

ANNUAL REPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
FOR THE YEAR
1931

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SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The attention of the entire nation was focused on the Milwaukee Police Department during the past year as the result of the favorable comments and reports on the effectiveness and efficiency of the department by various groups studying the crime situation and law enforcement. The city continued to enjoy a comparatively low crime rate despite the general economic and lawless conditions existing throughout the United States.

There was an actual decrease in the number of criminal complaints received by the department in 1931 compared to 1930, from 12,397 to 11,596, or 6.5%.

The property loss as the result of crime showed a big decrease in 1931. The value of property stolen during the year was \$708,847.00 as compared with \$1,191,283.00 stolen during 1930, a decrease of \$485,436.00 of which \$533,648.00 was recovered, or 75%.

Assaults and robberies decreased 26% during 1931 over 1930, from 190 to 140 cases, of which 60% were cleared. Property stolen was \$18,574 in 1931, as against \$41,330 in 1930. This small loss may be attributed to the fact that the crimes were committed by amateurs and not by organized gangs.

Automobiles stolen in the city of Milwaukee during 1931 numbered 1,258 as compared with 2,311 during 1930, a decrease of 45%. All but 54 cars were recovered. Most of these cars not recovered were of little value and stolen for the parts only. 133 automobiles valued at \$51,475, stolen outside Milwaukee, were recovered here and turned over to their lawful owners.

The number of homicides in Milwaukee during 1931 was comparatively small and none the result of professional criminal activities. There occurred during the year six murders, four manslaughters, and five justifiable homicides (persons responsible for the latter exonerated by a coroner's jury).

The activities of pickpockets in the city during 1931 was almost nil, there being only four complaints for the entire year. This is very significant for the reason that this type of crime is invariably committed by professional thieves.

The total number of arrests for 1931 were 41,073 compared to 41,534 in 1930, a decrease of 1%.

TABLE I

MAJOR OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	T O T A L
Murder	1		1		1			1	1		1		6
Inslaughter				1	2					1			4
Auto		1	1				3	2	1	1	1		10
Robbery	11	14	13	17	10	4	10	13	6	23	9	10	140
Aggravated Assault	2	2	7	5	6	5	3		5	3	6	4	48
Burglary	129	130	100	118	112	82	63	94	83	81	88	89	1159
Larceny \$50 & over	41	33	54	59	59	49	62	37	52	52	37	62	597
Larceny \$50 & under	300	248	286	344	362	275	369	271	380	268	285	302	3690
Auto Larceny	110	67	114	93	111	112	92	98	99	150	103	109	1256
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HOMICIDES

1931

Murders

Rachel Cleveland, negress, was shot and killed about 3:30 a.m., on January 10, 1931, by the negro with whom she had been living as man and wife, James Nelson. The shooting occurred in their home at 351 W. Galena Street, and the occasion was a quarrel in which Nelson accused the woman of smoking marijuana cigarettes. Nelson has not been apprehended up to the present time.

Samuel Riser, negro, was stabbed with a pocket knife by his common law wife, Lillian May Jones, negress, age 24, alias "Dolly" May Jones, about 9:30 p.m., on March 2, 1931, at 816 W. Reservoir Avenue, as the climax of a quarrel between them. Riser died at the County Emergency Hospital at 3:40 a.m., March 3. Mrs. Jones was arrested at 10 p.m., March 2, at the scene of the murder. She was sentenced April 21, 1931, in Municipal Court, to serve fourteen years in the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, on a charge of Murder, second degree.

Frank Aiello, 29 years old, while playing cards with two relatives in his home, 2476A S. 18th Street, was assassinated by an unknown man who stood outside a window of his home. The assailant fired a bullet from a sawed-off shotgun through the window at about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, and fled in a small coupe automobile. Evidence in the case pointed toward Angelo LaMantia as the assailant and a Murder warrant has been issued for him. LaMantia is a dealer in bootleg liquor, a hijacker, and a dangerous character with a criminal record, and up to the present time he has eluded capture.

John White, negro, 23 years old, rooming at 1530 N. Tenth Street, came home shortly after midnight on August 29 in an inebriated condition. William Thomas Johnson, 21 years old, another negro rooming there, objected to White's conduct, which started a quarrel. The quarrel ended in a fight with knives on the street at N. Ninth and W. Somers, where White was fatally stabbed in the abdomen at about 2:20 a.m. Johnson was arrested at 2:20 a.m. near the scene of the stabbing. He had a previous criminal record. His case was taken to Municipal Court and on November 13 he was sentenced to from fourteen to eighteen years in the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, on a charge of Murder, second degree.

Mabel Oien, age 19, was shot and instantly killed by her jealous lover, Arvin A. Anderson, age 29, at her home at 1439 N. 49th Street. The shooting occurred at about 3:30 p.m., September 12, 1931. Anderson left a note at the home stating his intention to commit suicide but instead escaped to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he surrendered to police about two weeks later. His case was taken to Municipal Court and he was sentenced to from fourteen to twenty-five years in the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, on a charge of Murder.

Mrs. Martha Wienserski, 2321 S. 35th Street, was shot and seriously wounded by her estranged husband, Frank Wienserski. Mrs. Wienserski died from the wounds inflicted. Wienserski is at present at the County Hospital recovering from self-inflicted wounds. A murder warrant awaits him when he is discharged from that institution.

Manslaughter

Florian Polak, age 14, of 2322 W. Maple Street, was playing with some boys in the alley in the rear of 2301 W. Maple Street, on April 23, 1931, and about 5 p.m., during a quarrel, Chester Wozyk, age 13, struck Florian over the head with a baseball bat. The boy died of a fractured skull at 2:40 a.m., April 24, at the Johnston Emergency Hospital. At first it was not known that Florian was very seriously injured. Chester Wozyk was arrested at his home at 4 a.m., April 24, eleven hours after the assault. He was committed by the Juvenile Court on May 1, 1931, to be confined in the Saint Charles Boys' Home until eighteen years of age.

Frank Gagnia, alias "Curley", was struck by Thomas Gallagher, age 42, about 12:50 p.m., May 13, 1931, in a room where there were several other men engaged in a drunken brawl, in the Thompson Hotel, 300 W. Florida Street. Gagnia died that afternoon. Edward Posta was arrested at 3:05 p.m., May 13, and Gallagher was arrested at 4:15 p.m. the same day, three hours and twenty-five minutes after the assault. Both were charged with Manslaughter. Posta's case was dismissed in Municipal Court on June 4 and Gallagher was sentenced June 13 in Municipal Court to serve one year in the House of Correction for Manslaughter, second degree.

Valentine Scorpinski, age 50, of 2560B S. 12th Street, was reported to have been in a fight about 11 p.m., May 23 in front of his home, with three young men who were seen arguing with him there. It seems he was struck and knocked down. He was pronounced dead at 3:05 a.m., May 30, at Johnston Emergency Hospital, a skull fracture being the cause of death. At first death was thought to have been accidental. Frank B. Ob-rski, 18 years old, was arrested at his home at 5:30 p.m., June 11, 1931, nineteen days after the assault, and was charged with Manslaughter, first degree. He was sentenced in Municipal Court on August 3, 1931, to serve from one to two years in the House of Correction for Manslaughter.

Anton Meeichalski, about 45 years old, died as a result of a fight with Kosmer Stachnik, age 18, in the soft drink parlor at 1978 S. 5th Street, which occurred at about 3:00 p.m., October 29, 1931. Meeichalski was drunk and so was Stachnik. Meeichalski was dead when the doctor arrived. Stachnik was arrested on October 30, charged with Manslaughter, and was found NOT GUILTY in a jury trial on December 3, 1931.

Justifiable Homicide

Matthew Kovach, age 37, while drunk and quarrelling with his wife, Mrs. Rose Kovach, age 34, whom he attacked with a table leg and threatened to kill, was stabbed by his wife with a broad knife about 7 p.m., February 13, 1931, at their home at 903 W. Somers Street. She surrendered to officers at 7:20 p.m., February 13, within twenty minutes of the killing. She was acquitted on February 17, 1931, by a coroner's jury.

