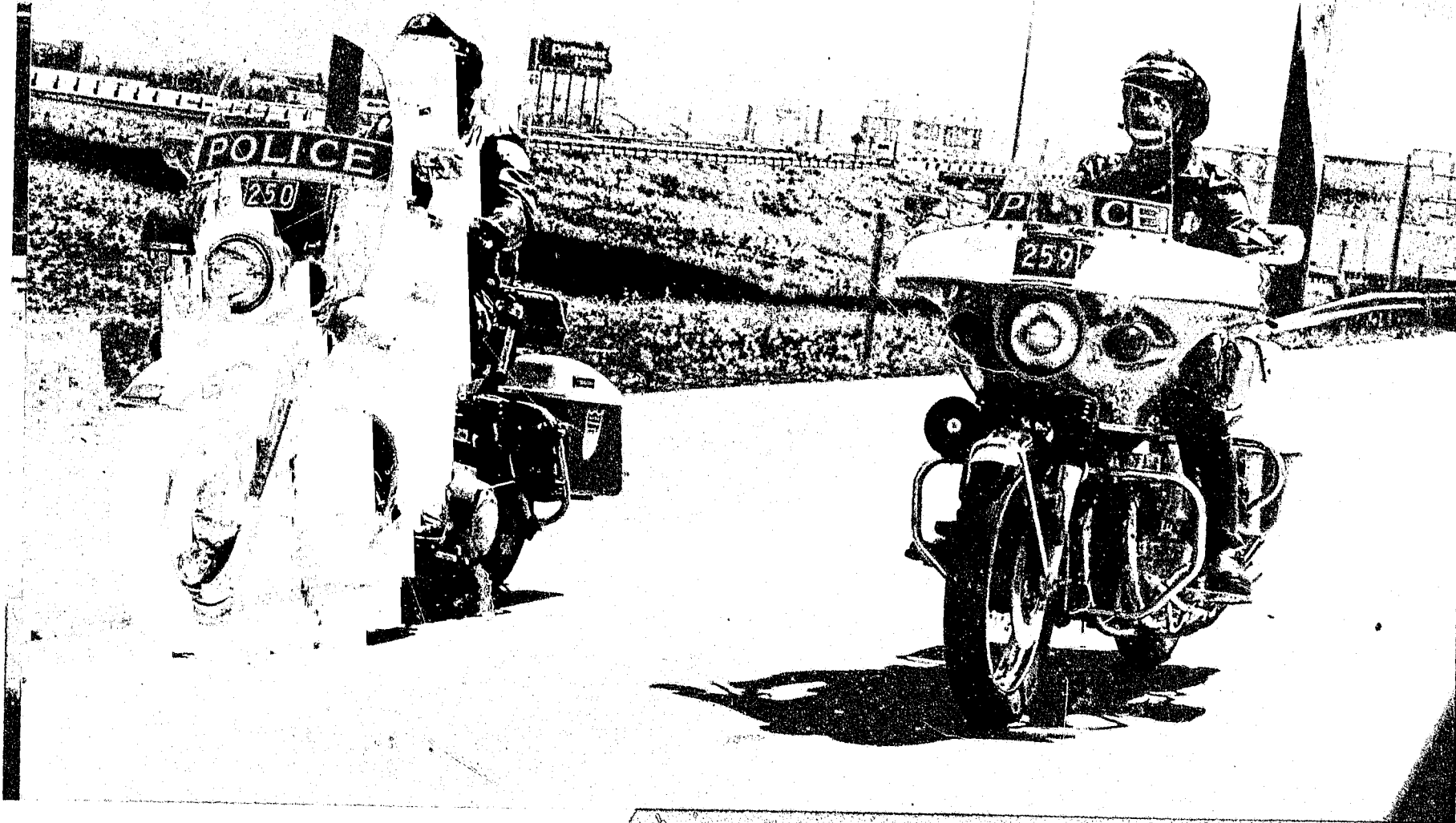
list is the proving of their ability to satisfactorily accomplish all facets of Law Enforcement.



FREEWAY PATROL

..... a new addition to our fleet. The traditional concept of monitoring traffic continues to be a major responsibility for law enforcement agencies. The inaccessibility of the

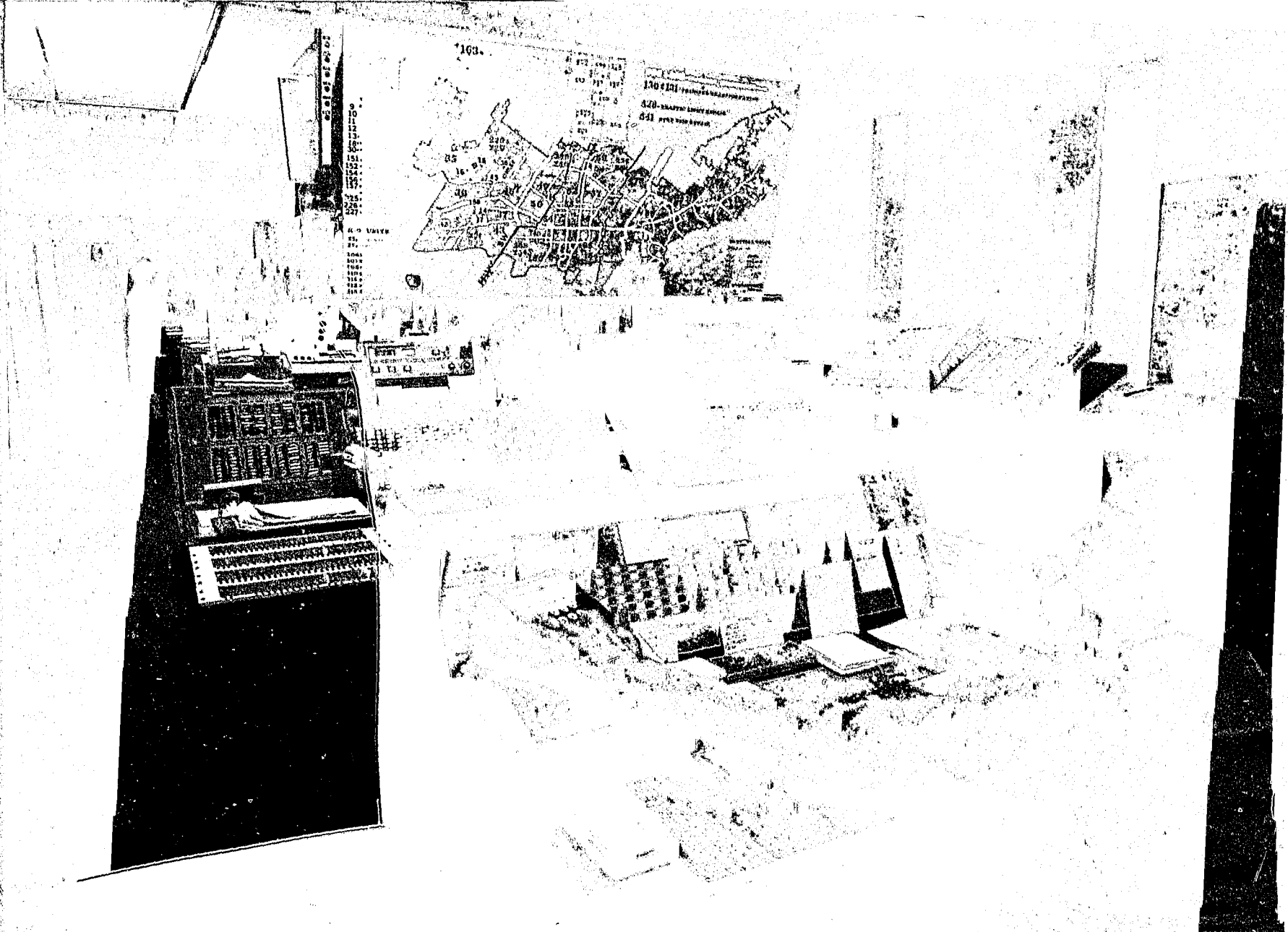
Freeway System to the average patrol unit creates numerous problems that the freeway patrol has solved.



MOTORSCOUTS

••••• well suited for maneuvering through congested traffic on streets and expressways. They are an effective means of pene-

trating rush-hour traffic for traffic enforcement and timely assistance to traffic accident victims in many urban areas.



