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During the year 1928 10,137 criminal complaints were made to this department, as compared with 9,477 during the year 1927, an increase of 660 complaints. Of the number of complaints made during 1928, 4353 were cleared, a total of 43 percent, as compared with 2181 clearances during 1927.

There were 1214 burglaries reported in 1928, compared with 1012 in 1927, an increase of 202.

Forgeries were on the decrease, there being 533 complaints during 1928 as against 797 in 1927.

Larcenies increased from 4550 complaints in 1927 to 4539 complaints in 1928.

Murders decreased from 11 during the year 1927 to 10 in 1928, 8 of which were cleared.

Assault and robbery complaints totaled 125 in 1928, as compared with 106 during 1927.

The total value of monies and property lost through crime in 1928 was \$1,537,545, of which amount \$1,131,522 was recovered, or 71 percent, as compared with a value of \$1,413,543 stolen in 1927 and \$1,062,589 recovered, 75 percent.

CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

During the year 1928, 1119 prisoners were photographed in the Bureau of Identification, an increase of 37 over 1927. 4505 copies of photographs were made of 901 prisoners who were under 36 years of age and 1303 copies of photographs of 218 prisoners who were over 36 years of age, a total of 5813 photographic prints of prisoners who had not previously been photographed by this department. In addition 39 new photographs were taken of former offenders, of which number 73 prints were made; 159 photographs were taken of members of the department; 471 photographs made for other police jurisdictions; 135 for local newspapers; 79 photographic prints made of scenes of murders; 35 prints made of photographs of automobile accidents for the Traffic Bureau and 301 miscellaneous photographs, a total of 7071 prints. During the year 1553 prisoners were fingerprinted in the Bureau of Identification. Of this number 1119 had five sets taken, one of which was placed in the files, the other four having been sent to Bureaus of Identification in other cities. A total of 1824 sets of fingerprints were received from other cities and are on file in the Bureau.

MISSING PERSONS

1154 persons were reported missing during the year 1928; of which number 1093 were located, leaving 61 persons unaccounted for.

AUTOMOBILE DIVISION

There are on file in the Automobile Division approximately 110,000 descriptions of automobiles stolen from various parts of the United States and Canada, about 10,000 of which were received during the year 1928.

During the year 1928 there were 2,358 automobiles stolen in the city of Milwaukee, of which number 2,233 were recovered. The department also recovered 27 automobiles which had been reported stolen prior to 1928, making the total number of recoveries 2,260.

In addition to the 2,260 automobiles recovered which had been stolen in Milwaukee, 145 were recovered for other cities, making a grand total of 2,405 recoveries.

The number of arrests for automobile theft during the year 1928 was 186, as compared with 138 such arrests during 1927.

PAWN DIVISION

The Pawn Division in the Bureau of Identification has produced satisfactory results, as shown by the following tabulation of the value of property recovered:

Month	Items Recovered	Value
January	8	\$629.25
February	6	265.00
March	3	154.00
April	9	571.00
May	16	737.55
June	13	936.00
July	8	609.50
August	2	19.50
September	9	300.50
October	8	653.00
November	11	588.50
December	10	421.00
	<u>103</u>	<u>5,836.30</u>

STENOGRAPHIC DIVISION

All criminal correspondence of the Police Department is written and filed in the Bureau of Identification. During the year 1928 there were approximately 3000 letters and 1500 telegrams written, and approximately 3500 letters, telegrams and long distance telephone calls received, together with hundreds of circulars. It required the making up and filing of approximately 15,000 index cards in order to properly index this amount of correspondence.

The Bureau of Identification compiles a daily police bulletin which imparts information of the operations of criminals within the corporate limits of the city, all automobiles stolen, bicycles stolen, persons missing, thieves wanted and other useful information. This bulletin is compiled daily and during the year 1928

there were approximately 450,000 copies distributed to members of the department, the park police, the Shorewood police department, the Whitefish Bay police department and to officers of the Detention Home. The results obtained through the publishing of the Daily Bulletin are very gratifying and numerous arrests have been effected through this system, as well as the locating of missing persons and the recovery of stolen automobiles and bicycles. Prior to the publication of the Daily Bulletin uniformed officers had no knowledge of criminals wanted, but since its compilation they possess a detailed account of information which aids him in performing his duties.

Besides the Daily Bulletin there was inaugurated in the month of September 1928, a daily Radio News Bulletin, which is broadcast each night at ten o'clock over Radio Broadcasting Station WTMJ. The Radio News Bulletin includes all missing persons whose relatives request publicity, missing persons from other jurisdictions whose relatives request that descriptions be broadcast. This bulletin has proved very helpful in the location of missing persons who have gone to other cities.

In addition to the above, the stenographic division of the Bureau of Identification took 392 verbatim statements during the year 1928.