Harry Prehn was shot by Patrolman George Reabe, Fifth District, on April 12, 1931, while attempting to escape after having been arrested for attempted rape on Ariene Torstenson, about 5 years of age. The shooting occurred at N. 14th and W. Clarke Streets. Prehn died April 27, 1931, from the wounds inflicted. Patrolman Reabe was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

John Hebel, 35, apprehended with a stolen car at 4:15 a.m., August 3, 1931, by Patrolman Arthur Wacholz at S. 37th and W. Hilda place, attempted to shoot it out. Patrolman Wacholz returned the fire and killed Hebel. With Hebel was Paul Schroeder, age 24. Schroeder picked up Hebel's gun after he dropped it and was also shot by Wacholz, though not seriously. Schroeder was later sentenced to ten to fifteen years on each of three counts of Assault & Robbery, to run concurrently.

Rubin Anderson, colored, shot while attempting to evade officers at 2:15 a.m., October 8, 1931, after shooting at his wife in their home at N. 7th and W. Violet Streets. Anderson was shot by Acting Detective Armin Pattengale after Anderson had shot at Pattengale twice and refused to heed the officer's command to stop. Anderson died the same day. Pattengale was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

Thomas Brady, 22, was shot and instantly killed by Andrew Toth, a druggist, whom he had attempted to hold up in his drug store at 223 E. Center Street, at about 9 a.m., October 30, 1931. Andrew Hammerer, Brady's partner, was also shot by Toth but not seriously. Hammerer was later sentenced to three to ten years for Assault and Robbery.

SUICIDES, ATTEMPTED SUICIDES AND SUDDEN DEATHS

There were 123 cases of suicide and 154 attempts at suicide during 1931.

Investigation indicated that suicides and attempted suicides of women were chiefly due to despondency caused by family quarrels or ill health. Many reasons were given for suicides or attempts on the part of males, some of the foremost being despondency due to failure in business, lack of employment, family quarrels, and ill health.

There were 224 investigations of sudden deaths, of which 176 were males and 48 females. The causes were principally heart trouble, apoplexy and alcoholism.

POLICE RADIO
W.P.D.K.

The operation of the radio squad car system, which was installed December 24, 1930, was responsible in some measure for the decrease in crime generally. Just what percentage of crime prevention was brought about by the operation of the radio squad car system is, of course, impossible to establish but it is very apparent that this new division of the service has proved a most potent instrument in combating crime and facilitating police work generally.

The city of Milwaukee is divided into nineteen radio squad districts and so numbered, with a radio equipped squad car patrolling each district throughout the twenty-four hours of the day. There are also two detective cruiser districts. Radio receiving sets have been installed on twenty-seven department automobiles, two motorcycles and the police motorboat. The neighboring municipalities and the Sheriff's Department have a total of twenty-one vehicles radio equipped, which are served by the facilities of W.P.D.K., giving complete coverage to the entire county.

The radio dispatcher is located at Headquarters in the police alarm operators' room, while the transmitter is at the Third District Station. Radio test calls are made every fifteen minutes, and if any squad car fails to get the call, they are required to telephone the radio operator immediately. When a call is sent out for a particular squad car, they must report back to the radio dispatcher within fifteen minutes. If they fail to do so, which seldom happens, the nearest squad car in the adjoining district is dispatched to the same location. The average run is made in less than two minutes, and a squad car can reach any location in its district within four minutes.

During 1931, there were 53,346 radio dispatches broadcast from this station, which included 23,146 orders to the city squad cars and 2,502 orders to the other squad cars in the county. The police radio squad car crews made 7,667 arrests for the year.

TABLE II

REPORT ON OPERATION OF RADIO STATION W.P.D.K.
AND SQUAD CARS - 1931

Month	Radio Dispatches	Orders to Squads	Runs Made
January	3,912	906	670
February	3,446	930	672
March	4,038	1,237	771
April	3,977	1,423	817
May	4,402	1,885 (103)*	953 (55)*
June	4,436	2,093 (173)*	1,082 (74)*
July	4,934	2,672 (221)*	1,388 (99)*
August	5,119	3,003 (353)*	1,511 (145)*
September	4,996	3,102 (450)*	1,496 (154)*
October	4,918	3,207 (397)*	1,480 (139)*
November	4,568	2,650 (395)*	1,536 (131)*
December	4,600	2,540 (405)*	1,476 (150)*
TOTAL	53,346	25,648 (2,502)*	13,852 (947)*

*Includes orders and runs to squad cars of county and suburbs.

TABLE III

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ARRESTS MADE BY RADIO SQUAD CAR
CREWS 1931

Offenses	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Murder					1			1					2
Manslaughter	1								1			1	3
Ass. & Battery	4	4	8	4	11	7	8	10	17	6	17	13	109
Ass. & Robbery	1	1	2		1	2	1	3	5	6	1		23
Peep	6		1		2	1	2		1	3	3		21
Burglary	18	9	8	10	5	6	11	13	7	1	8	19	115
Forg.; F.I.B.C.		1	4	5				3	3	1	3	1	21
Auto Thefts	3	5	5	6	3	4	5	6	2	8	5	2	54
Larceny	4	14	12	10	28	21	41	26	25	18	20	21	240
Vice			8		8	7	7	9	15	1	18	2	75
Other Crimes	12	8	9	13	14	27	15	25	19	20	19	12	193
Drunk; D & D	134	175	240	215	257	241	258	257	276	277	266	263	2859
Dis. Conduct	23	35	38	43	57	54	73	64	84	45	38	45	599
Vagrancy	3	19	10	5	2	3	11	9	29	29	7	18	145
Viol. other city ordinances			2	2	1		10	8		6	2	4	35
Pickup-Susp.	9	29	8	15	17	10	26	19	18	28	9	14	202
Traffic-Driving while intox.	7	24	19	26	21	15	9	20	19	11	19	11	201
Speeding	22	42	63	140	151	95	118	99	71	87	77	84	1049
Other Traf Viol.	67	95	114	209	194	148	181	124	132	156	151	150	1721
Total	314	461	552	704	773	641	776	696	724	703	663	660	7667

DETECTIVE BUREAU CLERICAL DIVISION

All criminal complaints and criminal correspondence are handled in the Detective Bureau Clerical Division. During 1931 there were approximately 4,040 letters and 2,214 telegrams received or sent out by the Clerical Division, together with hundreds of circulars. Approximately 22,000 index cards were required to properly index the correspondence mentioned.

The stenographers in this Division took 783 verbatim statements during the year 1931.

During 1931 there were filed in the Clerical Division 11,598 criminal complaints, including complaints of crimes which occurred outside of the jurisdiction of the department. These complaints are assigned to detectives for thorough investigation and are then returned to the Division. Information on the complaints is then transferred to the proper records, and later a considerable portion of the Daily Bulletin is compiled from the information. The reports on the complaints are classified according to districts and the information concerning these districts is sent to the respective district captain. In this manner each district captain is informed daily of criminal activities in his district. When the complaints have been sent to the district captains, they are indexed alphabetically according to the name of the complainant, given a department number, indexed under the number of the officer who issued the report, classified according to the nature of the crime, then permanently filed according to department number.

The Clerical Division also maintains a record of all complaints received and the information is sent out monthly to the Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., where it is published monthly in conjunction with the reports of many of the largest cities in the United States.

Missing Persons

The record of missing persons is also maintained by this Division. The report for 1931 shows that 1,288 persons were reported missing, compared with 1,033 in 1930. Although there was an increase in the number of persons reported missing, the number not located at the end of the year was only 70, compared with 133 for 1930. The Department compiled a radio bulletin containing announcements regarding missing persons, which is broadcast daily over Radio Station W.T.M.J. This medium has proved very effective in locating missing persons who are residing outside the city.