COMMUNICATIONS

..... a vital link between the public and the police. The Birmingham Police Department has recently installed a new communication center along with various innovations. The implementation of the standard

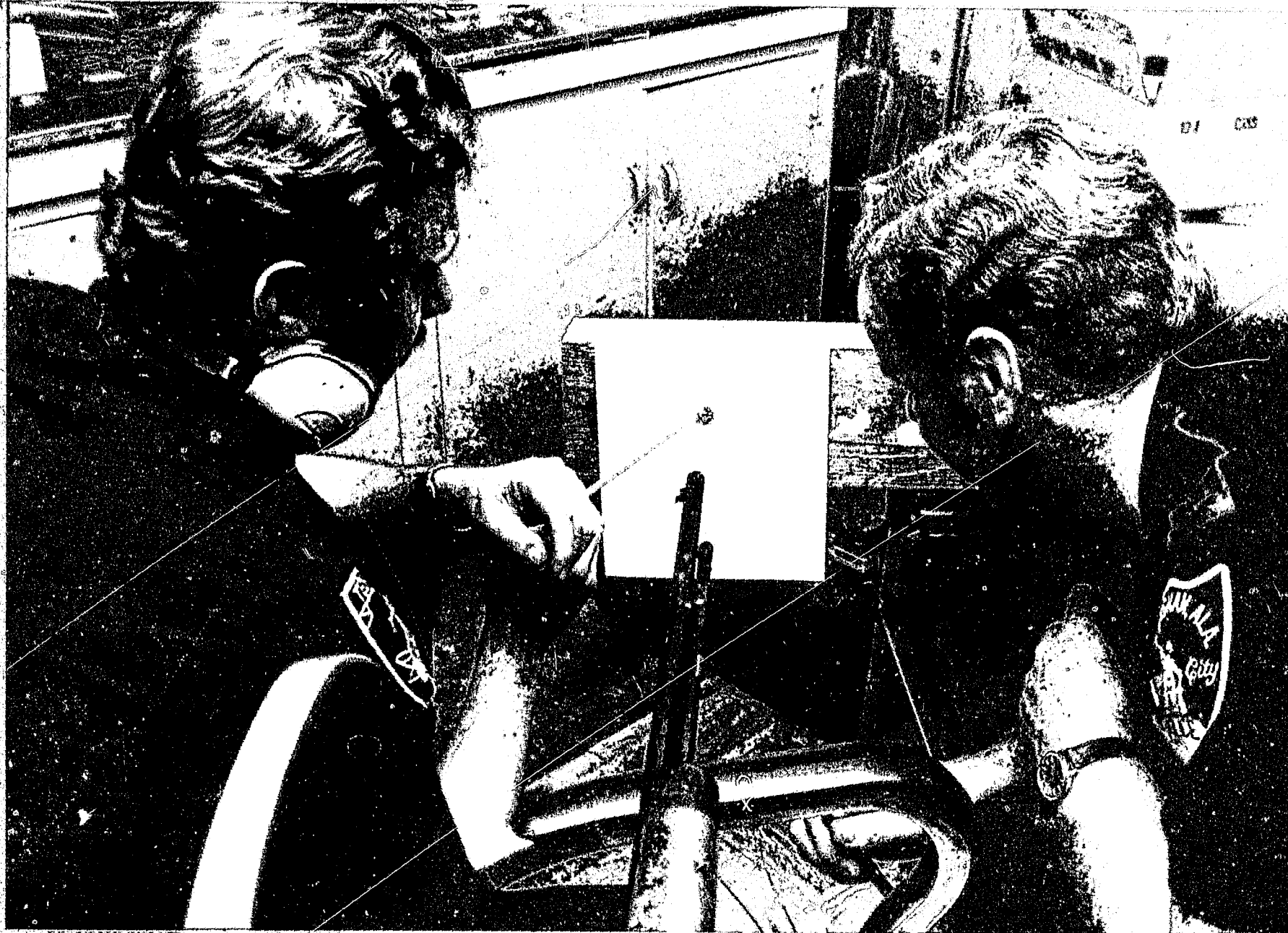
"10 Series" is the beginning of a revised dispatching procedure that will enable the department to glean more effective data for computerized allocation of man-power resources in the incessant fight against crime.



TRAINING

..... the essence of the police training process is "change." It takes long months of discipline, instruction, experience and character

building before an individual can be trusted with the awesome powers and exacting duties of a police officer.



CRIMINALISTICS

..... an important aspect to properly serving the community is staying abreast of modern technology. Police departments

everywhere are caught between budgetary considerations and specific needs.



IDENTIFICATION

..... a must in police activities. Fingerprinting is the only infallible and practical method of personal identification. The tech-

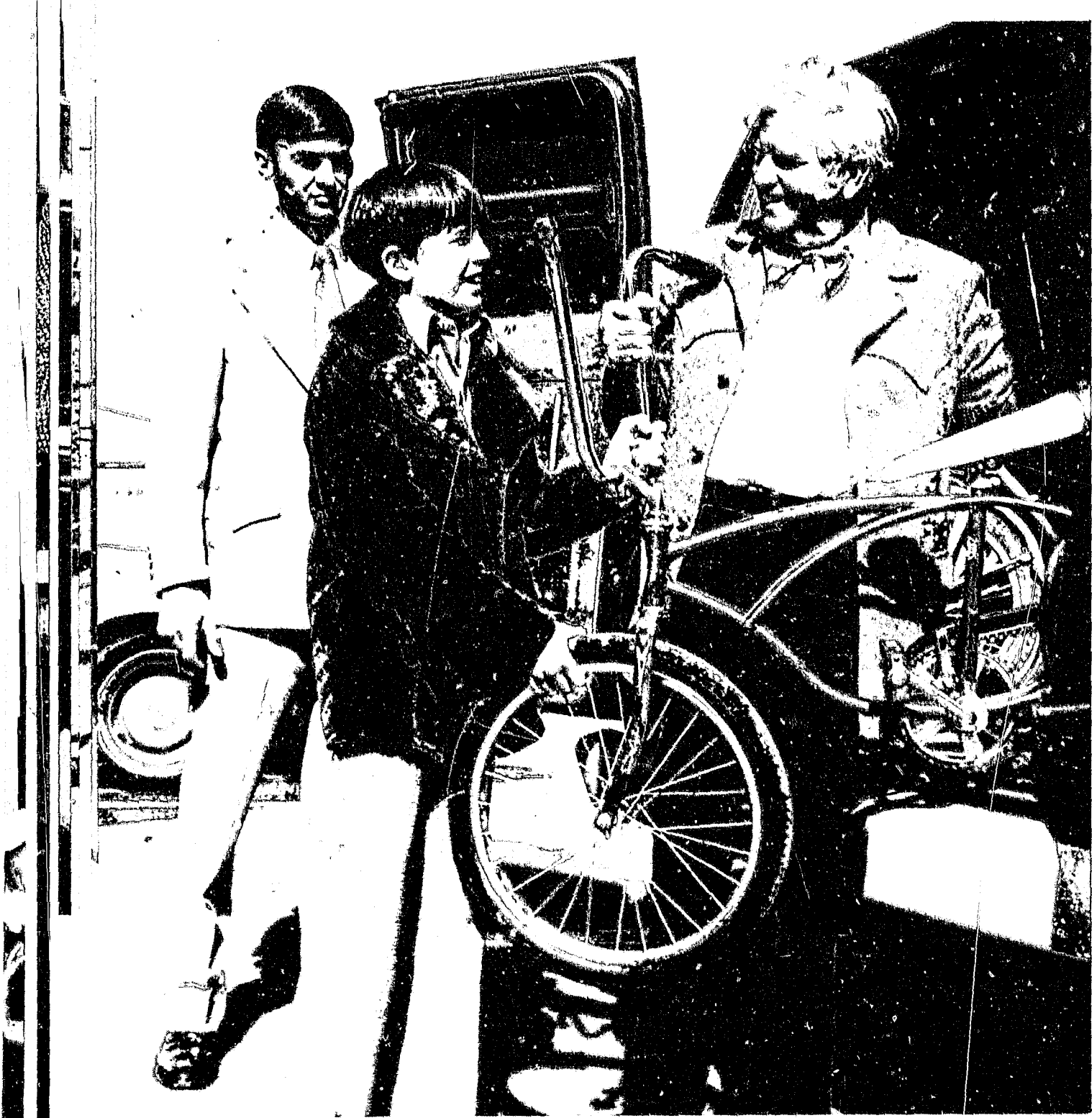
nician is responsible for positive identification of persons suspected of criminal activity as well as for civil reasons.