COMPLAINT REPORTS

During the year 1928 there were filed in the Bureau of Identification 11,901 criminal complaints, including complaints of crimes which occurred outside of our jurisdiction. These complaints, after being properly assigned to detectives for investigation, are delivered to the Bureau of Identification within twenty-four hours after having been received. 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 the greater part of the daily bulletin is compiled from the complaint reports. The reports are then classified according to districts and a record sent to the various district captains, thereby keeping them informed as to the activities in their respective districts daily. After the complaints have been thus handled they are indexed according to the name of the complainant, given a department number, indexed under the officer's number and also classified as to the nature of crime, then permanently filed according to the department number.

DETECTIVES' DAILY REPORTS

Detectives, Detective Sergeants and Policewomen are required to submit a daily report showing the work performed by them during the previous twenty-four hours. This report shows in detail all arrests made, court attendance, accounts of local investigations made, property recovered, investigations of communications received

from other jurisdictions, cases cleared, dispositions of cases and arrests, together with any other special duties performed. These daily reports are received by the Bureau of Identification, where they are carefully checked and the figures transferred onto monthly cards. The totals of the items on the monthly cards are in turn transferred to an annual card, so that the work of each detective, detective sergeant and policewoman is classified in detail, which at a moment's notice furnishes a good comprehension of the individual's work performed during the entire year. The results contained on the annual cards are then transferred to an annual report for the entire Detective Bureau. The Bureau of Identification handled approximately 21,960 daily detectives' reports, 732 policewomen's daily reports, 1830 detective sergeant's reports, 220 monthly cards and 50 annual cards during the year 1928.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the year 1928 there were 2530 criminal warrants indexed and filed. Under this system the index card is not destroyed after a warrant has been served or withdrawn, but is placed in 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 the file, thus making it possible for the Bureau to state positively at all times whether or not a man is wanted.

All miscellaneous circulars are indexed and filed in the Bureau of Identification. Every circular giving any kind of information which might be sought at some future date is indexed and filed together with the correspondence. In other words, all information received by the Bureau of Identification is systematically recorded; nothing is thrown away.

In 1928 there were 520 death and accident reports, suicide and attempted suicide reports filed; 286 prisoner releases filed; 366 reports made to the Chief of Police, and about 2900 reports to the district commanders. Reports on applications for second-hand dealers and pawnbrokers' licenses amounting to 300 were indexed. 5000 reports of prisoners taken to the Detective Bureau were filed alphabetically in the Bureau of Identification.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The following report on traffic accidents in the City of Milwaukee during the year 1928 is a summary of all accidents reported to the Traffic Bureau

The accidents in this report have been grouped by nature and cause, and in order that the numerous types would not become too complicated for analytical purposes they are divided into four groups:

1. Collisions involving motor and horse-drawn vehicles
2. Collisions involving street cars and trains
3. Collisions involving pedestrians or children
4. Miscellaneous collisions

The analysis for the year 1928 includes 11,472 accidents of all kinds, as compared with 12,135 in 1927 and 11,834 in 1926. This is a decrease of 3.6% over 1926 and 5.5% over 1927. Although the reduction is fairly small, it must not be overlooked that this is the first year that a reduction in the total number has been shown.

The following tabulation has been prepared to show the relative weight of the various causes and is quite interesting when compared with the ratio for previous years.

	Number of Accidents					Percent of Total				
	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924
Intersection										
Collisions	3744	4301	4039	3261	2488	32.6	25.5	34.1	34.9	25.7
Rear End										
Collisions	139	476	867	684	585	1.2	3.9	7.3	7.3	8.2
Violation of										
Law	870	921	949	722	519	7.6	7.6	8.2	7.7	7.3
Carelessness										
of Driver	3622	3101	2249	1619	1217	31.6	25.5	18.9	17.3	17.1
Condition of										
Vehicle or										
Road	433	562	797	652	490	3.8	4.6	6.7	7.0	6.9
Incompetency										
of Drivr.	20	67	80	112	50	.2	.6	.7	1.2	.7
To avoid an-										
other Acc.	71	155	333	275	274	.6	1.3	2.8	2.9	3.8
Child. play-										
ing in str.	753	696	601	591	439	6.6	5.7	5.1	6.3	6.1
Jaywalking or										
running for										
str. car	1024	956	815	654	458	9.0	7.9	6.9	7.0	6.4
Crossing str.										
thru traff.	159	43	69	121	43	1.4	.4	.6	1.3	.6
Struck by ve-										
hicle turn-										
ing corner	86	100	148	144	100	.7	.8	1.2	1.5	1.2
Miscell'ous	448	549	646	225	120	3.9	4.5	5.5	2.5	1.7
Cause Unde-										
termined	98	208	242	284	326	.8	1.7	2.0	3.1	4.7

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NOTE: The total number of accidents for the year 1928, as shown in the above tabulation, differs by 3,357 with the total of our report (Table I, next page) This difference is accounted for by the fact that since July 1, 1927, the minor accident reports (where property damage does not exceed \$25.00) are listed, but are not figured in on our detailed report.