TABLE IV

1931 MISSING PERSONS-LOCATED

Age	Male	Female	Age	Male	Female
3	3	0	41	4	1
4	3	0	42	11	2
5	6	3	43	8	1
6	11	1	44	5	1
7	17	3	45	15	1
8	11	4	46	8	1
9	15	4	47	8	0
10	13	0	48	2	0
11	16	0	49	3	2
12	21	4	50	9	0
13	29	6	51	5	0
14	56	18	52	6	1
15	70	28	53	2	1
16	78	27	54	3	1
17	63	28	55	4	4
18	26	25	56	1	1
19	14	19	57	1	0
20	12	20	58	2	0
21	10	8	59	1	0
22	10	12	60	5	0
23	11	5	63	1	1
24	9	7	64	3	0
25	10	9	65	5	0
26	8	7	66	1	2
27	4	5	67	3	1
28	7	3	68	1	1
29	7	9	70	4	1
30	9	7	71	2	0
31	9	0	73	0	1
32	8	3	74	1	1
33	13	2	75	1	1
34	10	3	76	2	0
35	8	4	78	0	1
36	13	2	79	1	0
37	5	3	80	5	0
38	9	6	81	1	0
39	5	3	84	1	0
40	20	8	90	1	0
				895	323

Total Located 1218
 Total Still Miss. 70

Grand Total 1288

TABLE V

1931 MISSING PERSONS-STILL MISSING

Age	Male	Female
14	2	0
15	1	3
16	2	2
17	2	3
18	1	6
19	5	0
20	0	0
21	2	0
23	1	0
25	1	2
26	1	0
27	2	0
28	1	1
29	1	0
30	1	0
31	0	2
32	2	1
33	1	0
34	1	0
36	1	0
37	1	1
39	0	1
40	0	2
41	1	0
43	0	1
46	1	0
47	1	0
48	1	0
49	1	1
50	1	0
52	1	1
53	1	0
55	1	1
59	1	0
61	1	0
65	1	0
70	0	1
Total	<hr/> 41	<hr/> 29
Grand Total Still Missing		70

Pawn Detail

Each pawn broker in the city must report daily to the department all items pawned during the preceding twenty-four hours. Also, all property reported stolen is carefully cross-indexed, and the pawn records checked against it. This means was instrumental in recovering \$13,884.81 in stolen property and showed improvement over 1930, when 139 items were recovered, involving \$9,399.50. The detailed report by months is as follows:

Month	Items Recovered	Value
January	3	\$ 180.00
February	7	324.00
March	12	3134.45
April	18	1822.20
May	13	1590.00
June	16	1176.31
July	12	1458.00
August	14	1455.00
September	19	1201.00
October	15	554.00
November	11	477.85
December	13	494.00
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		\$13884.81

Auto Theft Division

This was an exceptional year for this division, as the number of automobiles stolen showed a remarkable decrease, from 2311 cars stolen in 1930 to 1258 last year. 133 automobiles stolen from outside Milwaukee, were recovered here and turned over to their lawful owners.

On file in the Automobile Division are approximately 250,000 cards bearing descriptions of automobiles stolen from various sections of the United States and Canada, about 25,000 of these were received during 1931. Also 50,000 motor and serial number index cards on cars stolen in Milwaukee were sent to 107 police departments and auto theft bureaus in the United States and Canada.

The following are the summaries and dispositions of automobile thieves arrested in Milwaukee:

Summaries

Charge	1930	1931
Grand Larceny	274	128
Operating Auto without owner's consent	2	39
Larceny as Bailee	2	4
Attempted Larceny	2	8
	280	179

Dispositions

	1930	1931
State Prison	18	9
State Reformatory	38	19
Probation	55	23
House of Correction	53	33
Dismissed by Court	28	22
Suspended Sentence	6	4
Not Guilty	7	3
Fined	15	17
Capias	1	1
Industrial School	1	5
Fugitives	33	26
County Jail	2	-
Died	-	1
Released	17	16
No Disposition	6	-
	280	179

VICE SQUAD

Vice conditions in the city showed a marked improvement during 1931. Complaints regarding vice, gambling and liquor law violations were greatly reduced, due to the activities of the Squad.

Vice

There were 129 complaints relative to vice conditions in the City received during 1931 as compared with 354 complaints during 1930, or a decrease of approximately 64%. Arrests for keeping disorderly houses totaled 415 during 1931 as compared with 348 in 1930. There were 7 arrests for keeping house of ill fame compared with 5 during 1930. The number of inmates arrested in these disorderly houses during 1931 was 873 and there were 376 arrests made for miscellaneous vice cases (adultery, prostitution, lewd and lascivious behavior, etc).

Gambling

Gambling complaints received were reduced approximately 65%, there being 46 complaints received during 1931 as compared with 138 during 1930. There were 45 arrests for keeping gambling houses and 438 arrests of persons who were inmates. There were 45 arrests for miscellaneous gambling cases (keeping gambling device, punchboard, etc.)

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

The Fingerprint Division of the Bureau of Identification reports the following activity during 1931:

Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed, including 306 who were Bertilloned	2209
Prisoners fingerprinted only	1440
Prisoners brought to the Bureau who were identified as having been photographed and fingerprinted at the Bureau prior to 1931	1186

Total number of prisoners brought to the Bureau ...4835

During 1931 there were 118 identifications accomplished through the medium of fingerprints received by mail from other police jurisdictions. Through fingerprints the Bureau was able to identify 8 of 11 bodies at the County Morgue, and the relatives of these persons were located.

The number of prisoners brought to the Bureau during 1931 required the making of 15,880 fingerprint cards and 11,045 of these were distributed to identification bureaus in other jurisdictions. There were 3,649 fingerprint cards placed on file in the Bureau.

In addition to the local fingerprint cards filed, the Bureau received 2,602 cards containing fingerprints of criminals wanted in other police jurisdictions, and these were classified and filed.

During the year the Bureau was called upon to search the fingerprint file to determine whether 700 applicants for United States Civil Service positions, who were fingerprinted at the Federal Building, had been previously arrested. Two of the applicants were found to have criminal records.

During the year the Bureau was called upon approximately 51 times to visit scenes of crime and examine the premises with a view of obtaining fingerprints and establishing the identity of the perpetrator. There were also 32 instances in which objects were brought to the Bureau for examination.

Identifications were made of 2,209 subjects who were fingerprinted here and whose prints were sent to the Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., State Department Bureau of Identification at Lansing, Michigan, Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification at London, Ohio, and the Police Department Bureau of Identification at Chicago, Ill., and these bureaus returned criminal records to the Bureau of Identification here.

The Photographic Division of the Bureau of Identification reports the following activity during 1931:

New prisoners photographed	2,209
Copies of new prints	12,507
Prints for Bertillon file	306
New photographs of former offenders	193
Photographs sent to other police jurisdictions	1,130
Photographs of murder scenes	125
Photographs of fatal accidents	226
Extra photos of prisoners for special invest.	1,319
Photographs of fingerprints at scenes of crime	282
Replacements for criminal gallery	64
Photos of newly-appointed members and employees	47
Photographs made for newspaper publication	372
Miscellaneous photographs	596
Photostatic copies of miscellaneous matter	1,266
Photographs for U. S. Immigration Department	281
Total number of prints made	20,923

The names and aliases of every person brought to the Bureau as well as those received in records and correspondence from other bureaus and police departments are recorded on index cards and placed in a general name file. During 1931 there were 8,620 cards written and filed alphabetically in the general name file.

The Bureau is required to respond to communications dealing specifically with criminal records. Letters of this type demand careful preparation and are usually of considerable length. A total of 1,255 of these letters were written during the past year.

To assist members of the Department in the preparation of cases of local prisoners who had previous records, the Bureau compiled and typed 336 criminal records on official stationery for introduction in court.

During 1931 there were 2,686 criminal records typed on forms known as Slowup Records, and these records were obtained either through a search of the files or through admission of a criminal record by the prisoner.

There were 3,395 handwriting cards filled out by prisoners during 1931, and these were classified, indexed and filed according to the Lee and Abbey system of classification.

