

ANNUAL REPORT

1926

During the year 1926 there were 9618 criminal complaints made to this department, compared to 8560 made during the year 1925, or an increase of 1058 criminal complaints during the last year. These complaints have all been filed in the Bureau of Identification according to the nature of the crime, as follows:

Assaults, fights, etc.

Assaults on boys

Assaults on girls

Assaults on women

Larceny of automobile accessories

Larceny of automobile batteries

Larceny of automobile tires

Larceny of bicycles

Burglaries

Apartments

Case-work

Key-work

Panel-work

Window-work

Churches

Garages

Manufacturing plants

Narcotic burglaries

Offices

Residences

Case-work

Key-work

Panel-work

Porch-climbing

Window-work

Stores

Case-work

Key-work

Panel-work

Transom-work

Window-work

Vacant buildings

Counterfeiting

Dogs

Embezzlement

Hold-up

Hotel thefts

Indecent exposure

Larceny as bailee

Larceny from person

Larcenies, according to articles, alphabetically

License plates

Lost articles, alphabetically

Obtaining money under false pretense, and

Obtaining goods under false pretense

Office sneak

Pickpocket

Prowlers
Purse-snatching
Raising U.S. Currency
Rooming-house thefts
Safe robberies
Short-change
Till-tapping
Miscellaneous

There were 899 burglaries reported in 1926, compared to 786 burglaries during the 1925, or an increase in one of the major crimes of 113 complaints.

Forgeries were on the decrease, there being 746 complaints in 1926, compared to 866 complaints in 1925.

Larcenies increased from 3680 complaints in 1925 to 4097 in 1926.

As a result of these criminal investigations there were 4176 arrests made during the year 1926, compared with 4367 in 1925. Of the 9618 criminal complaints 3818 or 40 per cent were cleared.

Murders increased from 13 in 1925 to 19 in 1926, of which 12 were cleared.

The total value of monies and property lost through crime in 1926 was \$1,256,259.00, of which \$922,352.00 was recovered, or 73 per cent.

Of the 4176 persons arrested for criminal offenses 252 were released; 345 were dismissed by Court; 2042 were fined; 519 were placed on probation; 42 sent to the Industrial Schools, 13 to the County Jail, 56 to the Wisconsin State Reformatory, 407 to the House of Correction, 71 to the State Penitentiary; 211 fugitives returned to other cities and 15 adjudged insane.

CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION.

There were 894 prisoners photographed, Bertilloned and finger-printed in the Bureau of Identification during the year 1926, or an increase of 66 over 1925. There were 311 prisoners finger-printed and Bertilloned but not photographed during the same period of time. Sixteen new photographs were taken of former offenders and 432 photographs made for other police departments; 129 made for local newspapers; 70 photographs taken in the various murder cases; 49 photographs taken of automobile accidents for the Traffic Bureau; 139 miscellaneous pictures; and 80 photographs taken of patrolmen; making a total of 6295 photographs developed, printed, mounted and filed.

AUTOMOBILE DIVISION.

The automobile division has on file approximately 87,747 automobiles stolen from various parts of the United States and Canada. During the year 1926 there were 1565 automobiles stolen in Milwaukee, of which 1465 have been recovered, leaving 100 automobiles still missing, or 94 per cent of our stolen cars recovered, which is the highest percentage of recoveries of stolen automobiles in the history of Milwaukee. The value of automobiles stolen in Milwaukee during the year 1926 was \$842,168.00 of which \$794,837.00 was recovered, leaving the comparatively small loss of \$47,331.00 through automobile thefts, or a decrease of \$15,503.00 from the same item in the year 1925. This also represents a total recovery of 94 per cent of the value of automobiles stolen. The number of arrests of automobile thieves was increased from 78 in 1925 to 140 such arrests in 1926.

During the year 1926 there were listed in the automobile division in the Bureau of Identification 16,182 automobiles stolen in other cities, which necessitated the indexing and filing of 24,443 cards.

There were reported to this division from local second-hand dealers the purchases of 6450 second-hand automobiles, which were indexed and filed in the Bureau of Identification on 8358 cards. The filing of our local stolen cars required approximately 1800 cards, making a total of 50,801 index cards which had to be written up and filed in order to record correctly the situation of stolen and second-hand automobiles.