TABLE 1.

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS BY MONTHS
FOR FIVE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1928

Months	Number of Accidents					Percent Increase or Decrease			
	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1925 over 1924	1926 over 1925	1927 over 1926	1928 over 1927
January	333	615	836	826	563	85	36	1*	32*
February	358	488	886	805	496	36	81	9*	38*
March	435	550	836	925	532	26	52	10	42*
April	596	699	732	1017	534	17	5	28	47*
May	667	760	967	1105	484	14	27	12	56*
June	395	803	997	1138	612	35	24	13	46*
July	638	806	1038	1067	734	26	29	2½	31*
August	681	854	1141	1068	721	25	33	7	32*
September	680	841	1092	1007	898	24	30	7½*	11*
October	722	1058	1282	1152	836	46	21	10	27*
November	716	928	1184	678	849	29	28	46*	20
December	688	942	843	750	856	37	11*	11*	12
	7109	9344	11834	11538	8115	31	27	2.5*	29*

INCREASE OF AUTOMOBILES FROM YEAR 1921 TO AND INCLUDING
YEAR 1928

The registrations of automobiles (by thousands) in Milwaukee County by years, since 1921, are as follows:

Year	Thousands of Cars	Increase in thousands over previous year	Increase %
1921	50	--	--
1922	61	11	22
1923	78	17	28
1924	106	28	36
1925	118	12	11
1926	133	15	12
1927	135	2	1
1928	145	10	7

*Increase 1928 over 1921

TABLE 11

SUMMARY OF ALL ACCIDENTS BY

Code No.	Description	NATURE AND CAUSE				Total	Percent of Total	Number of Injuries	Injuries per 1000 accidents - 1923	Injuries per 1000 accidents - 1927	Injuries per 1000 accidents - 1925
		Motor Vehicles	Street & Highways	Pedestrians & Children	Miscellaneous						
1.	Intersection Collisions	3492	252	--	--	3744	32.6	918	245	224	132
2.	Rear end collisions	105	34	--	--	139	1.2	23	155	84	63
3.	Violation of Law	670	81	48	71	870	7.6	349	402	416	319
4.	Carelessness of Driver	3197	410	7	8	3622	31.6	531	146	110	193
5.	Condition of vehicle or rd.	281	56	22	79	438	3.8	76	173	213	162
6.	Incompetency of Driver	6	1	3	10	20	.2	10	500	433	300
7.	To avoid another acc.	14	3	5	49	71	.6	40	563	266	285
8.	Children playing in street	--	--	753	--	753	6.6	755	1002	982	955
9.	Jaywalking or running for street car	--	--	1024	--	1024	9.0	1048	1023	980	963
10.	Crossing street thru traffic	--	--	159	--	159	1.4	171	1071	1068	956
11.	Struck by vehicle turning corner	--	--	86	--	86	.7	93	1080	1150	939
12.	Miscellaneous	--	--	1	447	448	3.9	162	361	412	447
13.	Cause undetermined	--	--	98	--	98	.8	106	1071	1000	922
Totals		7765	837	2206	664	11472	100.0	4281	373	341	324

TABLE III

SUMMARY OF COLLISIONS OF MOTOR
OR HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLES

Code No.	Description	Automobiles	Automobiles & Trucks	Motor Vehicles and bicycles	Other motor or horse-drawn vehicles	Total 1928	Total 1927	Total 1926	Percent Increase or Decrease 1928 over 1927	Percent Increase or Decrease 1927 over 1926
1.	Intersection collisions	2644	715	43	90	3492	3963	3666	12*	8
2.	Rear end collisions	71	29	1	4	105	396	715	72*	45*
3.	Violations of Law	557	92	4	17	670	712	751	6*	5*
4.	Carelessness of vehicle driver	2356	665	57	119	3197	2680	1609	19	67
5.	Condition of vehicle or road	202	71	2	6	281	376	445	25*	15*
6.	Incompetency of driver	5	-	-	1	6	24	43	75*	44*
7.	To avoid another accident	9	3	1	1	14	51	162	72*	68*
	Totals	5844	1575	108	238	7765	8202	7391	5*	11