SECRETARIAL BUREAU

The Secretarial Bureau handles the general correspondence and maintains the administrative records of the Department. There the monthly and annual reports and the general statistics of the Department are compiled. This Bureau, as the business office of the Department, takes care of the preparation of department payrolls and issuing of pay checks, the supervising of delinquent personal property tax collections and the issuing of applications for employment in the service.

This Bureau also takes care of the auditing of department bills, the issuing of requisitions for the purchase of supplies, vehicle and equipment repairs, and the payment of expenses incurred in apprehending and returning criminals.

Stenographers in this Bureau took approximately 450 statements in connection with complaints against officers and the proceedings of 77 trials conducted by the Police Trial Board against members and employees.

Detective sergeants, detectives and policewomen are required to submit daily a report covering the work performed by them during the previous twenty-four hours, and these reports are filed in the Secretarial Bureau. In this manner it is possible to obtain detailed information regarding arrests made by these members, their court attendance, local investigations performed, property recovered, investigations of communications received from other police jurisdictions, cases cleared, dispositions of cases and any other of numerous special duties that might be performed. A total of 24,252 daily detectives' reports, 647 policewomen's daily reports and 2140 detective sergeants' reports were received during 1931, and there were 343 monthly cards and 74 annual cards compiled and tabulated for the year.

PROPERTY BUREAU

The Property Bureau has custody of all lost, stolen, abandoned and unclaimed property; property taken from prisoners or held as evidence, as well as all stationery and office supplies belonging to or purchased by the Department.

During 1931, 10,569 inventories were received, which contained 28,184 items, requiring 31,707 index cards for filing. There were 19,165 items returned to prisoners or lawful owners. At an auction sale 222 unrecovered items were sold for \$682.10. In the distribution of department supplies, there were 212 orders for supplies and 1,374 local requisitions filled. The Bureau handled \$26,931.80 in cash during 1931.

MEDICAL BUREAU

The Medical Bureau of this Department consists of five police physicians. During 1931 these physicians investigated 960 cases of sickness and injury among members of the Department, and where injury occurred in the performance of duty, necessary medical attention was given.

When a member of the Department is reported sick or injured, a police physician is assigned to the case to ascertain the cause of disability and also estimate the length of time the member will be absent. The physician then submits a written report on the case.

When sudden deaths, suicides, attempted suicides, criminal assaults, murders or fatal accidents are reported, a member of the Medical Bureau is immediately detailed to make investigation, and during the year 1931 there were 960 of these special investigations reported.

All medical records pertaining to the Department are kept in the Medical Bureau.

POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL

The Police Training School, established in 1921, provides classes of instruction for members of the Department on subjects of laws and ordinances, department rules and regulations, department, discipline, observation, evidence and its proper presentation in court cases, criminal investigation, civics, hygiene, military courtesy, drill and firearms practice, first aid to the injured, and also lectures by experts in criminal pathology, ballistics and handwriting identification. The school is under the immediate supervision of a captain of police.

All lieutenants, detective sergeants, sergeants, detectives and patrolmen in the Department attend the school during a period of approximately eight months of the year until they have been in the service fifteen years, after this time they attend once every two weeks for the remainder of the time they are in the service. Superior officers are assigned to separate classes. Regular classes of instruction were conducted during 1931 from January 4th to July 4th, and from November 4th to December 20th, 315 classes being held during the period mentioned. During the summer months special classes were held for gun practice on the rifle range.

When new recruits are appointed, they attend the school for a period of sixty days and travel with an older member four hours each evening to receive practical experience. At the expiration of this period they are assigned to regular classes and patrol regular beats. There were 259 special classes for recruits conducted during 1931.

There were 140 classes in target practice and pistol instruction. Special classes of instruction in the use of machine guns, rifles, shotguns and tear gas guns numbered 104.

There were also twelve classes conducted for drivers of police squad cars and other department vehicles during 1931.

The teaching of First Aid to the Injured and Hygiene is under the direction of the Medical Bureau, and only such matter pertaining to the same is taught as has been approved by that Bureau. It is incumbent upon members, as a part of their regular duties, to render First Aid efficiently and properly in all emergencies, such as applying tourniquets, antidotes in poisoning, administering in cases of electric shock, sunstroke and fainting, and the proper carrying of injured and sick. Hygiene is taught through lectures by members of the Medical Bureau. There were 50 known cases where human lives were saved by members of the Department through the use of these First Aid methods during the past year.

POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

The Police Alarm System was enlarged during the past year by the installation of a new two-position switchboard at the Fifth District Station, serving both the Fifth and Seventh Police Districts.

There are now four multiple switchboards in service, located at the First, Second, Third and Fifth District Stations, with a total of 29 trunk lines connected with the Wisconsin Telephone Company, 16 tie lines, and 125 extension or local lines.

All detective sergeants, detectives, patrol sergeants, patrolmen, policewomen and radio squads are required to report to the Police Alarm operator at a designated time, once each hour. The only exception is the traffic post man, who reports when he goes on duty and when he is relieved, and the motorcycle mounted patrolman, who is required to report every half hour.

There are 943 combination police and fire alarm boxes and 23 boxes for police telephone and telegraph only. These are located at strategic points throughout the city. The boxes are hooked up in "gangs" of from three to nine each, which facilitates the disseminating of descriptions and alarms to the patrolmen on the beats. Most of the boxes are equipped with a purple light which at night is visible for a half mile or more. By flashing this light it is possible to communicate with any or all patrolmen in the city within a very short time.

During 1931 there were approximately 1,225,000 calls handled by operators over the trunk lines from the telephone company and 2,229,113 local calls were made over the system.

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The Traffic Bureau, located at Police Headquarters, particularly embraces the enforcement of all traffic laws and ordinances pertaining to the regulation of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the city, the investigation and recording of all traffic accidents and complaints and the study of traffic problems and conditions. The meteoric growth of the automobile traffic problem caused the development of this Bureau from a small beginning to a unit embracing 160 members and employees.

A record of every person arrested for violation of any traffic law or ordinance is maintained in the Traffic Bureau. The file used for this purpose contains the name and address of the person arrested, nationality, sex, age, the name and address of the owner of the vehicle involved, the license number and style of vehicle, the specific violation for which the person was arrested, the time, place and police district in which the arrest was made, the name of the complainant and the date on which complaint was made, the name of the officer or officers effecting the arrest, the date on which the arrest was made, and the disposition of the case.

Milwaukee has 106 traffic signal installations at dangerous intersections and numerous spot lights have been installed at various intersections in outlying districts for the purpose of illuminating the spot where the patrolman directing traffic at the intersection is located. Four signs have been erected in every block where there are parking restrictions, informing motorists of the time limit for parking, and there are hundreds of arterial stop signs throughout the city.

All traffic accidents are carefully studied and analyzed. The location of every traffic accident occurring in Milwaukee is plotted on a spot map, and by this means traffic hazards can be quickly detected, the causes ascertained, and steps taken to eliminate them.

There were a total of 1,155 chauffeur's applications investigated by members of the Bureau during 1931 and 212 applicants for a driver's license were given tests.

The Traffic Bureau shop was instrumental in the placing of 3,870 traffic signs and safety zone signs during 1931. The road markers painted approximately 162.4 miles of yellow traffic lines, using 1,207 gallons of paint.

Traffic Accidents

Following is a report of all traffic accidents in the City of Milwaukee during the year 1931, being a summary of all reports made by the Traffic Bureau of the Milwaukee Police Department; also, other reports on the general activities of the Department.

The classification of accidents and subsequent summary has been made on the same basis for the past eight years, and the knowledge gained from such analysis has been invaluable in devising ways and means of reducing accidents and possible loss of life. The four groups are:

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

The year 1930 revealed the first decided decrease in the number of accidents and at that time attention was called to the fact that it was the first full year during which the Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Code was in effect. Now, with the 1931 analysis showing splendid results, the endeavors of all concerned are at last receiving the cooperation which is necessary to make streets and highways safe for pedestrian or motorist.