In addition to the recovery of 1465 of the automobiles stolen in Milwaukee in 1926, there were 33 automobiles recovered which were stolen in 1925 or before, and 106 automobiles recovered which were stolen in other cities, making a total of 1604 stolen automobiles recovered by the Milwaukee Police Department in 1926.

PAWN DIVISION.

The work of the pawn division in the Bureau of Identification has produced some exceptionally satisfactory results, which is proven by the following detailed tabulation of the work done by this section of the Bureau:

Items entered in pawn books in 1926.

1676 local complaints entered as follows:

	Stolen	Pawned	Total
General goods	1747	14872	16619
Jewelry	554	6695	7249
Inscriptions	351	6905	7256
Watch numbers	186	13337	13523
Numbered goods	76	1169	1245
	<u>2914</u>	<u>42978</u>	<u>45892</u>

Recoveries

Month	Cases cleared	Amount
January	16	\$ 1048.00
February	8	248.00
March	12	857.35
April	13	802.50
May	19	860.50
June	11	472.00
July	11	443.00
August	13	535.75
September	23	1807.40
October	26	1386.50
November	18	1612.50
December	<u>19</u>	<u>1442.00</u>
 Total	 189	 \$ 11,515.00

The results of the work done by the pawn division in the Bureau of Identification in 1926 show that there was \$4534.53 more recovered than in 1925.

The work of this division is very detailed and must be kept up daily in order to have the system work out effectively. When one considers that through this system alone 189 criminal cases were cleared (an increase of 75 clearances in 1926), and property valued at \$11,515.50 was recovered, the importance of maintaining this branch of work is obvious. Furthermore, the numerous arrests effected through this system by means of obtaining various clues is also worthy of consideration. In order to obtain the proper results it is necessary to keep a daily check on all articles pawned or sold in our local pawnshops and second-hand stores, and also on the vast amount of articles stolen. It is through this system that the above results were obtained.

STENOGRAPHIC DIVISION.

All the criminal correspondence of the Police Department of the City of Milwaukee is written and filed in the Bureau of Identification. During the year 1926 there were 3487 letters written, 1947 telegrams written, and 164 long distance telephone calls recorded, making a total of 5598 pieces of correspondence written and filed in that office, which required the indexing and filing of approximately 11,196 cards. This vast amount of correspondence is filed and recorded in a detailed cross-index system, making it possible to locate any letter or piece of correspondence at a moment's notice.

There were 17,248 automobile circulars printed and mailed in this division. The stenographic department of the Bureau of Identification compiles a daily police bulletin, which imparts information of the operations of criminals within the corporate limits of the

City of Milwaukee, and also furnishes information concerning thieves wanted and people who have been reported as missing. This bulletin is compiled each and every day of the year, and during 1926 there were approximately 368,415 copies distributed to the members of the department. The results obtained through the publishing of the daily bulletin have been very gratifying, and numerous arrests were effected through this system, as well as the locating of missing people and the recovering of stolen property, particularly automobiles. Prior to the publication of the daily bulletin the uniformed patrolman had no knowledge of criminals wanted by this department, but since the compilation of the same he now possesses a detailed account of information concerning his duties as an officer of the law.

The stenographic division of the Bureau of Identification also took 301 verbatim criminal statements during the year 1926, together with the typing of 451 extra copies. When considering this phase of the work we must keep in mind the time it takes to transcribe the large volume of shorthand notes accurately.

COMPLAINT REPORTS.

The complaint report division of the Bureau of Identification recorded, filed and indexed 9618 criminal complaints during the year 1926. These complaints, after being properly assigned to detectives for investigation, are delivered to the Bureau of Identification within twenty-four hours after they have been made out, when the detailed work on them takes place. All information pertaining to the pawn division is immediately transferred from the complaints to the books in the pawn division, where the various items are listed and then checked against the reports of the pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers. All information pertaining to the pawn division is immediately transferred from the complaints to the books in the pawn division, where the various items are listed in detail and then checked against the reports of the pawnbrokers and second-hand dealers. All information pertaining to automobiles is immediately put on file in the automobile division, and later in the day the greater part of the daily bulletin is compiled from these complaint reports. The reports are then classified according to districts and a record of them is sent to the captains of police in order to give them knowledge of what has occurred in their districts daily.

