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MILWAUKEE - WISCONSIN

FOR THE YEAR

1937

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Crime during 1937 has shown an increase throughout the nation--the same has been true of Milwaukee. It is problematical whether this is the first indication of an upward trend or just a fluctuation in the number of criminal offenses occurring and which can be expected from time to time.

There were four murders and one infanticide during 1937 as compared to six murders for 1936. Complaints for Assault and Robbery numbered 44 in 1937, an increase of 14 such cases over the previous year. Burglary complaints decreased from 532 to 482. In 1937 there were 850 auto thefts; in 1936, 524; in 1935, 742.

Milwaukee regained the distinction of having the lowest motor vehicle death rate in 1937 (10.8 per 100,000) for all cities in the United States having a population of 250,000 or over according to the National Safety Council.

On January 1, 1937, the policing of the parks in the City of Milwaukee was placed under the jurisdiction of the Police Department and the personnel consisting of 1 captain and 48 patrolmen was transferred to the police district in which the various parks were located.

The new Third District Police Station, located at North 47th and West Vliet Streets was completed last year and officially dedicated on September 10, 1937. It supplants the old Third District Police Station at North 12th and West Vine Streets and the territories of the First and Third Police Districts were rearranged. A new radio transmitter and tower are now being erected and as soon as completed, the old radio will be dismantled and reassembled at the new location to be used as a spare transmitter.

TABLE I-A

FORCE

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT - DECEMBER 31, 1937

<u>RANK</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>	<u>3.</u>	<u>4.</u>	<u>5.</u>	<u>6.</u>	<u>7.</u>	<u>Hdqtrs.</u>	<u>D.B.</u>	<u>Traf.Bur.</u>	<u>Vice</u>
Chief of Police	1	\$6500								1			
Inspector of Police	1	4200								1			
Dep. Insp. of Police	1	3700								1			
Capt. of Detectives	1	3560									1		
Captain of Police	10	3240	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		1	
Lieut. of Detectives	3	2940									3		
Lieut. of Police	8	2790	2	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Detective Sergeants	8	2790									7		1
Detectives*	55	2640									55		
Desk Sergeants	22	2440	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			1	
Patrol Sergeants	59	2440	9	6	9	6	9	6	6	2		6	
Patrolmen	932												
(1st Year)		2040	189	76	110	91	154	79	86		24	117	6
(2nd Year)		2100											
(3rd Year)		2160											
Policewomen	2	2160											2
<u>TOTALS --</u>	<u>1103</u>		<u>204</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>9</u>

\* One Detective assigned to City Attorney's Office.

TABLE I-B

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPT. DEC. 31, 1937

	No.	Salary	*1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Secretarial Bur.	Bur. of Identifi.	Det. Bur. Cler. Div.	Traffic Bureau	Radio Bureau	Medical Bureau
Supt. of Bureau of Id.	1	\$3240									1				
Secy. of Police	1	3060								1					
Ass't. Secretary	2	2640								2					
Police Rep. Stenog.	2	2040								1		1			
Senior Clk. Stenog.)	9(1)	1680								1		3	5		
Senior Clerk )	11(2)	1800								1	4	1	4		1
)	(3)	1860													
)	(4)	1920													
Photographer	1	2220									1				
Fingerprint Opera.	-	2220													
Property Clerk	1	2220								1					
Police Physician	5	1060													5
Radio Engineer	1	3600												1	
Radio Operator	4	2160												4	
Radio Elec. Moch.	4	2800												4	
Chief Teleph. Oper.	1	2280	1												
Telephone Operator)	24(1)	1980	10	5	3		6								
)	(2)	2040													
)	(3)	2100													
)	(4)	2160													
Matron	10	960	4	3	3										
Garage Supt.	1	2440	1												
Automobile Washer	1	1440	1												
Engineman & Mach.	1	2340	1												
Engineman & Mach. Asst.	2	2100	2												
Elevator Operator)	5(1)	1440	5												
Janitor )	24(2)	1500	18	1	1	1	1	1	1						
)	(3)	1560													
)	(4)	1620													
Janitress	2	1140	2												
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