The analysis for the year 1931 includes 10,076 accidents as compared with 10,857 during the year 1930; 11,805 during the year 1929; 11,472 during the year 1928; 12,135 for the year 1927 and 11,334 in 1926. This is a decrease of 781 accidents in 1931 as compared with the year 1930, or an average of 65 accidents per month, and a decrease of 2,059 accidents as compared with 1927, during which year the majority of accidents occurred. Up to that year traffic accidents annually showed an alarming increase, but as safety measures and educational activities were actively pushed, the results became apparent in a gradual decrease in the years 1928 and 1929, and larger decreases in 1930 and 1931.

On the following page is shown a tabulation setting forth the relative weight of the various causes over a period of five years. Although decreases in the total number of accidents have occurred during the past four years, there is no great variation in ratios. The total number of accidents as shown by this tabulation differs by 2,756 from the total of Table VII. 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 the detailed report.

INTERSECTION COLLISIONS showed a decided reduction in 1930 as compared with other years, and last year the reason was advanced that this was due to the clarity of the Traffic Code as applied to turns and right of way. This impression was undoubtedly correct as no marked change has occurred and this cause retains practically the same ratio to number of accidents as last year.

REAR END COLLISIONS show a slight decrease as compared with 1929 and 1930, but are still considerably above 1927 and 1928 in number. Accidents resulting from some violation of law after showing increases in 1929 and 1930, have fallen slightly below 1927.

The remaining causes have shown a rather uniform value from year to year and do not need any further comment.

TABLE VI

Cause	Number of Accidents					Percent of Total				
	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927
Intersection Collisions	3179	3407	3932	3744	4301	31.6	31.4	33.3	32.6	35.
Clear End Collisions	691	738	764	139	476	6.8	6.8	6.5	1.2	3.
Violation of	915	983	951	870	921	9.1	9.1	8.1	7.6	7.
Recklessness of Vehicle Driver	2647	2930	2848	3622	3101	26.3	27.0	24.1	31.6	25.
Condition of Vehicle or Road	296	430	656	438	562	2.9	3.9	5.6	3.8	4.
Incompetency of Driver	39	35	37	20	67	.4	.3	.3	.2	.
To avoid another Accident	110	145	237	71	155	1.1	1.3	2.0	.6	1...
Children playing in Street	768	737	706	753	696	7.6	6.8	6.0	6.6	5.9
Jaywalking or running for Street Car	897	1002	1105	1024	956	8.9	9.3	9.4	9.0	7.3
Crossing street Thru Traffic	33	63	69	159	43	.3	.6	.6	1.4	.
Struck by vehicle Train; corner	74	61	95	86	100	.7	.5	.8	.7	.6
Miscellaneous	426	311	382	448	549	4.2	2.9	3.2	3.9	4.5
Cause Undetermined	1	15	13	98	208	.1	.1	.1	.8	1.7
	10076	10857	11805	11472	12135	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.

TABLE VII

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS BY MONTHS
FOR FIVE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

Months	Number of Accidents					Percent Increase or Decrease			
	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1928 over 1927	1929 over 1928	1930 over 1929	1931 over 1930
January	826	563	540	615	585	32*	4*	12	5*
February	805	496	401	592	491	38*	19*	32	17*
March	925	532	487	608	578	42*	8*	20	5*
April	1017	534	670	644	646	47*	20	4*	1/3*
May	1105	484	815	723	607	56*	41	11*	16*
June	1138	612	796	670	607	46*	23	16*	9 1/2*
July	1067	734	762	687	580	31*	2	10*	15 1/2*
August	1068	721	767	626	611	32*	6	18*	2*
September	1007	898	853	744	605	11*	5*	13*	19*
October	1152	836	996	722	676	27*	16	28*	6*
November	678	849	822	700	637	20	3*	15*	9*
December	750	856	821	697	697	12	4*	15*	-
	11538	8115	8730	8028	7320	29*	7*	8*	8 1/2*

TABLE VIII

SUMMARY OF ALL ACCIDENTS
BY NATURE AND CAUSE

	Motor Vehicles	Street Cars and Trains	Pedestrians & Children	Miscellaneous	Total	Percent of Total	Number of Injuries	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1931	Injuries per 1000 Accidents 1930	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1929
Intersection Coll.	3029	150	-	-	3179	31.6	1007	318	285	271
Car end collisions	611	80	-	-	691	6.8	88	127	97	103
Violation of Law	705	35	80	94	915	9.1	432	472	410	445
Recklessness of Vehicle Driver	2359	255	23	10	2647	26.3	408	154	148	177
Defect of Vehicle or Road	101	30	14	151	296	2.9	79	267	291	290
Incompetency of Driver	8	1	-	30	39	.4	16	410	914	230
To avoid another Acc.	42	5	3	60	110	1.1	34	309	283	222
Child. play. in street	-	-	768	-	768	7.6	779	1012	1015	1012
Jaywalking or running for street car	-	-	897	-	897	8.9	924	1026	1013	1021
Cross. st. thru traffic	-	-	33	-	33	.3	37	1121	1047	1082
Struck by vehicle turning corner	-	-	74	-	74	.7	78	1050	1065	1064
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	426	426	4.2	61	143	125	201
Cause Undetermined	-	-	1	-	1	.1	1	1000	1066	1150
	6855	557	1893	771	10076	100.0	3944	391 (av.)	371 (av.)	363 (av.)

TABLE IX

SUMMARY OF FATAL ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE

	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927	1926	1925
Intersection Collisions	10	9	11	15	13	14	7
Violation of Law	9	5	5	2	8	5	10
Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	10	12	13	4	2	9	8
Condition of Vehicle or Road	6	7	5	1	1	6	4
Incompetency of Driver	-	1	-	-	2	-	1
To Avoid another Accident	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Children playing in street	14	10	10	19	19	17	19
By Walking or running for street car	43	53	70	68	44	37	27
Crossing street thru traffic	2	-	3	3	-	-	2
Struck by vehicle turning	3	2	2	2	6	3	1
Miscellaneous	4	6	5	12	4	11	2
Not Undetermined	1	2	2	5	10	29	20
	102	107	127	132	110	131	101

TABLE X

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES -
YEAR 1921 TO AND INCLUDING YEAR 1931

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

Year	Thousands of Vehicles	Increase in Thousands Over previous year	Increase Percent
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
1929	160	15	9
1930	162	2	1
1931	154	8*	5*

*Decrease

TABLE XI

TOTAL BAIL ACCEPTED DURING 1931

January	\$10,120.10
February	11,247.86
March	12,317.73
April	15,851.77
May	15,006.72
June	11,877.28
July	11,730.29
August	13,274.10
September	11,090.76
October	11,508.77
November	13,155.57
December	14,099.24
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	\$151,380.19

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

	First Dist.	Second Dist.	Third Dist.	Fourth Dist.	Fifth Dist.	Sixth Dist.	Seventh Dist.	Traffic Bureau
Accidents investigated	1512	1009	1716	748	1445	1038	1115	4827
Ambulance calls	1434	1523	1751	--	--	--	--	--
Complaints investigated	3982	4925	6578	3871	4652	3596	3203	338
Defect. Sts. & Sidewalks Reptd.	1118	619	2401	557	1829	236	2300	--
Destitute Persons cared for	3	57	58	19	--	26	--	--
Doors reported open	521	221	239	171	286	120	421	--
Drowned bodies recovered	3	3	--	--	4	--	--	--
First Aid rendered	37	753	286	222	42	59	96	11
Insane persons taken in custody	3	4	2	3	2	2	2	--
Letters & Communications invest.	11851	11903	12415	9510	6745	9538	10391	838
License applications invest.	1005	738	1058	495	734	482	529	--
Liquor Law Investigations	32	--	--	--	--	1	--	--
Lodgers accommodated	331	1721	689	289	340	307	163	--
Lost children restored to parents	148	200	107	175	154	185	281	1
Official letters delivered	52915	17602	32778	10381	24986	13881	19440	3372
Official notices served	3493	2349	3740	1820	2809	1506	3997	312
Patrol wagon calls	5048	2735	3302	1948	1972	1470	1577	--
Persons reported missing	517	180	219	92	137	97	94	--
Sick and injured conveyed	1986	1902	2159	227	312	6161	232	--
Outdoor Relief investigations	1092	15	736	15	41	--	--	--
Summons to Traffic Bureau								10514