After the complaint reports have thus been handled, they are indexed according to the name of the complainant, given a department number, indexed under the officer's number and also under the classification of crimes, and then permanently filed according to the department number. The volume of work in connection with the keeping up of this can easily be conceived when we realize that 9618 complaints were so handled. However, the results have been very gratifying throughout the year and no doubt the system will be maintained in the future.

DETECTIVES' DAILY REPORT.

Prior to the year 1922 there was no system which showed the work done by the individual members of the Detective Bureau. It was a

"catch-as-catch-can" proposition when it came to estimating the worth and value of an individual detective, and the estimate given a man was far from even approximate. Under the new system installed in this department, the detective makes a daily report of the work done by him for the past twenty-four hours. This report shows all new arrests made by him, court attendance, account of investigations made, property recovered, cases cleared, disposition of cases and arrests, together with any special duties which were performed. These daily detective reports are then sent to the Bureau of Identification where they are carefully checked over and the figures transferred to monthly cards. The totals of the items on the monthly cards are transferred to an annual card at the end of each year, so that the work of every detective is classified in detail on an annual card, which at a moment's notice furnishes the reader with a very good comprehension of the individual's work performed during the entire year. This Bureau handled approximately 21,600 daily detectives' reports, 720 monthly detectives' reports, and about 60 annual detectives' reports in 1926.

MISSING PERSON DIVISION.

During the year 1926 there were 1332 people reported missing in the City of Milwaukee, of which number 1292 have been reported accounted for, leaving the small number of 40 persons still missing. This work not only necessitated the filing and indexing of the reports, together with the publication of detailed descriptions on the daily bulletin, but made necessary the interviewing of many of the relatives of the missing people.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the year 1926 there were 2156 criminal warrants indexed and filed. Under this system the index card is not destroyed after a warrant has been served or withdrawn, but is put into a separate compartment for reference. Another compartment is maintained for listing warrants which are in the hands of officers or for any reason not in file, thus making it possible for the Bureau to state positively at all times whether or not a person is wanted. It is needless to mention the value of the system of indexing and filing criminal warrants.

All miscellaneous circulars are indexed and filed in the Bureau of Identification. During the year 1926 there were 457 such circulars filed. Each and every circular giving any kind of information which might be sought at some future date is indexed and pasted into a miscellaneous record, and a cross-index card system is kept of the same. In other words, all information received by the Bureau of Identification is systematically recorded, and nothing is thrown away.

All local newspapers are received in this Bureau each day, and all items containing news with reference to police work are clipped and pasted in a scrap book.

In 1926 there were 677 death and accident reports filed; 322 prisoner releases made and filed; 976 show-up records filed; 730

reports made to the Chief of Police; 730 reports to the Captain of Detectives; 730 reports to the detective sergeants; 365 reports to the Lieutenant of Detectives; and about 1900 reports to the district commanders. Reports on applications for second-hand and pawn dealers' licenses to the number of 324 were indexed.

Following is a brief review of the traffic accidents in the City of Milwaukee during the year 1926 as reported to the Traffic Division of the Police Department.

Analysis of Accidents

This report is prepared primarily to present an analysis of all traffic accidents during the year 1926 which have been reported to the Traffic Bureau of the Police Department. The accidents have been grouped by nature and cause and in the following paragraphs a careful comparison will be made with similar analysis prepared in the previous years.

The analysis consists of 11,834 accidents as compared to 9,344 in 1925 and 7,109 in 1924. As reported last year, the increase over 1924 was 51 per cent while this year the increase over 1925 figures is 27 per cent.

The increases by cause during 1926 have been uniform and ratio compares in practically all cases with 1924 and 1925 as evidenced in the following tabulation:

	Number of Accidents			Per Cent of Total		
	1926	1925	1924	1926	1925	1924
Intersection Collisions	4039	3261	2488	34.1	34.9	35.1
Rear end collisions	867	684	585	7.5	7.3	8.2
Violation of Law	949	722	519	8.2	7.7	7.3
Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	2249	1619	1217	18.9	17.3	17.1
Condition of Vehicle or Road	797	652	490	6.7	7.0	6.9
Incompetency of Driver	80	112	50	.7	1.2	.7
To Avoid Another Accident	333	275	274	2.8	2.9	3.8
Children Playing in the Street	601	591	439	5.1	6.3	6.1
Jay Walking or Running for Street Car	815	654	458	6.9	7.0	6.4
Crossing Street Thru Traffic	68	121	43	.6	1.3	.6
Struck by Vehicle Turning Corner	148	144	100	1.2	1.5	1.4
Miscellaneous	646	225	120	5.5	2.5	1.7
Cause undetermined	242	284	326	2.0	3.1	4.7
	<u>11834</u>	<u>9344</u>	<u>7109</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Increases of any moment in the foregoing table occur in the "Carelessness of Driver" and the "Miscellaneous" groups, the latter being accidents of a less serious nature. The results shown, regardless of general increases in the total number of accidents, is impressive in that it does not reveal the effect of concerted efforts to reduce any particular cause except one, and it is indeed gratifying to note that the largest reduction made occurs in the number of accidents in the Children Group. Even though this reduction is fairly small, much satisfaction can be enjoyed as actual results will be shown later if the teaching of safety to the child is successful.

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS BY MONTHS

YEARS	Number of Accidents			Per Cent Increase or Decrease	
	1926	1925	1924	1926 Over 1925	1925 Over 1924
January	836	615	353	36	85
February	886	488	358	81	36
March	836	550	435	52	26
April	732	699	596	5	17
May	967	760	667	27	14
June	997	803	595	24	35
July	1038	806	638	29	26
August	1141	854	681	33	25
September	1092	841	680	30	24
October	1282	1058	722	21	46
November	1184	928	716	28	29
December	843	942	688	11	37
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	11834	9344	7109	27	31

INCREASE OF AUTOMOBILES FROM YEAR 1921 TO AND INCLUDING 1926

Year	Number of Cars.	Increase over Previous year.	% Increase
1921	50,000	-----	--
1922	61,000	11,000	22
1923	78,000	17,000	28
1924	106,000	28,000	36
1925	118,000	12,000	11
1926	133,000	15,000	12
Increase 1926 over 1921			166

SUMMARY OF FATAL ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE.

Cause	Number	
	1926	1925
Intersection Collisions	14	7
Violation of Law	5	10
Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	9	8
Condition of Vehicle or Road	6	4
Incompetency of Driver	-	1
Children Playing in Street	17	19
Jay Walking or Running for Street Car	37	26
Pedestrian Intoxicated	-	1
Walking Through Traffic	-	2
Struck by Vehicle Turning Corner	3	1
Miscellaneous	4	2
Cause Undetermined	22	20
	<u>117</u>	<u>101</u>

Total number of injuries sustained in Traffic Accidents

during 1926, 3,845

Total number of arrests for traffic violations during 1926 15,415

Total number of arrests for traffic violations during 1925 9,140

Increase 6,275

Monthly Statement of Arrests

Month	Male	Female	Total
January	1780	191	1971
February	1916	207	2123
March	2592	234	2826
April	2162	220	2382
May	4049	220	4269
June	3418	232	3650
July	2492	184	2676
August	2557	173	2730
September	2557	167	2724
October	2631	198	2829
November	2277	179	2456
December	<u>1862</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>2000</u>
	30293	2343	32636

Arrests on Suspicion

Month	Booked	Released	Total
January	75	95	170
February	88	68	156
March	87	76	163
April	62	83	145
May	72	85	157
June	83	77	160
July	56	104	160
August	59	115	174
September	71	93	164
October	62	109	171
November	81	113	194
December	<u>57</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>164</u>
	853	1125	1978