NORTH BIRMINGHAM SERVICE CENTER

..... one of many programs undertaken by our department to improve communications between police and citizens. The accent of the Service Center has been on community

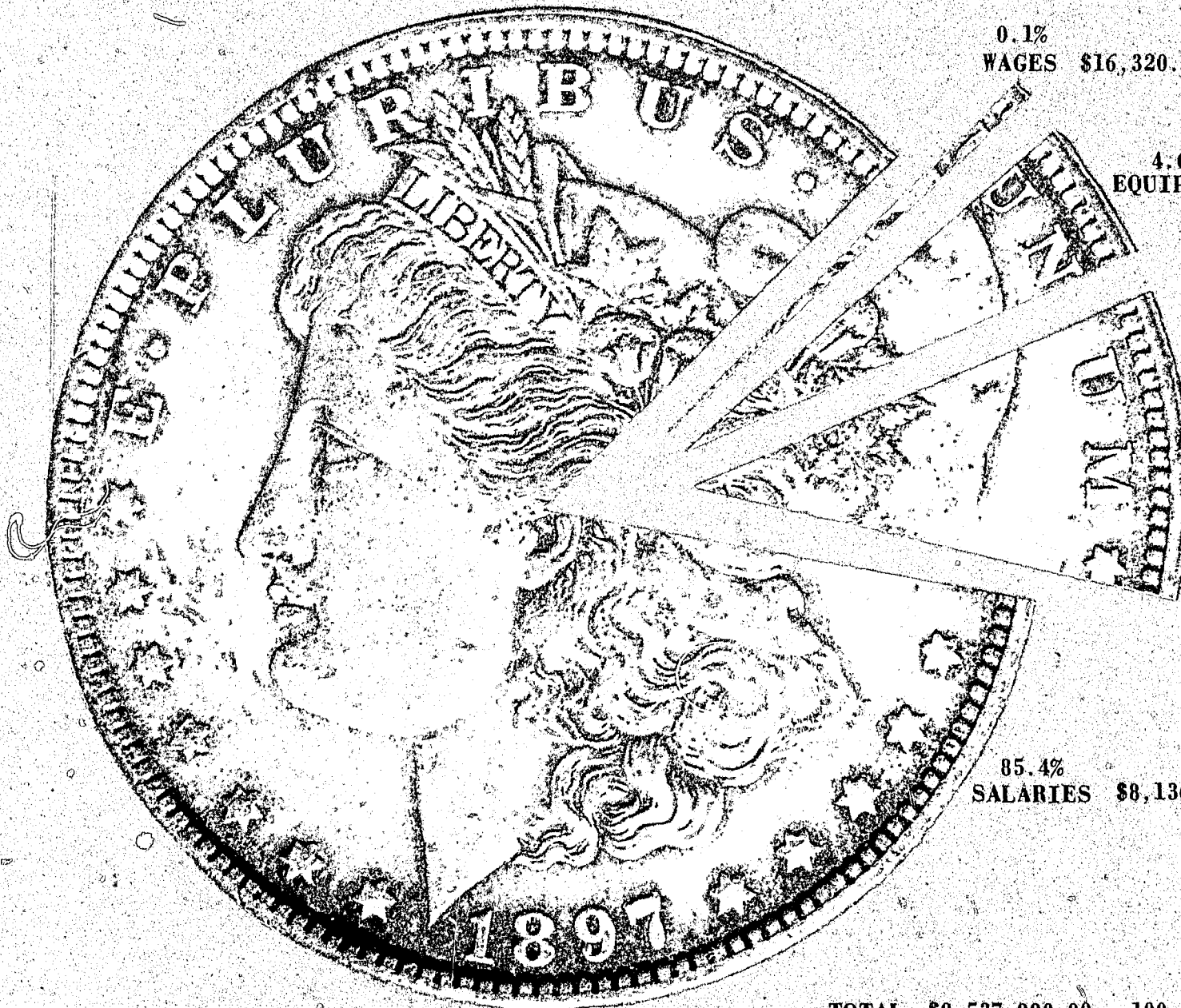
relations, and its acceptance in the community for services rendered has been remarkable.



YOUTH AID

.....essential in today's society. Effective and progressive relations in dealing with young people and their related problems make this bureau a vital part of our department.