(\* Safety Building

Redistribution of parks transferred to Police Department January 1, 1937

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CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

	: AUTHORIZED STRENGTH :		: ACTUAL STRENGTH :		: NET GAIN OR LOSS :
	: Jan. 1 :	: Dec. 1 :	: Jan. 1 :	: Dec. 31 :	
Chief of Police	1	1	1	1	
Inspector of Police	1	1	1	1	
Deputy Insp. of Police	1	1	1	1	
Captain of Detectives	1	1	1	1	
Lieut. of Detectives	3	3	3	3	
Detective Sergeant	8	8	8	8	
Captain of Police	10	10	10	10	
Lieutenant of Police	8	8	8	8	
Detective	56	56	56	55	
Patrol Sergeant	59	59	59	59	
Desk Sergeant	22	22	22	22	
Patrolman	926	932	925	932	7 /
Policewoman	2	2	2	2	
Supt. Bur. of Identific.	1	1	1	1	
Secretary of Police	1	1	1	1	
Assistant Secretary	2	2	2	2	
Police Reporter-Stenog.	2	2	2	2	
Senior Clerk Stenog.	9	9	9	9	
Senior Clerk	11	11	11	11	
Photographer	1	1	1	1	
Fingerprint Operator	1	1	-	-	
Property Clerk	1	1	1	1	
Police Physician	5	5	5	5	
Radio Engineer	1	1	1	1	
Radio Operator	4	4	4	4	
Radio Electrical Mech.	4	4	4	4	
Chief Telephone Operator	1	1	1	1	
Telephone Operator	24	24	24	24	
Matron	10	10	10	10	
Garage Superintendent	1	1	1	1	
Automobile Washer	1	1	1	1	
Engineman & Machinist	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Engineman & Mach.	2	2	2	2	
Elevator Operator	5	5	5	5	
Janitor	24	24	24	24	
Janitress	2	2	2	2	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1212</b>	<b>1218</b>	<b>1209</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>7 /</b>

Jurisdiction of parks transferred to Police Department January 1, 1937

TABLE II-A

CHANGES IN POLICE PERSONNEL DURING 1937

1.	Present for duty, January 1, 1937	-	-	-	1206
2.	Recruited during the year	-	-	-	51
3.	Reinstated during the year	-	-	-	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL	-	-	-	1257
4.	Separations from the Service:				
	(a) Voluntary resignations-	-	-	-	12
	(b) Retirement on Pension -	-	-	-	17
	(c) Resigned with charges pending -	-	-	-	0
	(d) Dropped during probation -	-	-	-	0
	(e) Dismissed for cause -	-	-	-	8
	(f) Killed in line of duty-	-	-	-	2
	(g) Deceased - - - - -	-	-	-	<u>2</u>
5.	Total Separations during the Year-	-	-	-	41
6.	Present for Duty, December 31st, 1937-	-	-	-	1216

TABLE III.

REPORT OF THE POLICE PHYSICIANS

1. Number of cases of sickness and injury of members and employees of the department - 874
2. Number of days lost by members and employees as the result of sickness and injury - 11118
3. Number of Special medical examinations - 2171
4. Special examination -- applicants for patrolman - 228



TABLE IV  
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

1937

OFFENSE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	1937 Total	1936 Total	1935 Total
1. Criminal Homicide:															
(a) Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	9	9	2
(b) Manslaughter by Negligence	2	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	5	2
2. Rape	4	2	3	12	11	0	3	4	1	3	2	4	49	38	30
3. Robbery	1	2	5	3	6	0	6	5	1	4	8	3	44	30	39
4. Aggravated Assault	5	5	5	5	9	6	2	3	6	2	2	5	55	65	73
5. Burglary	33	32	59	30	40	37	37	44	34	48	31	57	482	524	742
6. Larceny															
(a) \$50 & over	17	18	21	20	24	18	17	21	15	27	17	22	237	230	264
(b) Under \$50	276	238	344	336	359	376	340	419	393	378	370	325	4154	3341	4407
7. Auto Theft	73	58	65	58	65	60	76	63	85	114	63	70	850	532	786
TOTALS	411	357	502	466	518	498	481	560	536	577	496	486	5888	4774	6345