TABLE IV

SUMMARY OF COLLISIONS OF MOVING
VEHICLES WITH STREET CARS OR TRAINS

Code No.	Description	Street cars or Trains & Autos	Street cars or Trains & Trucks	Other street car or train collisions	Total 1926	Total 1927	Total 1928	Percent Increase or Decrease 1926 over 1927	Percent Increase or Decrease 1927 over 1928
1.	Intersection collisions	195	41	16	252	338	373	25*	9*
2.	Rear end collisions	29	3	2	34	80	152	57*	47*
3.	Violation of Law	72	5	4	81	54	51	50	6
4.	Carelessness of Vehicle Drivers	329	50	31	410	384	350	7	10
5.	Condition of vehicle or road	46	8	2	56	100	153	44*	39*
6.	Incompetency of driver	--	1	--	1	3	2	67*	60
7.	To avoid another accident	3	-	-	3	13	29	77*	55*
		674	108	55	837	972	1112	14*	12*

TABLE V

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS IN WHICH ADULT
PEDESTRIANS OR CHILDREN ARE STRUCK

Code No.	Description	Adult Pedestrians	Children	Total 1928	Total 1927	Total 1926	Percent Increase or Decrease 1928 over 1927	Percent Increase or Decrease 1927 over 1926
3.	Violation of Law	39	9	48	81	69	41*	20
4.	Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	6	1	7	32	154	78*	80*
5.	Condition of vehicle or rd.	21	1	22	22	36	--	39*
6.	Incompetency of driver	2	1	3	8	7	63*	14
7.	To avoid another accident	5	-	5	13	16	61*	18*
8.	Children playing in street	-	753	753	696	601	8	16
9.	Jaywalking or running for street car	1024	-	1024	956	815	7	17
10.	Crossing street thru traffic	141	18	159	43	68	270	37*
11.	Struck by vehicle turning corner	71	15	86	100	148	14*	32*
12.	Miscellaneous	1	--	1	8	1	875*	700
13.	Cause Undetermined	91	7	98	208	241	53*	13*
	Totals	1401	805	2206	2167	2156	1.8	0.5

TABLE VI

SUMMARY OF MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTS

Code No.	Description	Total 1928	Total 1927	Total 1926	Percent Increase or Decrease 1928 over 1927	Percent Increase or Decrease 1927 over 1926
3.	Violation of Law	71	74	73	4*	5*
4.	Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	8	5	136	60	96
5.	Condition of vehicle or road	79	64	161	23	60*
6.	Incompetency of driver	10	32	28	69*	14
7.	To avoid another acc.	49	73	126	37*	33*
12.	Miscellaneous	417	541	646	17*	16*
	Totals	664	794	1175	16*	32*

TABLE VII

SUMMARY OF FATAL ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE

	1923	1927	1926	1925
Intersection collisions	15	13	14	7
Violation of Law	2	8	5	10
Carelessness of vehicle driver	4	2	9	8
Condition of vehicle or road	1	1	6	4
Incompetency of driver	-	2	-	1
To avoid another accident	1	1	-	-
Children playing in street	19	19	17	19
Jaywalking or running for street car	68	44	37	26
Struck by vehicle turning corner	2	6	3	1
Pedestrian intoxicated	-	-	-	1
Walking thru traffic	3	-	-	2
Miscellaneous	12	4	11	2
Cause undetermined	5	10	29	20
Totals	132	110	131	101

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS FOR
TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

	1928	1927
Angle parking	64	76
Automobile for hire license	-	1
Bridge ordinance	7	3
Cruising ordinance	2	2
Disregarding traffic officer's signal	399	273
Driving on sidewalk	51	37
Driving on wrong side of street	9	9
Driving over fire hose	3	12
Driving through funeral procession	4	5
Driving while intoxicated	515	502
Drivers' license ordinance	132	-
Excessive speed passing school house	-	2
Failing to keep to the right	33	57
Failing to stop after injury	13	18
Leaving horse unhitched	2	-
Manslaughter	2	6
More than three persons in auto driver's seat	33	245
Motor running unattended	221	177
No flag on extended load	1	1
No name on truck	45	3
No signal device	2	1
Obstructing traffic	1541	1190
Obstructing fire hydrant	37	50
Parking	4117	2331
Parking without lights	3	14
Parking left side of street	91	35
Passing street car discharging passengers	143	175
Passing vehicle on wrong side	52	35
Passing vehicles on bridge	2	-
Reckless driving	390	352
Riding on running board of automobile	16	3
Speeding-automobile	2461	2637
Speeding-motorcycle	23	45
Speeding-truck	331	345
Turning to left of intersection	157	103
Turning without giving signal	27	26
Unnecessary noise	5	5
Violating arterial highway stop law	1719	2705
Violating automobile license number law	115	76
Violating automobile smoke ordinance	1	1
Violating barrier ordinance	3	40
Violating boulevard law	29	41
Violating headlight law	333	248
Violating horn law	35	1
Violating muffler law	67	164
Violating night parking ordinance	1533	1401
Violating one way street ordinance	16	153
Violating park rules	34	19
Violating right of way ordinance	-	6
Violating safety zone ordinance	33	35