1973 POLICE BUDGET



0.1%
WAGES \$16,320.00

4.6%
EQUIPMENT \$439,590.00

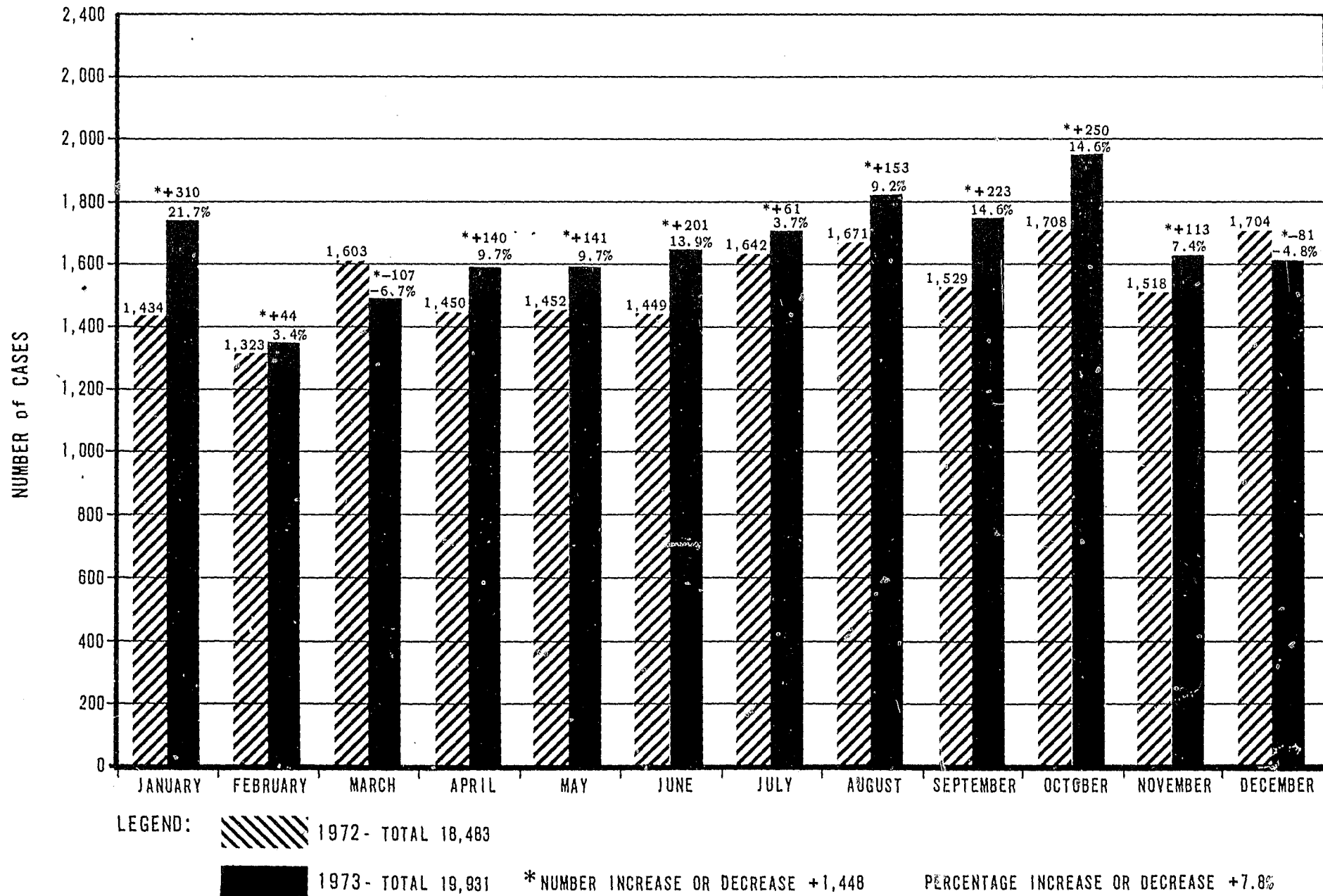
9.9%
GENERAL EXPENSE
\$945,600.00

85.4%
SALARIES \$8,136,480.00

TOTAL \$9,537,990.00 100.0%

CRIME INDEX

COMPARISON ANALYSIS

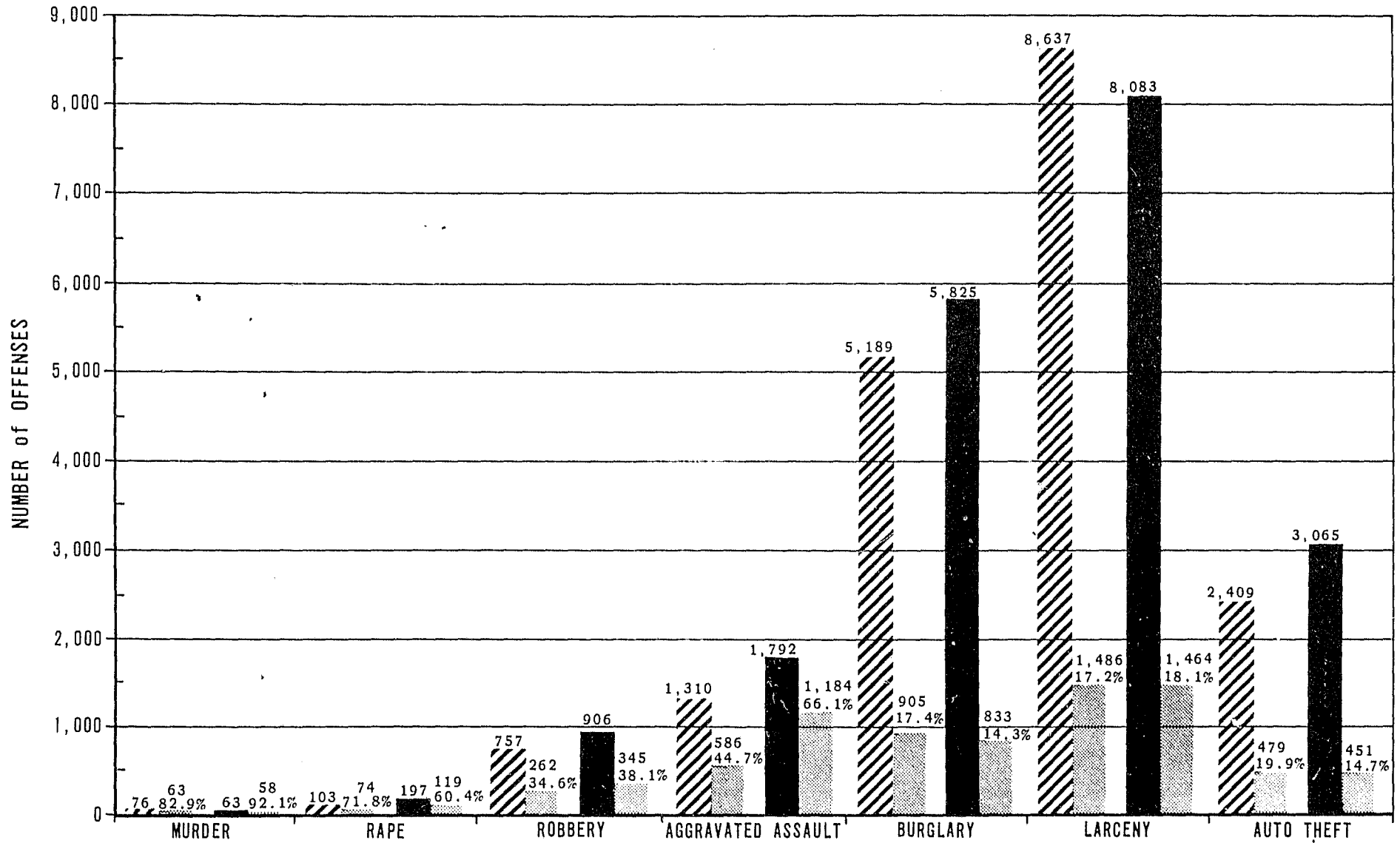


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CLEARANCE RATES

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



LEGEND:  1972 TOTAL 18,481

 1973 TOTAL 19,931

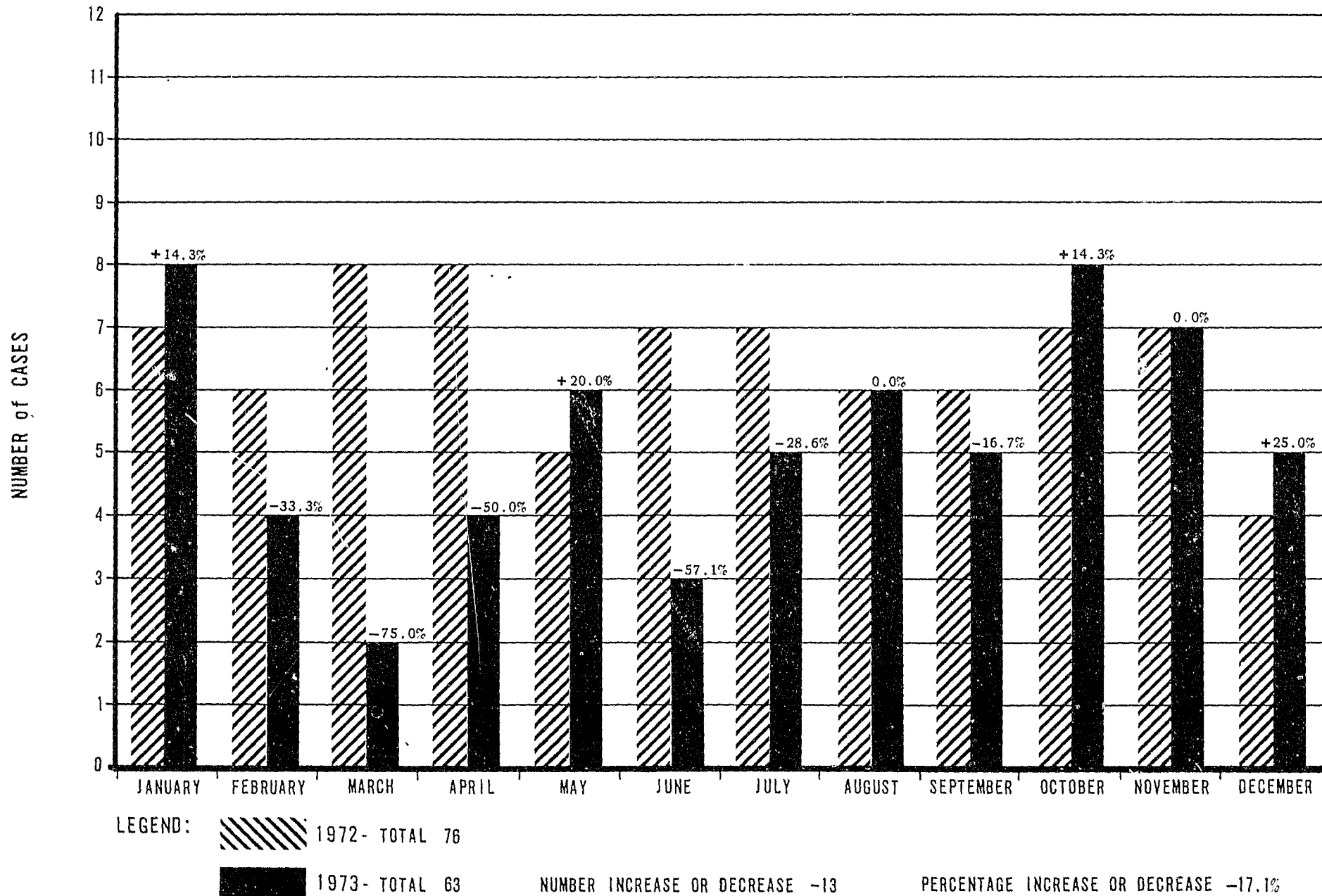
 NUMBER CLEARED (Both Years) 3,855
4,454