TABLE V  
ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1937

<u>PART I CLASSES:</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. Criminal homicide (a) Murder & Manslaughter	10
(b) Manslaughter by negligence	8
2. Rape	115
3. Robbery	38
4. Aggravated Assault	45
5. Burglary - breaking or entering	95
6. Larceny - theft (except auto theft)	368
7. Auto theft	<u>77</u>
TOTAL	756
<u>PART II CLASSES:</u>	
8. Other assaults	465
9. Forgery and counterfeiting	88
10. Embezzlement and fraud	297
11. Stolen property - buying, receiving, possession	19
12. Weapons - carrying, possessing, etc.	35
13. Prostitution and commercialized vice	356
14. Sex offenses (except #2 and #13)	441
15. Offenses against the family and children	160
16. Narcotic drug laws	2
17. Liquor laws	221
18. Drunkenness	7396
19. Disorderly Conduct	2375
20. Vagrancy	878
21. Gambling	654
22. Driving while intoxicated	475
23. Violation of road and driving laws	19599
24. Parking violations	24787
25. Traffic and motor vehicle laws	606
26. All other offenses	577
27. Federal and miscellaneous offenses	<u>460</u>
TOTAL	59891
TOTAL ARRESTS (Part I & II Classes)	60647
28. Suspicion	<u>3241</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	63888

TABLE V-1  
MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS

1 9 3 7

	<u>STATE</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>CITY</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>MISC.</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	356	4128	39	4523
February	367	4881	40	5288
March	415	5796	35	6244
April	348	4976	31	5355
May	386	4751	29	5166
June	332	4797	42	5171
July	298	4456	27	4781
August	355	3899	38	4292
September	303	4289	43	4635
October	289	5723	45	6057
November	327	4288	33	4648
December	318	4109	60	4487
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4094</b>	<b>56093</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>60647</b>

Black

Yellow

Copper

Total

TABLE VI.

AGE OF PERSONS ARRESTED

1 9 3 7

Africa	Between 17 and 21 years	-	3643
Albania			
Argentina	Between 21 and 30 years	-	19029
Armenia			
Austria	Between 30 and 40 years	-	18741
Australia			
Belgium	Between 40 and 50 years	-	12252
Bohemia	Between 50 and 60 years	-	5232
Brazil			
Bulgaria	Between 60 and 70 years	-	1508
Canada			
China	Between 70 and 80 years	-	229
Croatia			
Cuba	Between 80 and 90 years	-	12
Denmark			
Egypt	Between 90 and 100 yrs.	-	<u>1</u>
Estonia			
France	Total		60647

SOCIAL CONDITION

Married		34237
Single		<u>26410</u>
Total		60647

RACE

White	58935
Black	1595
Yellow	17
Copper	<u>100</u>
Total	60647

T A B L E VII.

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED - 1 9 3 7

Africa	-	-	9	Latvia	-	-	14
Albania	-	-	2	Lithuania	-	-	46
Argentina	-	-	4	Mexico	-	-	141
Armenia	-	-	22	Newfoundland	-	-	1
Arabia	-	-	1	Norway	-	-	185
Austria Hungary	-	-	1096	Panama	-	-	1
Australia	-	-	5	Palistine	-	--	11
Bavaria	-	-	1	Persia	-	-	13
Belgium	-	-	19	Poland	-	-	882
Bohemia	-	-	26	Philippine Islands	-	-	14
Brazil	-	-	6	Roumania	-	-	60
Bulgaria	-	-	13	Russia	-	-	1015
Canada	-	-	264	Serbia	-	-	4
China	-	-	13	Siberia	-	-	3
Croatia	-	-	7	Sicily	-	-	2
Cuba	-	-	2	Slav	-	-	302
Denmark	-	-	71	South America	-	-	9
England	-	-	123	Spain	-	-	6
Estonia	-	-	1	Syria	-	-	28
France	-	-	17	Switzerland	-	-	87
Finland	-	-	44	Scotland	-	-	56
Germany	-	-	1709	Sweden	-	-	153
Greece	-	-	172	Turkey	-	-	39
Hawaii	-	-	2	United States	-	-	53434
Holland	-	-	53	Ukraine	-	-	3
India	-	-	3	Wales	-	-	10
Ireland	-	-	129	West Indies	-	-	3
Italy	-	-	308				
Luxembourg	-	-	1				
				Total			60647