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS (Continued)

	1928	1927
Violating speedometer law	12	3
Violating Stop and Go signal ordinance	1212	1123
Violating tail light law	292	27
Violating truck ordinance	9	2
Violating U turn ordinance	234	-
Running off scheduled route	-	2
Violating cab bond ordinance	1	-
Broken tires on truck	1	-
Total	17,284	15,888

DISPOSITION OF CASES

	1928	1927
Dismissed by court	193	162
Released for want of sufficient evidence	1	4
Fined	18844	15580
Imprisoned	7	8
Sentence Suspended	204	153
Total	17,254	15,907

TOTAL BAIL ACCEPTED DURING THE
YEAR 1928

January	\$ 14,486.30
February	13,748.01
March	14,722.08
April	14,576.36
May	13,132.59
June	12,645.60
July	15,435.06
August	14,094.03
September	10,150.33
October	11,751.71
November	12,351.73
December	11,857.38
Total	\$ 159,562.23

The consistency shown during the years 1924, 1925 and 1926 is quite impressive, but the years 1927 and 1928 reveal a shifting of weight in the causes. Most noticeable among these are INTERSECTION COLLISIONS, REAR END COLLISIONS and COLLISIONS due to CARELESSNESS OF DRIVER.

The shifting of Intersection Collisions to Carelessness of Driver is accounted for to some extent by the fact that careful reports are made by the Traffic Bureau and it is possible to analyze the accident as to cause much better than in previous years.

It will be noted in the tabulation that one cause which has been constantly growing is "JAYWALKING". It is true that the driver must be alert at all times, but in comparing the increases and decreases in the various causes, it appears that the driver is attempting to reduce accidents and that the pedestrian needs regulation.

INTERSECTION COLLISIONS have been divided into three distinct types--Right Angle, where two vehicles approach at right angles and continue in their original line of travel; Left turns, where a vehicle being operated in any direction, turns on another street to go in a direction left of that originally traveled; and, Right Turns, whereby the driver turns to the right at the intersection. The number of accidents are, to a certain extent, in proportion to the number of times intersections are crossed and the number of times turns in either direction are made. Right Angle Collisions would, of course, exceed the number of collisions caused by turning as there usually is no reduction in speed, whereas, when turns are contemplated, the driver slows down. Concurrently, the collisions caused by left turns would exceed those caused by turning to the right, as in the first case it would be necessary to cross several lanes of traffic, whereas the right turn, when properly executed, does not cross any traffic lanes, but merely turns into and follows the line of travel.

A total of 3,197 collisions were attributed to carelessness in some form or another, such as--passing another vehicle too closely, hitting a parked vehicle, backing car without proper precaution, turning in the middle of the block, driving out of an alley or driveway, or out of a filling station into moving traffic, or, falling asleep at the wheel. This is an increase of 517 collisions over the year 1927 and 1,588 collisions over the year 1926. Considering the decrease in the total number of accidents, it is quite obvious that the drivers are not aware of the danger which is present between intersections.

The total number of accidents in which both adults and children were struck, numbered 2,206 as compared with 2,167 in 1927 and 2,156 in 1926, or an increase of 1.8% over 1927 and 2.3% over 1926. This is the only group of the four classes of accidents which show an increase in the total number during the year 1928, and as these accidents always involve personal injury, it is the group in which we are most desirous of showing a decrease.

There were thirty-nine children and nine adults struck by vehicles in which the drivers violated some law, such as Speeding and Driving Recklessly. Careless drivers struck six children and one adult. Condition of vehicle or road was responsible for striking twenty-one children and one adult. Drivers trying to avoid another accident struck a total of five children. Crossing street through traffic resulted in one hundred and forty-one children and eighteen adults being struck.

The general trend of injuries and resulting fatalities since 1923 is shown in the following tabulation:

Year	Total Accidents	Total Injuries	Total Deaths	Accidents per Injury	Accidents per Death
1923	6241	2655	72	2.3	86.5
1924	7109	2505	96	2.8	74.0
1925	9344	3496	101	2.6	92.3
1926	11834	3845	131	3.1	90.3
1927	12135	4135	110	2.9	110.3
1928	11472	4281	132	2.7	86.9

The number of accidents per injury decreased six-tenths of an accident in 1928 and the number of accidents per death decreased 23.4 accidents. Although progress has been shown in the reduction of accidents, it appears that accidents which can be classed as serious, are increasing. In 1924, the analysis showed one death to every 26 injuries; in 1925 one death to every 34.6 injuries; in 1926 one death to every 29.3 injuries; in 1927 one death to every 37.6 injuries and in 1928 one death to every 32.4 injuries.