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS

Charge	1925	1926	Increase	Decrease
Abandoning family	415	403		12
Adultery	68	59		9
Assault and battery	574	548		26
Assault with intent to do great bodily harm	55	75	20	
Assault with intent to kill	13	19	6	
Assault with intent to rob	50	56	6	
Burglary	164	150		14
Carrying concealed weapons	114	56		58
Common drunkard	329	356	27	
Contributing to delinquency of child	24	32	8	
Disorderly conduct	1787	2189	402	
Drunkenness	2646	3170	524	
Drunk and disorderly	2697	3157	460	
Embezzlement	76	65		11
False pretense	78	71		7
Forgery and fraudulent issue of bank check	277	304	27	
Fornication	32	23		9
Fugitive from justice	259	247		12
Homicide	27	28	1	
Inmate of disorderly house	1171	1198	27	
Inmate of gaming house	412	522	110	
Keeping disorderly house	410	477	67	
Keeping gaming house	46	42		4
Larceny, as bailee	89	96	7	
Larceny, from person	39	49	10	
Larceny, grand	302	369	67	
Larceny, petit	191	155		36
Lewd and lascivious behavior	97	79		18
Operating automobile while intoxicated	364	467	103	
Rape	96	120	24	
Receiving stolen property	23	13		10
Removing mortgaged property	43	24		19
Reckless driving	490	621	131	
Taking automobile without owners consent	34	50	16	
Threatening to kill	12	7		5
Trespassing on railroad property	69	83	14	
Vagrancy	715	757	42	
Violating automobile speed ordinance	1479	2237	758	
Violating automobile number law	74	67		7
Violating health law	67	35		32
Violating license law	29	1		28
Violating motorcycle speed law	30	49	19	
Violating rules of the road ordinance	6487	11721	5234	
Violating Severson Law and Liquor Ordinance	1253	1015	238	238
All other cases	1195	1374	179	
	24902	32636	8293	559
Net increase			7,734	
Number of females arrested	2227	2343	116	

AGE OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Under 17 years	19
Between 17 and 21	3,414
Between 21 and 30	12,117
Between 30 and 40	9,199
Between 40 and 50	5,141
Between 50 and 60	2,024
Between 60 and 70	633
Between 70 and 80	84
Between 80 and 90	<u>5</u>
Total	32,636

SOCIAL CONDITION.

Married	14,536
Single	<u>18,100</u>
Total	32,636

Race

Caucasian	30,985
African	1,582
Copper	56
Yellow	13
Total	<u>32,636</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Number	Per Cent
United States	25,854	79.22
Austria-Hungary (including Czee and Yugo Slav)	1,703	5.22
Germany	1,356	4.19
Poland	930	2.85
Russia	663	2.03
Greece	483	1.48
Italy	351	1.08
Mexico	191	.59
Ireland	157	.45
Norway	133	.41
Canada	120	.36
Sweden	117	.35
Switzerland	89	.27
All other countries	<u>489</u>	<u>1.50</u>
Total	32,636	100.00

DISPOSITION OF CASES.

Committed to the Northern Hospital for Insane	10
Committed to the County Hospital	10
Committed to the Home for the Feeble Minded	10
Committed to the Hospital for Mental Diseases	17
Died in the Emergency Hospital	2
Died in the Station	1
Discharged by City Attorney	5
Discharged by Court	1,535
Discharged by Chief of Police	136
Discharged by District Attorney	16
Discharged by Jury	97
Discharged for want of prosecution	90
*Fined	26,930
Found guilty and Sentence Suspended	830
Nolled by District Attorney	29
On Probation	586
Pending	852
Permanent Stay	35
Released by Hospital Attendant	1
Sentenced to the House of Correction	820
Sentenced to the County Jail	28
Sentenced to the Industrial School for Boys	2
Sentenced to the Poor Farm	3
Sentenced to the Reformatory	64
Sentenced to the State Prison	125
Settled on payment of costs	345
Returned to the House of Good Sheperd	1
Sentenced to the Taycheeda School for Girls	16
Returned to the Hospital for Mental Diseases	1
Returned to the County Hospital	1
Taken home	1
Turned over to Authorities of Other Places	228
Turned over to United States Authorities	9
	32,636
Total	

* Of this number 2,702 failed to pay their fines
and were committed to the House of Correction.

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED.