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
STATE CASES
1931

	Male	Female	Total
Abandoning family	403	8	411
Abortion	1		1
Accessory before fact--Assault & Robbery	3		3
Accessory before & after fact--Assault & Robbery		1	1
Accessory after fact--burglary	1		1
Accessory after fact--larceny from person	1		1
Accessory after fact--grand larceny	3		3
Accessory after fact--failing to stop after injury	1		1
Accessory after fact--manslaughter		1	1
Accessory after fact --regardless of life	1		1
Advising to commit a felony	2		2
Accuse of crime	1	1	2
Adultery	39	19	58
Aiding & Abetting prostitution	12	1	13
Arson	6		6
Arson--attempt	1		1
Assault & Battery	17	1	18
Assault & Robbery	78	1	79
Assault Regardless of Life	1		1
Assault with intent to do great bodily harm	66	3	69
Assault with intent to kill and murder	9	2	11
Assault with intent to rob	13		13
Assault with intent to rape	10		10
Attempt to commit a felony	8		8
Bigamy	1		1
Bribery	1		1
Burglary	249		249
Burglary--attempt	30		30
Copies	30	1	31
Carrying concealed weapons	59	1	60
Common drunkard	503	16	519
Confidence game	256	6	262
Contributing to delinquency of minor	15	5	20
Cruelty to animals	4		4
Defacing automobile motor number	1		1
Defacing and stripping automobile	1		1
Defaulting witness	4	1	5
Defrauding creditors	2		2
Distributing obscene literature	2		2
Embezzlement	72	5	77
Engaging in prostitution		3	3
Extortion--attempt	2		2
Failing to stop after injury	21		21
Failing to take medical treatment		1	1
Failing to report sale of firearm	1		1
False pretense	79	21	100
Forgery	115	10	125
Fornication	13	10	23
Fraudulent issue of bank check	141	3	144
Having sexual intercourse with feeble minded female	1		1

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
CONTINUED

	Male	Female	Total
Impersonating an officer	5		5
Improper use of license plates	3		3
Incest	1		1
Indecent Assault	1		1
Indecent exposure	36		36
Indecent liberties with minor child	42		42
Injury to R.R. property	2		2
Injury to wire	2		2
Inmate house of ill fame	2	1	3
Jumping board bill	78	6	84
Keeping gambling house	19		19
Keeping house of ill fame	1	3	4
Kidnaping	2	1	3
Larceny as bailee	173	7	180
Larceny from person	17	5	22
Larceny--grand	254	36	300
Larceny--petit	213	54	267
Larceny by trick	2	2	4
Lewd & lascivious behavior	144	147	291
Maintaining premises for immoral purposes	1	1	2
Manslaughter	15	1	16
Material Witness	13	4	17
Mayhem	1		1
Murder	6		6
Operating automobile while intoxicated	543	7	550
Operating employment agency without license	1		1
Operating motorcycle while intoxicated	4		4
Pandering	2		2
Perjury	5	1	6
Pointing & aiming a firearm	15	2	17
Possession and sale of obscene pictures & liter.	1		1
Procuring miscarriage	2	1	3
Promoting lottery	1		1
Purchasing firearm without permit	1		1
Rape	105		105
Rape--attempt	1		1
Receiving stolen property	31	3	34
Reckless driving	35		35
Removing mortgaged property	82	8	90
Renting rooms for immoral purposes	2	1	3
Resorting to house of ill fame	1		1
Seduction	1		1
Selling automobile without title	5		5
Selling firearm without permit	1		1
Sodomy	19	2	21
Soliciting prostitution	1	1	2

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
CONTINUED

	Male	Female	Total
Taking automobile without owner's consent	41		41
Taking motorcycle without owner's consent	2		2
Threatening to Injure	2		2
Threatening to Kill	12		12
Trespassing on railroad property	223		223
Unlawful sale of firearm	1		1
Usury	1		1
Uttering false statements	1		1
Vagrancy	945	84	1029
Violating automobile law	58		58
Violating automobile license law	5		5
Violating automobile title law	2		2
Violating automobile speed law	2		2
Violating automobile number law	329	5	334
Violating bakery law	7		7
Violating banking law	13		13
Violating barbers license law	9		9
Violating Blue Sky Law	3		3
Violating cigarette law	4	1	5
Violating conditional sales contract law	20	1	21
Violating corporation laws	2		2
Violating dog license law		1	1
Violating driver's license law	43	1	44
Violating dry cleaning law	3		3
Violating fireworks law	4		4
Violating fish and game law	1		1
Violating gasoline and oil law	6		6
Violating gasoline container law	2		2
Violating health law	11	3	14
Violating junk law	5		5
Violating liquor law	1		1
Violating livestock branding law	1		1
Violating medical law	13	4	17
Violating narcotics law	10	1	11
Violating parole	1	1	2
Violating peddler license law	6		6
Violating plumbers license law	1		1
Violating probation	12	1	13
Violating Pure Food Law	8	1	9
Violating quarantine law	1		1
Violating real estate law	4		4
Violating school law	52	50	102
Violating second hand store law	4	2	6
Violating Sunday closing law	1		1
Violating wage law	23		23
Wilful destruction of property	48	5	53
Total State Cases			6707
			6131
			576

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
CITY CASES
19 31

	Male	Female	Total
Animals running at large	1	2	3
Assault and battery	598	39	637
Autos	1		1
Carrying concealed weapons	46	1	47
Carrying obscene literature	1		1
Cruelty to animals	2		2
Discharging firearms and explosives	3		3
Disorderly conduct	2254	363	2617
Distributing handbills	12	1	13
Disturbing religious meeting	1		1
Driving over firehose	3		3
Driving through funeral procession	19		19
Drunkenness	5305	210	5515
Drunk and disorderly	4419	286	4705
False fire alarm	1		1
Fortune telling	2	15	17
Impersonating officer	5		5
Indecent exposure	25		25
Inmate disorderly house	534	333	867
Inmate gambling house	432	6	438
Inmate house of ill fame	2	1	3
Interfering with officer	8		8
Keeping and storing dynamite--no permit	1		1
Keeping disorderly house	140	275	415
Keeping gambling device	41	4	45
Keeping gambling house	25	1	26
Keeping house of ill fame		3	3
Keeping vicious dog	3	1	4
Maintaining public nuisance	1		1
Meddling with fire alarm	7		7
Obstructing alley	1		1
Obstructing driveway	20		20
Obstructing highway	703	14	717
Reckless driving	1023	16	1039
Resisting officer	3	1	4
Soliciting funds without permit	1		1
Shooting in city limits	1		1
Selling obscene literature		1	1
Setting of fireworks	8		8
Violating arterial highway stop ordinance	3		3
Violating auction ordinance	26		26
Violating automobile ordinance	53	1	54
Violating automobile speed ordinance	3543	120	3663
Violating automobile truck speed ordinance	380	1	381
Violating barking ordinance	8		8
Violating barrier ordinance	6	1	7
Violating bill posting ordinance	3		3
Violating boulevard ordinance	7		7
Violating building ordinance	8	1	9

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
CONTINUED

	Male	Female	Total
Violating dance hall ordinance	5		5
Violating dog license ordinance	1		1
Violating fire alarm ordinance		1	1
Violating fireworks ordinance	44	4	48
Violating gambling ordinance	36		36
Violating health ordinance	22	3	25
Violating hoist ordinance	4		4
Violating house number ordinance		2	2
Violating liquor ordinance	12	1	13
Violating mashing ordinance	60		60
Violating motorcycle speed ordinance	43		43
Violating muffler ordinance	302	1	303
Violating "name on truck" ordinance	56		56
Violating night parking ordinance	3		3
Violating non-intoxicating liquor license ord.	34	9	43
Violating park ordinance	5		5
Violating park rules	1		1
Violating parking at crosswalk ordinance	2		2
Violating peddler ordinance	4		4
Violating plumbing ordinance	2		2
Violating rooming house license ordinance	1	2	3
Violating Rules of the Road ordinance	10021	446	10467
Violating sidewalk ordinance	2		2
Violating sign ordinance	79	3	82
Violating signal light ordinance	729	25	754
Violating smoke ordinance	10		10
Violating unnecessary noise ordinance	1		1
Violating U turn ordinance	3		3
Violating transferring dynamite ordinance	1		1
Violating vehicle light ordinance	454	6	460
Violating weights and measures ordinance	14		14
Vicious dog at large	1		1
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Total City Cases	31641	2200	33841