PERCENT CLEARED 20.9%

PERCENT CLEARED 22.3%

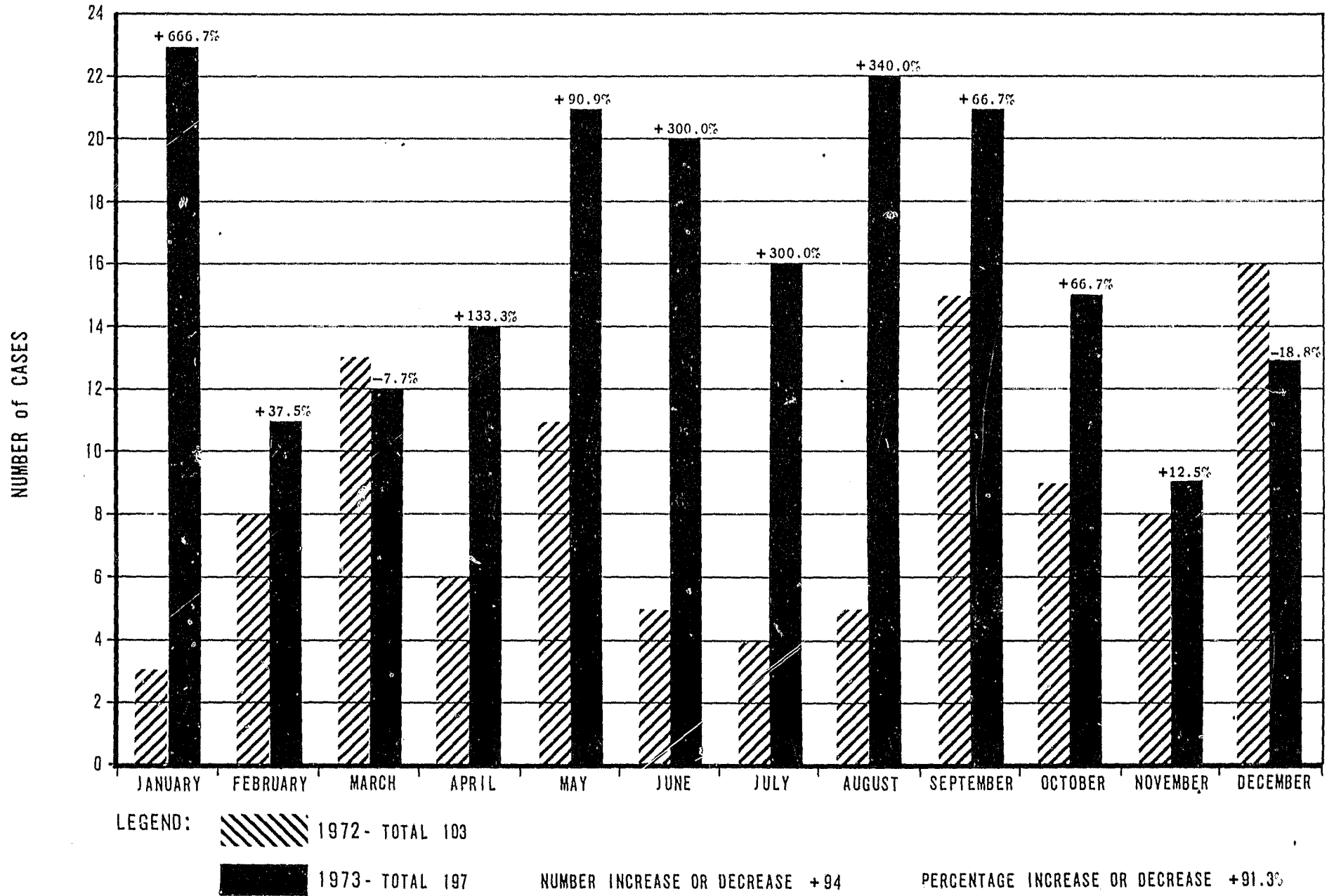
HOMICIDE

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



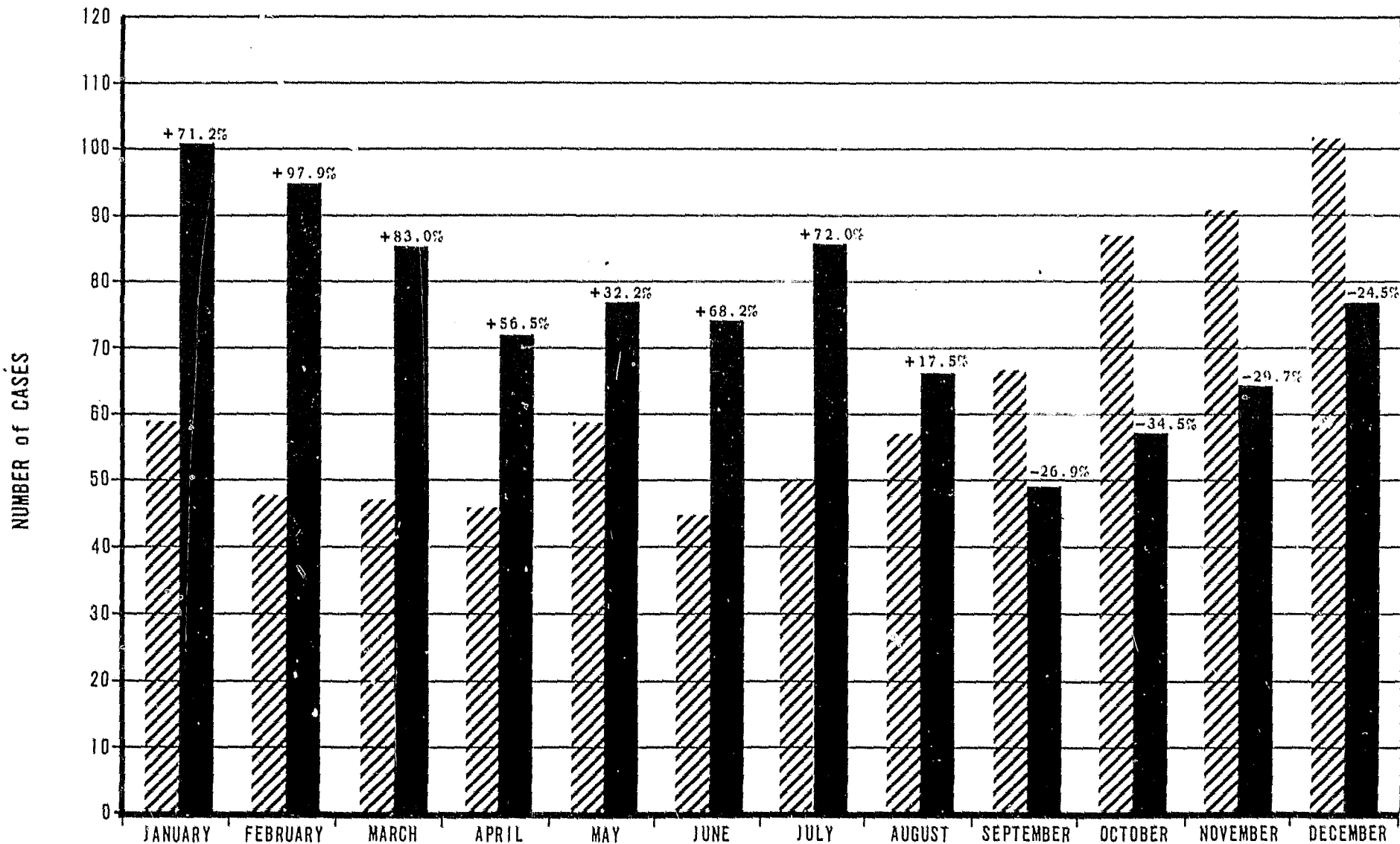
RAPE

COMPARISON ANALYSIS




ROBBERIES

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



LEGEND:  1972 - TOTAL 757

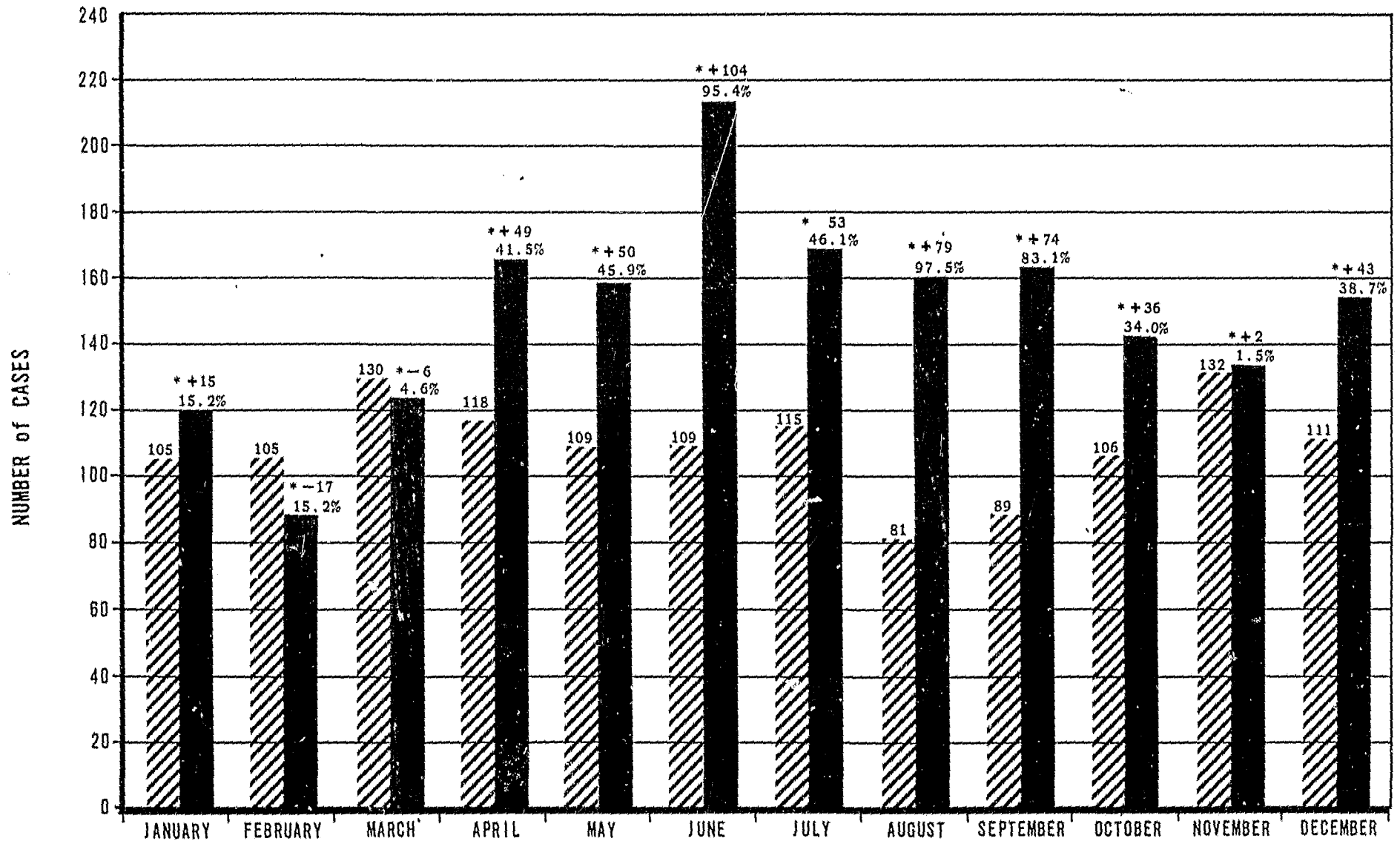
 1973 - TOTAL 906