The analysis of accidents for the year 1928 show very satisfactory results in a decrease in total number. This, however, is offset, to a large extent, by the increase shown in injuries and fatalities. The increase in accidents has we believe been curbed, but the drivers and pedestrians (both adult and children) should all cooperate during the year 1929 in reducing the intensity of collisions and show similar reductions in injuries and fatalities in order that the City of Milwaukee may show a saving of life during the year 1929 as they obviously have in property during 1928.

The Traffic Sign and Paint Shop reports the following activities:

Safety zones repainted	1433
Signs repainted	888
Signs made and painted (new work)	2543
Safety zone markers put out	27
Signs painted on pavement	201
Signal lanterns repaired or replaced	826
Miles of safety zone lines painted	69

The personnel of the Traffic Bureau is as follows:

Office

- 1 Captain
- 1 Desk Sergeant
- 2 Clerks (Policemen)
- 4 Clerk-Stenographers
- 2 Clerks

Street Duty

- 4 Patrol Sergeants
- 106 Traffic Patrolmen
- 42 Motorcycle Patrolmen
- 2 Patrolmen in Shop

P E R S O N N E L

On January 1, 1928, this department was granted an increase of 1 Deputy Inspector of Police, 1 Captain of Police, 2 Lieutenants of Police, 1 Detective Sergeant, 2 Detectives, 7 Patrol Sergeants, 3 Desk Sergeants, 35 Patrolmen, 1 Police Matron, 2 Alarm Operators, 2 Senior Clerk-Stenographers, 1 Police Stenographer-Reporter, 2 Senior Clerks and 1 Janitor.

The personnel of the department is as follows:

- 1 Chief of Police
- 1 Inspector of Police
- 1 Deputy Inspector of Police

Uniform Division

- 10 Captains of Police
- 7 Lieutenants of Police
- 54 Patrol Sergeants
- 22 Desk Sergeants
- 817 Patrolmen

Detective Division

- 1 Captain of Detectives
- 1 Lieutenant of Detectives
- 6 Sergeants of Detectives
- 55 Detectives

Bureau of Identification

- 1 Superintendent
- 1 Fingerprint Operator
- 1 Police Photographer
- 1 Property Clerk
- 1 Police Reporter-Stenographer
- 2 Senior Clerk-Stenographers
- 2 Senior Clerks

Secretarial Division

- 1 Secretary
- 2 Assistant Secretaries
- 1 Police Reporter-Steno.
- 4 Senior Clerk-Stenographers
- 3 Senior Clerks

Medical Bureau

- 1 Chief Surgeon
- 4 Surgeons

Police Alarm System

- 1 Chief Operator
- 20 Operators

Women's Division

- 2 Policewomen
- 7 Police Matrons

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED

Africa	1
Albania	28
Argentina	3
Armenia	10
Arabia	1
Austria-Hungary (Including Czee and Jugo-Slav, and Bohemia)	1545
Australia	5
Belgium	7
Brazil	2
Bulgaria	17
Canada	126
China	12
Croatia	9
Denmark	62
England	89
France	15
Finland	76
Germany	1423
Greece	342
Holland	21
Honolulu (Hawaii)	1
Ireland	163
Italy	379
Palestine	3
Korea	2
Lithuania	54
Mexico	276
Norway	203
Persia	2
Poland	1268
Philippine Islands	2
Portugal	16
Roumania	26
Russia	795
Serbia	35
South America	3
Spain	7
Syria	11
Switzerland	85
Scotland	35
Sweden	177
Turkey	47
United States	28935
Wales	2
West Indies	3
 Total	 36,324

R E C A P I T U L A T I O N

	Number	Percent
United States	28,935	79.66
Austria-Hungary (Including Czec-Jugo-Slav and Bohemia)	1,545	4.25
Germany	1,423	3.92
Poland	1,268	3.49
Russia	795	2.19
Italy	379	1.04
Greece	342	.94
Mexico	276	.76
Norway	203	.56
Sweden	177	.49
Ireland	163	.45
Canada	126	.35
All other countries	692	1.90
	36,324	100.00

A G E O F P E R S O N S A R R E S T E D

Under 17 years		241
Between 17 and 21		3113
" 21 30		12456
" 30 40		10929
" 40 50		6464
" 50 60		2332
" 60 70		671
" 70 80		103
" 80 90		5
Total		36,324