Albania	13
Africa	3
Austria-Hungary, including Czec & Yugo-Slav	1703
Armenia	22
Arabia	1
Argentina	1
Australia	1
Bavaria	3
Belgium	8
Bulgaria	10
Canada	120
China	4
Costa Rica	1
Croatia	4
Cuba	5
Denmark	75
England	57
Egypt	4
France	22
Finland	37
Germany	1356
Greece	433
Galicia	1
Holland	21
Ireland	157
Italy	351
India	1
Lithuania	41
Mexico	191
Monte Negro	1
Norway	133
New Zealand	1
Panama	1
Peru	3
Poland	930
Portugal	3
Roumania	35
Russia	663
Sicily	2
Spain	9
Syria	13
Switzerland	89
Setoland	34
Sweden	117
South America	1
Turkey	44
United States	25854
Wales	5
West Indies	2

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DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL

	Total	First District	Second District	Third District	Fourth District	Fifth District	Traffic Division	Detective Division
Chief of Police	1	1						
Inspector of Police	1	1						
Captain of Detectives	1							1
Lieutenant of Detectives	1							1
Captain of Police	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	
Lieutenant of Police	4		1	1	1	1		
Detective Sergeant	3							3
Detective	51							51
Patrol Sergeants	47	13	6	9	7	8	4	
Desk Sergeants	16	3	3	3	3	3	1	
Patrolmen, Day Duty	173	40	26	38	32	37		
Patrolmen, Night Duty	373	99	48	85	68	73		
Patrolmen, Wagon Duty	32	8	6	6	6	6		
Patrolmen, Ambulance Duty	12	4	4	4				
Patrolmen, Chauffeur Duty	3	3						
Patrolmen, Post Duty	6	6						
Patrolmen, Traffic Duty	80						80	
Patrolmen, Motorcycle Duty	43						43	
Patrolmen, Special Duty	12	7					5	
Superintendent Bureau of Identification	1	1						
Secretary	1	1						
Assistant Secretary	2	2						
Police Reporter Stenographer	1	1						
Senior Clerk Stenographer	4	2					2	
Senior Clerk	1						1	
Photographer	1	1						
Property Clerk	1	1						
Finger Print Operator	1	1						
Police Surgeon	5	1	1	1	1	1		
Chief Operator	1	1						
Operator	17	6	5	6				
Police Matron	4	1	2	1				
Janitor	8	4	1	1	1	1		
Total	915	211	104	156	120	131	137	56

GAMBLING

During the the year this department received 534 complaints relative to gambling being permitted, resulting in the arrest of 564 persons, of which number 522 were charged with being inmates of gambling houses and 42 for keeping gambling houses.

PROHIBITION

The department received 2,882 complaints relative to liquor law violations, resulting in the arrest of 1,015 persons. For drunkenness 6,683 arrests were made, an increase of 1,035 over the previous year. In addition, 467 persons were arrested for operating an automobile while in an intoxicated condition, an increase of 103 over 1925.

VICE

There were 941 complaints relative to vice conditions existing in the city, resulting in the arrest of 1,971 persons, of which number 507 were charged with keeping disorderly houses and houses of ill-fame and 1,242 for being inmates of said houses. In addition 222 arrests were made for all other vice.

TRIAL BOARD

There were 80 members of the department brought before the Police Trial Board, resulting in 19 officers being dismissed from the service, 52 receiving lighter penalties; 6 were reprimanded and 2 found not guilty. One officer was demoted to a lower rank.

EXAMINATIONS.

During the year five examinations were conducted for the position of patrolman in this department, 302 applicants participating. Of this number 99 passed a satisfactory examination and 203 failed. Of the number that passed 7 were rejected by the Medical Examiners, 2 were stricken from the eligible list by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, 69 were appointed, and 21 are still pending.

An examination was conducted for the position of Police Alarm Operator, 68 applicants taking part. Of this number 17 passed and 51 failed. Two were appointed and 15 are still pending.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE

During the year 1926, 6,554 applications for miscellaneous licenses were investigated by this Department, including soft drink parlors, pool halls, dance halls, theatre, taxi-cab drivers, taxi-cab owners, etc., 5,766 defective sidewalks and streets were reported to the Department of Public Works; 1,257 lost children were restored to their parents; 37,003 official city notices were served; 161,436 official letters were delivered; 1,449 lodgers were accommodated at the various station houses; 7 destitute families were cared for; 10 persons were rescued from drowning and 14 drowned bodies were recovered. 26,781 letters and communications were investigated; 507 doors were found open and reported to the owners; 1,643 persons received first aid treatment from members of the department.

On April 1st, 1926, the City Treasurer turned over to this Department \$218,428.50 in delinquent personal property taxes for the year 1925 for collection; \$148,182.23 of this amount was collected and turned over to the City Treasurer.