NUMBER INCREASE OR DECREASE +149

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE +19.7%

AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



LEGEND:



1972 - TOTAL 1,310



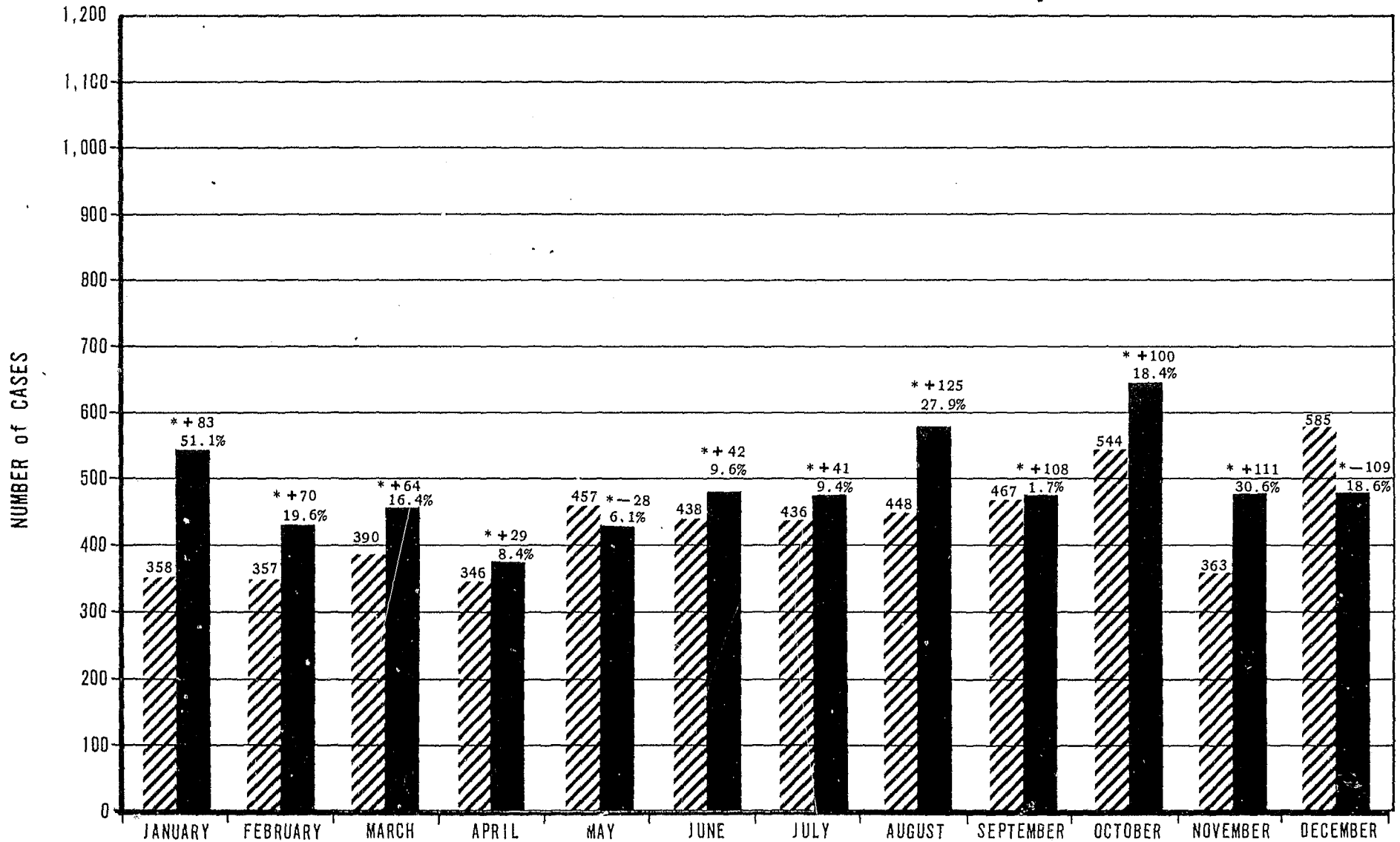
1973 - TOTAL 1,792


* NUMBER INCREASE OR DECREASE +482

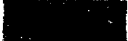
PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE +36.8%