CLASSIFICATION OF ARRESTS
MISCELLANEOUS CASES
1931

	Male	Female	Total
Deserter United States Army	1		1
Escaped Prisoner	2		2
Fugitive from justice	363	30	393
Passing counterfeit money	1		1
Violating copyright law	1		1
Violating Dyer (Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft) Act	8		8
Violating United States Immigration Act	15	3	18
Violating United States Naturalization Act	1		1
Violating parole	16	3	19
Violating probation	14		14
Violating United States Postal Law	2		2
Violating Volstead (Nat'l Prohibition) Act	62	3	65
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Total Miscellaneous cases	486	39	525

RECAPITULATION OF ARRESTS
1931

State Cases	6131	576	6707
City Cases	31641	2200	33841
Miscellaneous Cases	486	39	525
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Total Arrests - 1931	38258	2815	41073

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS

1931

	State Cases	City Cases	Miscellaneous Cases	Total
January	607	2458	46	3111
February	562	2521	41	3124
March	607	2799	28	3434
April	582	3099	47	3728
May	519	2893	36	3448
June	529	2419	44	2992
July	444	2662	40	3146
August	558	2853	47	3458
September	558	2792	50	3400
October	639	3116	47	3802
November	547	3084	55	3686
December	555	3145	44	3744
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Total	6707	33841	525	41073

1931 COMPARATIVE TABLE OF ARRESTS

	1930	1931	Increase	Decrease
Abandoning family	579	411		168
Adultery	47	58	11	
Assault and battery	595	655	60	
Assault with intent to do great bodily harm	48	69	21	
Assault with intent to kill	22	11		11
Assault with intent to rob	24	13		
Burglary	235	249	14	
Carrying concealed weapons	88	107	19	
Common Drunkard	570	519		51
Contributing to delinquency of minor	7	20	13	
Disorderly conduct	2395	2617	222	
Drunkenness	5806	5515		291
Drunk and disorderly	4327	4705	378	
Embezzlement	98	77		21
False pretense	86	100	14	
Forgery & Fraudulent Issue of Bank Check	424	269		155
Fornication	52	23		29
Fugitive from justice	389	393	4	
Homicide	26	22		4
Inmate of disorderly house	1015	867		148
Inmate of gambling house	786	438		348
Keeping disorderly house	348	415	67	
Keeping gambling house	95	45		50
Larceny as bailee	161	180	19	
Larceny from person	35	22		13
Larceny, grand	319	300		19
Larceny, petit	262	267	5	
Lewd and lascivious behavior	347	291		56
Operating motor vehicle while intoxicated	739	554		185
Rape	114	105		9
Receiving stolen property	36	34		2
Reckless driving	1052	1074	22	
Removing mortgaged property	72	90	18	
Trespassing on railroad property	128	228	100	
Taking automobile without owner's consent	54	41		13
Threatening to kill	16	12		4
Vagrancy	1191	1029		162
Violating automobile number law	176	334	158	
Violating automobile speed ordinance	2742	3665	923	
Violating health law	16	39	23	
Violating license laws	67	67		
Violating motorcycle speed law	43	43		
Violating rules of road ordinance	11402	10467		935
Violating liquor ordinance	1	14	13	
All other cases	4499	4619	120	
	41534	41073	2224	2685

Net Decrease ----- 461
 Number of females arrested 1930--2835
 " " " 1931--2815
 Decrease in female arrests ----- 20

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED
19 31

Africa	6
Albania	9
Argentina	5
Armenia	19
Arabia	1
Austria-Hungary	1111
Australia	7
Belgium	16
Bohemia	42
Brazil	2
Bulgaria	9
Canada	182
Central America	1
China	5
Croatia	17
Cuba	1
Denmark	69
England	113
France	22
Finland	53
Germany	1665
Greece	284
Hawaii	1
Holland	34
India	1
Ireland	196
Italy	371
Jamaica	1
Latvia	4
Lithuania	84
Mexico	244
Newfoundland	5
Norway	213
Palestine	6
Persia	3
Poland	1248
Philippine Islands	4
Portugal	2
Roumania	39
Russia	932
Serbia	29
Sicily	5
Silesia	10
Slov	231
South America	1
Spain	12
Syria	17
Switzerland	81
Scotland	45
Sweden	181
Turkey	35
United States	33397
Wales	6
West Indies	4
Total	41073

1931

RECAPITULATION

	Number	Percent
United States	33397	81.311
Austria-Hungary (in- cluding Bohemia, Slavonia, Croatia)	1401	3.411
Germany	1666	4.056
Poland	1248	3.039
Russia	932	2.270
Italy	371	.903
Greece	284	.692
Mexico	244	.593
Norway	213	.519
Ireland	196	.477
Canada	182	.443
Sweden	181	.441
All other countries	758	1.845
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Total	41073	100.000

AGES OF PERSONS
ARRESTED

Between 17 and 21 years	3240
" 21 30 "	13554
" 30 40 "	12823
" 40 50 "	7747
" 50 60 "	2753
" 60 70 "	816
" 70 80 "	129
" 80 90 "	11
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Total	41073

SOCIAL CONDITION

Married	19723
Single	21350
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Total	41073

RACE

Caucasian	39256
African	1643
Yellow	9
Copper	165
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Total	41073

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL 1931

During 1931 this Department was granted an increase of 1 Lieutenant of Detectives, 1 Lieutenant of Police, 1 Senior Clerk-Stenographer, 4 Police Alarm Operators, 1 Automobile Washer and 2 Janitors and Window Washers. The present personnel is as follows:

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

Uniform Division

- 9 Captains of Police
- 3 Lieutenants of Police
- 60 Patrol Sergeants
- 22 Desk Sergeants
- 371 Patrolmen

Bureau of Identification

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

Medical Bureau

- 1 Chief Surgeon
- 4 Surgeons

Women's Division

- 2 Policewomen
- 10 Police Matrons

Radio Division

- 4 Radio Operators

Detective Division

- 1 Captain of Detectives
- 3 Lieutenants of Detectives
- 7 Sergeants of Detectives
- 55 Detectives

Secretarial Division

- 1 Secretary
- 2 Assistant Secretaries
- 2 Police Reporter-Stenographers
- 9 Senior Clerk-Stenographers
- 6 Senior Clerks

Police Alarm Division

- 1 Chief Operator
- 24 Operators

Garage

- 1 Superintendent
- 1 Automobile Washer

Buildings and Grounds

- 1 Engineman and Machinist
- 2 Asst. Enginemen & Machinists
- 5 Elevator Operators
- 21 Janitors & Window Washers
- 2 Janitresses