POLICE ALARM DIVISION

The telephone system of the Department embodies 19 trunk lines connected directly with the local telephone company. The switch boards installed for the operation of the department's business connect the different bureaus and stations with 86 extensions or local lines. For this service, 3 multiple switch boards are in operation. Approximately 1,075,000 calls were handled by the Alarm Bureau over the trunk lines. In addition, 1,956,489 calls were handled over the Department's own system.

There are 566 patrol boxes, of which 231 are equipped with signal lights and 23 with alarm bells.

AUTOMOBILE PATROL WAGON AND AMBULANCE SERVICE.

During the year 1926, the automobile patrol wagons responded to 13,682 calls, resulting in the conveyance of 13,501 prisoners. In addition 937 injured and sick persons were conveyed and 9,873 prisoners were transferred between the different stations and the courts. 21 fire alarms were also responded to.

The Police ambulances responded to 3,533 calls, of which services were not required in 377 cases. There were 3,486 injured and sick persons conveyed to the different hospitals and to the patients homes.

PATROLLING AUTOMOBILES

During the year 1926, 4 light automobiles have been put into service to patrol the newly annexed territory, and this service has proved very satisfactory.

MEDICAL BUREAU

The Medical Division of this Department consists of 5 Police Surgeons. During the year 1926, 1197 cases of sickness and injury among the members of the department were investigated, and where such injury resulted in the immediate performance of duty, medical attention was given. When a member of the department reports sick or injured, a member of the Medical Bureau is immediately assigned to the case to ascertain the nature of the sickness or injury, together with the possible duration of the same. In all cases of sudden deaths, suicides or attempted suicide, and fatal accidents, members of the Medical Bureau are detailed to make an investigation.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL

The Department conducts a school of training to which all members are required to attend. The course of instruction includes drill, lectures pertaining to Criminal Law, City Ordinances, Law of Arrest, Court Procedure, Rules of the Department, Discipline, Courtesy, Observation, and a thorough training in administering First Aid to injured persons. Members are required to attend the school once a week, and examinations are given at intervals to determine their efficiency. During the year 1926 1643 persons received minor first aid treatment from members of the department.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS

This Department realizes that thorough police co-operation with other cities is an important essential in the administration of any progressive police department, and during the year 1926 the members of the force continued to extend the fullest co-operation to other jurisdictions in matters which were brought to their attention. To verify this statement, the statistics show that 247 fugitives from justice were apprehended and delivered to authorities from other places.

O B I T A R Y

Charles Bennett

Appointed Patrolman, August 15th, 1895

Died March 13th, 1926

Was a Member of the Policemen Relief Association

Charles A. Leak

Appointed Patrolman, November 2nd, 1922

Died July 21st, 1926

John Hannifin

Appointed Patrolman, June 10th, 1878

Promoted to Detective March 12th, 1885

Died September 22nd, 1926

Was a Member of the Policemen Relief Association

Joseph Stadler

Appointed Patrolman, January 3rd, 1922

Died October 11th, 1926

PERSONNEL

On January 1st, 1926, this Department was granted an increase of 8 Captains of Police, 2 Detectives, 2 Patrol Sergeants, 1 Photographer, 1 Finger Print Operator, 1 Property Clerk, 35 Patrolmen, 5 Police Alarm Operators, and 5 Police Matrons.

The personnel of the Department is as follows:

1 Chief of Police
1 Inspector

Uniform Division

8 Captains of Police
4 Lieutenants of Police
47 Patrol Sergeants
16 Desk Sergeants
740 Patrolmen

Detective Division

1 Captain of Detectives
1 Lieutenant of Detectives
3 Detective Sergeants
53 Detectives

Bureau of Identification

1 Superintendent
1 Finger Print Operator
1 Photographer
1 Property Clerk
2 Senior Clerk Stenographers

Secretarial Division

1 Secretary
2 Assistant Secretaries
1 Police Reporter Stenographer
2 Senior Clerk Stenographers
1 Senior Clerk

Women's Division

2 Police Women
5 Police Matrons

Police Alarm Division

1 Chief Operator
18 Operators

Medical Division

5 Police Surgeons

During the year 1926, there were 40 officers promoted to higher ranks, 5 demoted, 11 retired on pension, 25 resigned, 19 dismissed, and 4 died. 157 men were appointed.