S O C I A L C O N D I T I O N S

Married	16,075
Single	20,249
Total	36,324

R A C E

Caucasian	34,735
African	1,460
Copper	110
Yellow	19

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS

Charge	1927	1928	Increase	Decrease
Abandoning family	365	440	75	
Adultery	54	50		4
Assault and battery	597	596		1
Assault with intent to do great bodily harm	59	44		15
Assault with intent to kill	19	12		7
Assault with intent to rob	80	64		16
Burglary	153	210	57	
Carrying concealed weapons	40	60	20	
Common Drunkard	423	350		73
Contributing to delinquency of child	19	27	8	
Disorderly conduct	2221	1974		247
Drunkenness	3958	4577	619	
Drunk and disorderly	3361	3567	206	
Embezzlement	86	73		13
False pretense	64	50		14
Forgery and fraudulent issue of bank check	279	330	51	
Fornication	18	12		6
Fugitive from justice	349	339		10
Homicide	19	13		6
Inmate of disorderly house	1324	1010		314
Inmate of gambling house	340	635	295	
Keeping disorderly house	540	473		67
Keeping gambling house	24	92	68	
Larceny, as bailor	107	93		14
Larceny, from person	39	19		20
Larceny, grand	393	313		80
Larceny, petit	223	267	44	
Lewd and lascivious behavior	81	157	76	
Operating automobile while intoxicated	515	541	26	
Rape	139	107		32
Receiving stolen property	28	15		13
Removing mortgaged property	29	37	8	
Reckless driving	806	941	135	
Taking automobile without owner's consent	70	63		7
Threatening to kill	18	16		2
Trespassing on railroad property	105	54		51
Vagrancy	790	849	59	
Violating automobile speed ordinance	2962	2797		165
Violating automobile number law	73	84	11	
Violating health law	58	39		19
Violating license laws	34	178	144	
Violating motorcycle speed law	39	20		19
Violating rules of the road ordinance	10983	10582		401
Violating Severson Law and liquor ord.	426	646	220	
All other cases	2003	3528	1525	
Total	34,313	36,324	3,627	1,616
Net increase		2,011		
No. of females arrested, 1927		2,521		
No. of females arrested, 1928		2,201		
Decrease		320		

EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
POSITION OF PATROLMAN

	January 11, 1928	February 15, 1928	March 22, 1928	July 11, 1928	October 17, 1928
Number of applicants	65	59	64	99	75
Failed	42	44	46	22	42
Passed	23	14	18	23	15
Rejected by Medical Examiners	7	-	3	34	17
Appointed	16	14	15	23	14
Declined appointment					1

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M I S C E L L A N E O U S S E R V I C E

Accidents investigated	1,631	1,033	1,771	649	1,639	832	315	5,348	13,218
Ambulance calls	1,463	1,180	1,720			3			4,366
Complaints investigated	44,512	2,815	5,495	2,033	8,004	2230	875	1,141	27,105
Defective sidewalks and streets reported to Dept of Public Wks	3,389	188	872	962	3,877	653	270		10,211
Destitute persons cared for	17	33				3			53
Doors reported open	275	90	115	29	42	39	16		606
Drowned bodies recovered	5	5		3	1				14
First aid rendered	385	620	210	38	41	62	22	18	1,396
Insane persons taken into custody	2	1	4	11	2	13	1		34
Letters and communications inv.	14,348	7,732	10,436	5,814	628	5984	1549	527	47,018
License applications invest'd	844	644	1,098	475	989	470	18		4,538
Liquor law investigations	331	1,531	1,241	968	1293	957	135		6,456
Lodgers accommodated	145	1,180	161	269	149	179	11		2,094
Lost children restored to parents	227	211	113	219	421	142	47	6	1,386
Official letters delivered	67,177	16,871	37,327	9,806	31,730	15748	4130	6,363	189,152
Official notices served	5,074	3,099	6,076	3,393	17,051	3163	634	267	38,757
Patrol wagon calls	4,386	3,027	3,573	1,418	1,721	1228	294		15,647
Persons rescued from drowning	6	1							7
Persons reported missing	483	113	264	149	128	123	19		1,279
Sick and injured conveyed	1,721	1,483	2,015	145	262	81	15	1,919	7,641

COMPLAINTS AGAINST OFFICERS

For violation of the rules and regulations and action taken by the Chief of Police
upon trial

1	Patrolman	Being disrespectful to a superior officer and not properly patrolling beat	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 days off suspended
2	Patrolman	Being disrespectful to a superior officer and not properly patrolling beat	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Drinking while in uniform and on duty	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Drinking while in uniform and on duty	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Educational and mental incompetency	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to report for roll-call	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly reports	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and sleeping while on duty	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and sleeping while on duty	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and sleeping while on duty	Fined 10 days' pay and 3 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and Sleeping while on duty	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
2	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and intoxication	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders and intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Detective	Intoxication	Fined 20 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
2	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay
2	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 days off suspended
3	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Leaving beat without permission	Fined 15 days' pay
2	Patrolman	Neglect of duty	Dismissed
2	Patrolman	Neglect of duty	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Neglect of duty	Fined 2 days' pay and 3 days off suspended
1	Detective	Neglect of duty	Fined 2 days' pay
1	Detective	Neglect of duty	2 days' off suspended
1	Desk Sgt.	Neglect of duty	Reprimanded
3	Patrolman	Neglect of duty	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Neglect of duty and untruthfulness	Fined 20 days' pay