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORCE

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	Total	No. 1 District	No. 2 District	No. 3 District	No. 4 District	No. 5 District	No. 6 District	No. 7 District	Headquarters	Traffic Bureau	Detective Bureau	Identification Bureau	Vice Squad
Chief of Police	1								1				
Inspector of Police	1								1				
Deputy Insp. of Police	1								1				
Captain of Detectives	1										1		
Lieutenant of Detectives	3										3		
Captain of Police	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Lieutenant of Police	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	1					
Sergeant of Detectives	7										6		1
Detectives	55										55		
Patrol Sergeant	60	12	6	9	6	9	6	6		6			
Desk Sergeant	22	3	3	3	3	3	3	3		1			
Patrolman, day duty	151	25	17	29	17	30	15	16	1				1
Patrolman, night duty	317	61	37	60	35	56	34	34					
Patrolman, ambulance duty	18	6	6	6									
Patrolman, wagon duty	59	9	9	7	9	8	9	8					
Patrolman, chauffeur duty	4	4											
Patrolman, post duty	89									89			
Patrolman, horse-mtd.	6									6			
Patrolman, motorcycle	45	3						2		40			
Patrolman, squad car	114	24	6	18	12	24	12	13					
Patrolman, special duty	68	17	2	5	3	11	2	5		5	12		6
Garage Superintendent	1								1				
Supt. of Identification	1											1	
Secretary	1								1				
Assistant Secretary	2								2				
Police Reporter-Steno.	2								2				
Senior Clerk-Stenographer	9								9				
Senior Clerk	8								8				
Photographer	1											1	
Fingerprint Operator	1											1	
Property Clerk	1								1				
Police Physician	5	1	1	1	1	1							
Chief Operator	1								1				
Operator	24		5	5		3			11				
Police Matron	10		3	3					4				
Policewoman	2												2

DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORCE
CONTINUED

	Total	No. 1 District	No. 2 District	No. 3 District	No. 4 District	No. 5 District	No. 6 District	No. 7 District	Headquarters	Traffic Bureau	Detective Bureau	Identification Bureau	Vice
Radio Operator	4			4									
Engineman and Machinist	1								1				
Asst. Engineman & Machinist	2								2				
Elevator Operator	5								5				
Janitors & Window Washers	21		1	1	1	1	1	1	15				
Janitress	2								2				
Automobile Washer	1								1				
TOTALS	1144	168	98	153	89	148	84	95	71	148	77	4	9

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CHANGES IN THE FORCE

	Dec. 31, 1930	Appointed	Reduced from higher rank	Retired on Pension	Demoted	Dismissed	Resigned	Died	Promoted	Retired on ordinary disability pension	Vacancies	Dec. 31, 1931
Chief of Police	1											1
Inspector of Police	1											1
Deputy Insp. of Police	1											1
Captain of Detectives	1	1		1								1
Lieutenant of Detectives	2	2							1			3
Sergeant of Detectives	7	1							2		1	7
Captain of Police	9											9
Lieutenant of Police	7	1										8
Detective	55	6		6					1		2	55
Patrol Sergeant	60	5		1	2				1		1	60
Desk Sergeant	22											22
Patrolman	371	37	2	5		11	3	3	11	3	2	371
Garage Superintendent	1											1
Supt. of Identification	1											1
Secretary	1											1
Assistant Secretary	2	1										2
Police Reporter-Steno.	2											2
Senior Clerk-Steno.	8	2										9
Senior Clerk	8	2							1			8
Photographer	1											1
Fingerprint Operator	1											1
Property Clerk	1											1
Police Physician	5											5
Chief Operator	1											1
Operator	20	3									1	24
Police Matron	10	1					1					10
Policewoman	2											2
Radio Operator	4											4
Enginemen & Mechanist	1											1
Asst. Enginemen & Mech.	2											2
Elevator Operator	5											5
Janitor & Window Washer	19	2										21
Automobile Washer	--	1										1
Janitress	2											2
Total	1134	65	2	13	2	11	4	3	17	3	7	1144

EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY
 THE BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE
 COMMISSIONERS FOR POSITIONS
 ON THE DEPARTMENT -- 1931

EXAMINATION FOR PATROIMAN
 June 3, 1931

Number of applicants	93
Rejected by Medical Examiners	26
Failed	45
Passed	21
Transferred from Fire Department eligible list ...	1
Appointed	4

EXAMINATION FOR POLICE ALARM OPERATOR
 November 3, 1931

Number of applicants	79
Rejected by Medical Examiners	13
Failed	45
Passed	21
Appointed	3

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICERS

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

No.	Rank	Charge	Disposition
1	Patrolman	Being disrespectful to superior officer and Not properly patrolling beat	Fined 20 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Being disrespectful to superior officer, Failing to make hourly reports, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Smoking while in uniform and on duty.	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Being late on his hourly report, and Not properly patrolling his beat.	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Not guilty
2	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 3 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
2	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 30 days' pay
1	Pat. Sgt.	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Demoted
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Detective	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay and 15 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	

		to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 20 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Untruthfulness	Fined 15 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Untruthfulness	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, Intoxication & Untruthfulness	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Conduct unbecoming an officer, Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty and in uniform, Intoxication and Untruthfulness	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Detective	Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, Failing to obey orders of a superior officer, and Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Disobedience of orders of a superior officer, Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and on duty, and Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and on duty, and Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty and in uniform, and Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty and in uniform, Intoxication, and Untruthfulness	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and on duty, and Intoxication	Fined 20 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and off duty, Intoxication, and Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service.	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
2	Patrolman	Failing to exercise extreme care while responding to a call	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to exercise extreme care while responding to a call	Fined 10 days' pay
3	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly report and Sleeping while on duty	Fined 5 days' pay

1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly reports and Sleeping while on duty and in uniform	Fined 3 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly report, Sleeping while on duty and in uniform, and Untruthfulness	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly report and Sleeping while on duty	Fined 3 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly report and Sleeping while on duty	1 off-day suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to make hourly report, Not properly patrolling beat and Sleeping while on duty	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders of a superior officer and to conform to the rules and regulations of the Department, and Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders of his superior officer and Being absent from duty without proper permission	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders of a superior officer	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders of a superior officer and Intoxication	Fined 20 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to observe the laws of the state and Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to obey orders of superior officer, Failing to make hourly report, Being late on hourly report, Being disrespectful to his superior officer, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, Drinking intoxicating liquor while on duty and in uniform, and Untruthfulness	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to report for roll-call, Not properly patrolling beat, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Failing to report for roll-call, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, Accepting a gift from a person liable to arrest, and Untruthfulness	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to report for daily roll-call, Not properly patrolling beat, Failing to make hourly reports and Sleeping while on duty, and	

		persistent neglect and refusal to pay just debts.	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Failing to report to Radio Dispatcher that a test broadcast was not received, Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and on duty, Intoxication and Untruthfulness	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Failing to report to Radio Dispatcher that a test broadcast was not received, Drinking intoxicating liquor while in uniform and on duty, Intoxication and Untruthfulness	Fined 5 days' pay and 3 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
2	Patrolman	Failing to report in writing to his Commanding Officer when entering upon his tour of duty, information coming to his attention during the preceding 24 hours	Reprimanded
1	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Janitor	Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct and Attempt to assault a police officer	Fined 2 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Intoxication	Fined 15 days' pay and 10 off-days suspended
1	Detective	Leaving his residence when on sick leave without permission of a Department Surgeon, Being under the influence of liquor, and Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
2	Patrolman	Lounging on seat of ambulance	Fined 2 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Neglect of duty, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Untruthfulness	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat, and Neglect of duty	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and Smoking while on duty and in uniform	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended

1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat and Sleeping while on duty	Fined 5 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling his beat, Sleeping while on duty, and Being late on his hourly reports	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling his beat, Leaving his beat without permission, and Untruthfulness	Fined 5 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling beat, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Failing to obey orders of superior officer	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Not properly patrolling his beat, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, Persistent neglect and refusal to pay just debts, and Intoxication	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Rendering assistance in a civil case, and Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service	Fined 10 days' pay and 5 off-days suspended
1	Patrolman	Resigning from the service without giving 5 days' notice in writing	Dismissed
1	Patrolman	Refusing to obey the orders of his superior officer, Conduct unbecoming an officer and detrimental to the service, and Intoxication	Fined 5 days' pay Fined 2 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty and in uniform	Fined 10 days' pay
1	Patrolman	Sleeping while on duty and in uniform	

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AUGUST LINDEMANN

Appointed Patrolman July 22, 1921

Died Feb. 14, 1931

JAMES MYLES

Appointed Patrolman Feb. 1, 1924

Died Apr. 11, 1931

ALVIN ZERNIA

Appointed Patrolman Oct. 1, 1920

Died Jan. 3, 1931