BURGLARIES

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



LEGEND:  1972 - TOTAL 5,189

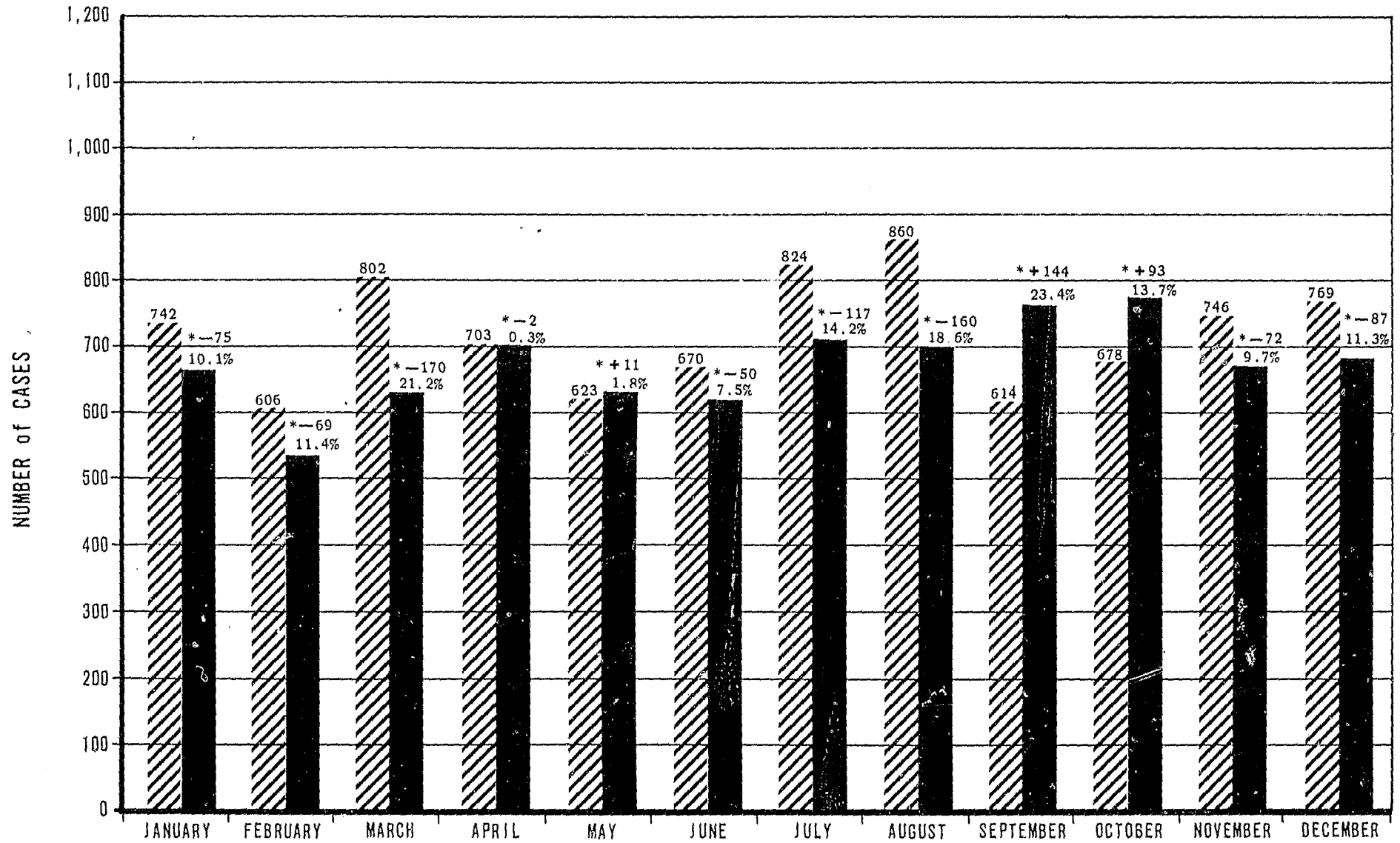
 1973 - TOTAL 5,825


* NUMBER INCREASE OR DECREASE +636


PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE +12.2%

LARCENY THEFT

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



LEGEND:  1972 - TOTAL 8,337

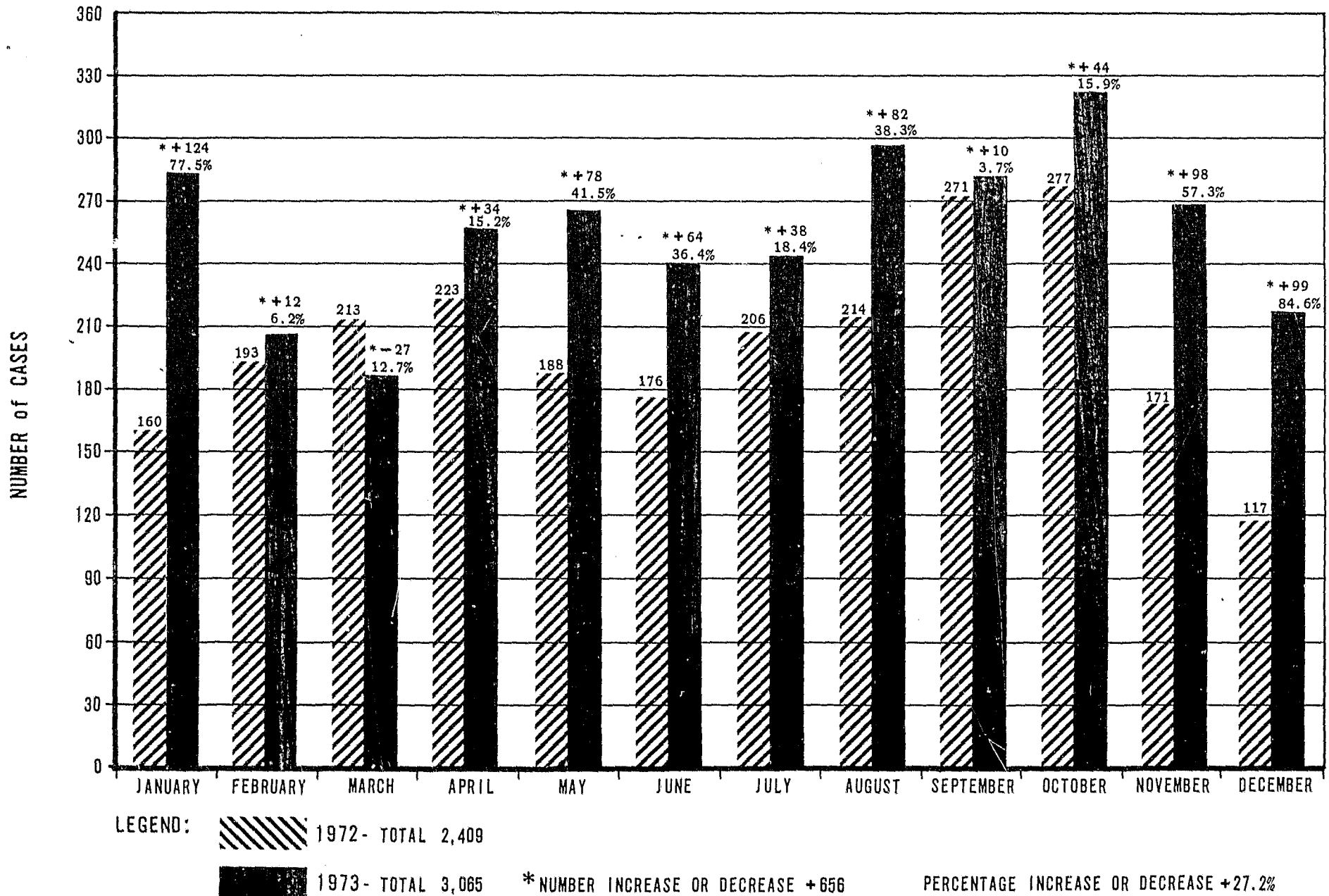
 1973 - TOTAL 8,083

* NUMBER INCREASE OR DECREASE -554

PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE -6.4%

AUTO THEFT

COMPARISON ANALYSIS



NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS

BY DAY and HOUR

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COMPARISON ANALYSIS

TIME HOUR BEGINNING	TOTAL ACCIDENTS		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL	ALL	FATAL
MIDNIGHT	358	3	39		24		29		37		32	1	108	2	89	
1:00	247		15		20		21		25		29		78		59	
2:00	180		15		10		15		22		20		50		48	
3:00	156	2	9		12		14	1	15		23		52	1	31	
4:00	111	4	11		5		7		16	1	12	1	37	1	23	1
5:00	137	3	18		18		12	1	18		26	2	29		16	
6:00	404		54		78		58		78		62		48		26	
7:00	1,295		217		261		258		267		189		68		35	
8:00	1,020	2	176		185		167	1	175		189	1	81		47	
9:00	848	2	153		112	1	137		120		136	1	102		88	
10:00	949		170		163		121		125		154		137		79	
11:00	1,076	4	160		148	1	150		158		181		169	2	110	1
NOON	1,291	3	213	1	185	1	167		200		212	1	183		131	
1:00	1,263	4	198		190		182		170		230	2	167	1	126	1
2:00	1,265	5	207	3	180	1	179		162		223	1	181		133	
3:00	1,832	2	278		298		226		299		362	1	231		138	1
4:00	1,782	2	287		274		256	1	275	1	342		200		148	
5:00	1,801	2	255		285		274	1	300		336	1	211		140	
6:00	1,008	2	139		131	1	152		133		241	1	198		114	
7:00	862	2	109	1	89		91		105	1	167		181		130	
8:00	716	5	100	1	85	1	81		94	1	123	1	140		93	1
9:00	674	1	71	1	60		74		101		155		143		70	
10:00	535	2	54		49		52		93		129	1	118	1	40	
11:00	516	1	51		66		59		50		122	1	121		47	
NOT STATED	56		6		6		5		9		17		6		7	
TOTALS	20,482	51	3,005	7	2,934	6	2,787	5	3,047	4	3,712	16	3,039	8	1,958	5