1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and drinking	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Pat. Sgt.	Not properly patrolling beat and falsifying departmental reports	Demoted to patrolman
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and untruthfulness	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and neglect of duty	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and failing to make hourly reports	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 days off suspended
12	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty	Fined 5 days' pay
13	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined 20 days' pay and assigned to night duty
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined five days' pay and 3 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined 3 days' pay
2	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Fined 2 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	2 days' off suspended
2	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct	Reprimanded
7	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and intoxication	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay and 10 days off suspended
2	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and neglect of duty	Dismissed
2	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct, intoxication and untruthfulness	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and neglect of duty	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 days off suspended

3	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and not properly patrolling beat	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and not properly patrolling beat	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and untruthfulness	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Unbecoming conduct and untruthfulness	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 days off suspended
1	Patrolman	Untruthfulness	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Untruthfulness	Fined 2 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Using unnecessary force in making an arrest	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 days suspended
1	Patrolman	Using unnecessary force in making an arrest	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Using unnecessary force in making an arrest	Fined 2 days' pay and 2 days suspended

POLICE ALARM DIVISION

The telephone system of the department embodies 19 trunk lines connected directly with the local Telephone Company. The switchboards 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 switchboards are in operation. Approximately 1,185,000 calls were handled by the Alarm Bureau over the trunk lines during the year 1928. In addition, 2,145,340 calls were handled over the department's own system.

MEDICAL BUREAU

The Medical Bureau of this department consists of 5 Police Surgeons. During the year 1928, 655 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, and also to estimate the possible duration thereof. In all cases of sudden deaths, suicides or attempted suicides, criminal assaults, murders or fatal accidents, a member of the Medical Bureau is detailed to make investigation.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL

The Police Training School in this department was established in May, 1923, for the purpose of education and instruction of all members of the department in matters pertaining and essential to the service. Courses of instruction include Criminal Law, City Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Department, Department, Discipline, Evidence and its proper presentation in court cases, Observation, First Aid to the Injured, Hygiene, Military Courtesy and Drill, and Revolver and Target Practice. The School is under the immediate supervision and control of a police captain, whose method of instruction is in conformity with a course established by the Chief of Police. All the principles of First Aid are taught under the direction and supervision of the Medical Bureau of this Department. Newly appointed members in the department are required to attend the school for three hours each morning for the first thirty days for theoretical training, and travel with an older member for five hours each evening to receive practical experience. After the thirty day period, all members are required to attend the school once each week. Examinations are given at intervals for the purpose of determining the efficiency of members. During the year 1928, 118 lives were saved as a result of first aid treatment rendered by members of the department.

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORCE

	Total	1st Dist.	2nd Dist.	3rd Dist.	4th Dist.	5th Dist.	6th Dist.	7th Dist.	Traffic Bureau	Detective Bureau	Identification Bureau
Chief of Police	1	1									
Inspector of Police	1	1									
Deputy Inspec. of Police	1	1									
Captain of Detectives	1									1	
Lieutenant of Detectives	1									1	
Captain of Police	9	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Lieutenant of Police	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Detective Sergeant	6									6	
Detective	51									51	
Patrol Sergeant	54	11	6	9	6	6	6	6	4		
Desk Sergeant	22	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	1		
Patrolman, day duty	182	41	19	36	21	24	23	18			
Patrolman, night duty	366	101	40	78	39	38	33	35			
Patrolman, wagon duty	42	6	6	6	6	6	6	6			
Patrolman, ambulance	12	4	4	4							
Patrolman, chauffeur	4	4									
Patrolman, post duty	6	6									
Patrolman, traffic	107								107		
Patrolman, motorcycle	48	3						3	42		
Patrolman, special duty	29	5	3	3		2	2	2	4	8	2
Supt. of Identification	1										1
Secretary	1	1									
Assistant Secretary	2	2									
Police Reporter-Steno.	2	1									1
Senior Clerk-Steno.	5	1							3		1
Senior Clerk	5	1							3		2
Photographer	1										1
Fingerprint Operator	1										1
Property Clerk	1										1
Police Surgeon	5	1	1	1	1	1					
Chief Operator	1	1									
Operator	20	8	6	6							
Police Matron	7	3	2	2							
Policewoman	2	2									
Janitor	10	4	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Total	1,014	214	93	151	79	83	76	76	165	67	10