TABLE VIII

AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

Thefts	181
Recoveries	168
Still	13
Joy rides	670
Total Thefts	851
Total recoveries	838
Outside cars recovered	55
Total value of cars reported stolen	\$270,090
Total value of cars recovered	
(a) Local	\$269,230
(b) Outside	\$ 17,870
Percentage of recoveries	98%

298 automobile thieves were arrested

during the past year, as compared with 164

during the year 1936.

EXHIBIT A-111

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

There were 6452 prisoners brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1937, as compared with 4786 during the year 1936. These prisoners were fingerprinted, photographed, Bertilloned and recorded as follows:

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed, including 65 who were Bertilloned	1373	1446
Prisoners fingerprinted only	1941	3187
Prisoners brought to the Bureau who were identified as having been fingerprinted at the Bureau prior to 1936	<u>1472</u>	<u>1819</u>
TOTAL number of prisoners brought to the Bureau	4786	6452

Of the 1819 prisoners who were identified as having previously been fingerprinted at our Bureau, 1683, after being questioned at the Bureau, admitted their previous records here; however, additional fingerprints were taken of these prisoners to verify their criminal records. Of the 1819 prisoners, 136 gave fictitious names and denied ever having been arrested before, but were identified through their fingerprints as having criminal records.

During the past year 355 identifications were made through fingerprints received by mail from police jurisdictions in other cities.

During the year the Bureau was called upon to fingerprint 18 unidentified bodies at the County Morgue, of which number 3 were identified through their fingerprints and 11 by relatives or friends.

The total number of prisoners handled during the year 1937 required the taking of 15,782 fingerprint cards, of which number 9507 were sent to other bureaus of identification, 4660 placed in our master fingerprint file, and the balance of 1615 were placed in our duplicate fingerprint file.

In addition to the number of local fingerprints filed, this Bureau received 4407 fingerprint cards from other police jurisdictions which were properly classified and placed in our file, making a total of 9067 fingerprint cards added to our file during the year.

On 142 occasions during 1937 the Bureau was called upon to examine premises where crimes had been committed, with a view of obtaining fingerprints in an effort to establish the identity of the perpetrator; and in 116 cases objects were brought to the Bureau for examination by members of the Detective Bureau, making a total of 203 such cases. The total amount of time consumed by latent fingerprint work during the past year was 300 hours.

In connection with crimes where latent fingerprints were examined, many persons were eliminated as suspects after their prints were compared with those found. In eleven instances latent fingerprints were identified as being those of the complainant or some other person who had lawful access to the premises. However, in three

instances positive identifications were made through latent fingerprints which resulted in the apprehension of the criminals.

IDENTIFICATIONS MADE AT OTHER BUREAUS THROUGH FINGERPRINTS CONTRIBUTED BY OUR DEPARTMENT

In 1937 there were 5321 fingerprint cards (1446 photographed here for the first time, 688 with photographs of previous offenders, and 3187 "roughs") sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and 1446 fingerprint records with photographs sent to each of the three other Bureaus, Identification notices containing 876 aliases were received from these bureaus, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice Washington, D. C.	1763
State Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Identification, East Lansing, Michigan.	223
Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification, London Prison Farm, London, Ohio	68
Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Chicago, Ill.	26
	2080

This department also received identification notices of subjects arrested in other jurisdictions during the year who have been fingerprinted by this department previous to January 1, 1937, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.	1921
State Department of Public Safety, East Lansing, Mich.	285
Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification, London, Ohio	63
	2269