AUTHORIZED STRENGTH AND NUMBER OF VACANCIES

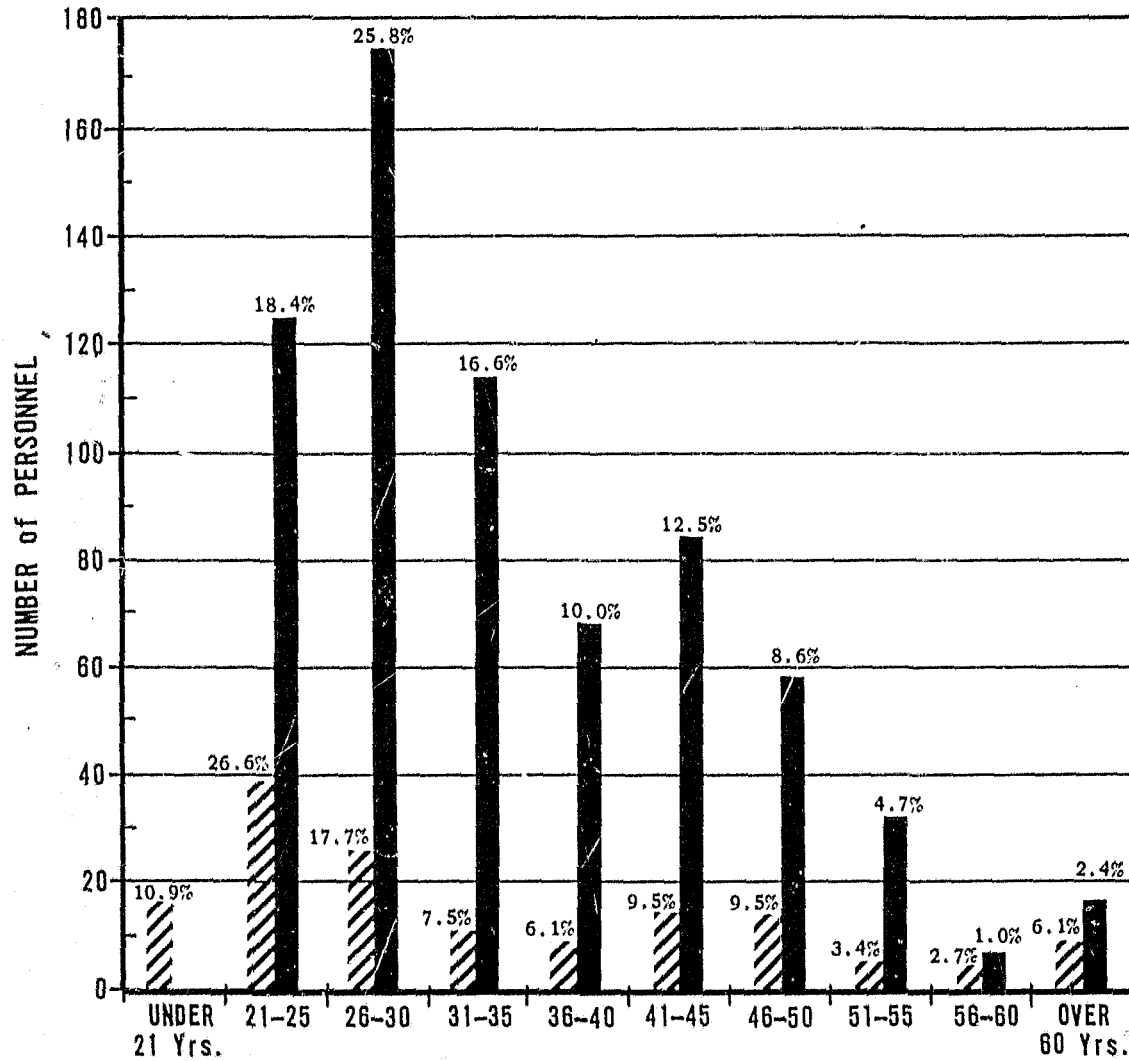
CLASSIFICATION	SALARY GRADE	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH	VACANCIES
SWORN PERSONNEL			
Chief of Police	S34	1	0
Deputy Chief of Police	S26	4	0
Captain of Police	S24	15	0
Lieutenant of Police	S21	30	1
Sergeant of Police	S19	146	3
Police Patrolman	S16	444	23
Motorscouts	S16	22	0
Policewoman	S16	14	0
Total Sworn		676	27
Civilian and Cadet Personnel			
Systems Prog. Mgr.	S30	1	1
Admin. Svcs. Supv.	S25	1	0
Systems Analyst	S24	1	0
Sr. Personnel Officer	S21	1	0
Supt. of Records	S21	1	0
Sr. Accountant	S21	1	0
Sr. Systems Prog.	S21	1	0
Statistician	S18	1	0
Systems Prog.	S18	1	0
Sr. Fingerprint Tech.	S17	1	0
Technical Illustrator	S16	1	0
Sr. Radio Dispatcher	S15	11	1
Police Photographer	S14	1	0
Police Property Clerk	S13	5	0
Sr. Stores Clerk	S13	1	0
Fingerprint Tech.	S13	6	0
Secretary	S12	5	0
Darkroom Tech.	S12	1	0
Communications Svcs. Clk.	S11	23	0
Keypunch Operator	S9	5	0
Intermediate Steno.	S9	20	2
Telephone Operator	S9	5	0
Intermediate Clerk	S8	14	3
Police Cadet	S7	12	1
Clerk-Typist	S5	11	0
City Doctor		1	0
Total Civilian and Cadet Personnel		132	8
Jail Personnel			
Chief Correctional Officer	S24	1	0
Sr. Supv. Cor. Officer	S21	1	0
Supv. Correctional Officer	S19	5	0
Maintenance Mechanic	S18	1	0
Nursing Services Supv.	S17	1	0
Correctional Officer	S16	4	0
Police Patrolman	S16	32	3
Prison Food Svcs. Supv.	S16	1	0
Sr. Maint. Repairman	S16	2	0
Laundry Supervisor	S14	1	0
Farm Supervisor	S13	1	0
Total Jail Personnel		50	3

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PROFILE

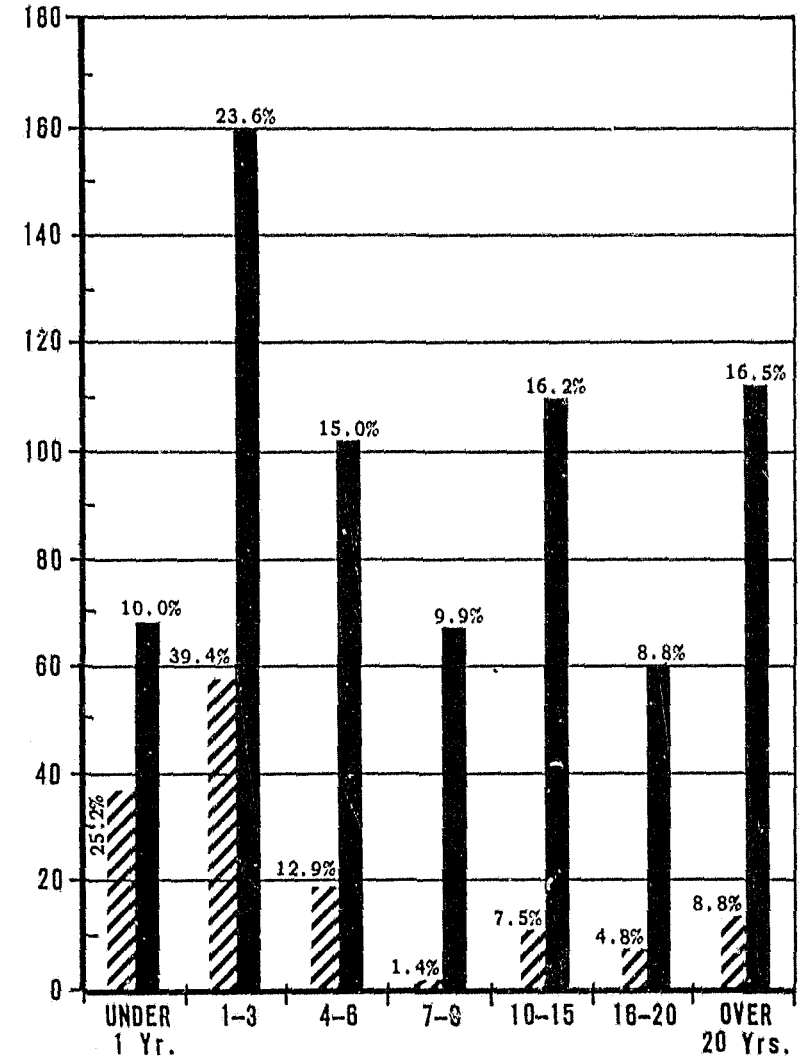
SWORN and CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

1973
COMPARISON ANALYSIS

MEDIAN AGE



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LEGEND:  CIVILIAN PERSONNEL TOTAL 147
 SWORN PERSONNEL TOTAL 679

In Memoriam



Felix Underwood

Born	July 27, 1921
Appointed	Sept. 13, 1950
Died	October 7, 1973

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