During the past year this division made 15,859 photographic prints as compared with 16,919 for the previous year. Following is a detailed tabulation of the work performed during the year 1937:

	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
New prisoners photographed	1373	1446
Copies of new prints	6865	5890
Prints for Bertillon file	143	64
New Photos of formed offenders	191	239
Photos sent to other jurisdictions	2151	2475
Photos of murder scenes	56	206
Photos of fatal accidents	496	417
Extra photos for special investigations	172	587
Photos of fingerprints at scenes of crime	592	607
Replacements for Criminal Gallery	16	81
Photos of members and employes of the department, both old and new	131	105
Photos made for newspapers	138	140
Miscellaneous photos (persons wanted for crimes, missing persons, unidentified persons, etc.)	1415	1238



Photostatic copies of miscellaneous matter	4374	3741
Photos for Immigration Department	41	19
Photos for U. S. Internal Revenue Department	<u>138</u>	<u>50</u>
 TOTAL number of prints made	 16919	 15859

To assist members of the Department in the preparation of cases of local prisoners who has previous records, this Bureau, at the request of such officers, compiled and typed 500 criminal records on official stationery for introduction in court. In addition to this figure, 1055 records, previously compiled, were furnished officers, making a total of 1555 records used for presentation in our criminal courts in aiding the prosecution and disposition of cases before such courts.

During the past year, 1674 handwriting cards were filled out by prisoners. These cards, together with photostatic copies of checks, anonymous letters, etc., are classified, indexed, and filed according to the Lee and Abbey system of classification. There were 1321 such cards and photostatic copies added to the file during 1937, making a total of 20849 handwriting specimens now in this file. During the year there were 2362 index cards filled out and filed alphabetically in connection with the handwriting specimens contained in this file.

The results obtained from questioning prisoners at the Bureau of Identification who had not previously been fingerprinted at the Bureau were very gratifying; 78.7 per cent of such prisoners admitted previous arrests for felonies and misdemeanors. These admissions were written in our record books and carefully checked when compiling records of such prisoners.

Of the total number of prisoners, 6452 brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year, 3431, or 53 per cent, were found to have previous fingerprint records.

Of the 1446 such prisoners who were photographed by this Bureau during the year for the first time, 719, or 49.8 per cent, were reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as having criminal records elsewhere.

The 2179 transients, arrested were brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1937 and 1026, or 47 per cent were reported as having previous criminal records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 11,592 complaints and 3,968 letters and communications, interviewed 9,089 prisoners and witnesses, and 293 verbatim statements were taken.

The pawn division of the Detective Bureau, which compiles descriptions of property stolen and checks them against the daily reports submitted by the pawnshops, aided in recovering property valued at \$11,393.73.

MISSING PERSONS

In 1937 a total of 1,213 persons were reported missing locally, of which all but 44 have been reported located. Thirty of those still missing are males and fourteen are females.

Of the males missing locally, 8 are wanted on warrants or on capias issued by various courts; 3 are men who were missing about a year or longer before being reported; and 1 is a boy who escaped from the St. Charles Home for Boys.

Of the females missing locally, 2 are girls wanted by the Wisconsin Industrial School for Girls for escaping or for violating parole, and one is a girl who had been reported missing twice before and roamed over the United States for long periods.

81 reports of persons missing from other jurisdictions were placed on file.

VICE SQUAD

There were 153 complaints relative to vice conditions in the city investigated by the Vice Squad during 1937. Other investigations included 48 complaints for gambling, 15 fortune telling, and 26 for liquor violations. The squad made a total of 1,616 arrests.

July	8109	887	128	802	878
August	8884	943	122	874	772
September	9418	1072	128	1362	1242
October	8121	807	122	810	826
November	7503	803	100	803	810
December	7402	1510	100	851	888
	99,720	10,012	1,470	34,304	6,791

POLICE RADIO

The police radio system has now been in operation for seven years. The city is divided into 19 uniform radio squad car districts, and 14 radio motorcycle beats. Besides this there are nine Detective Bureau radio squad cars, and one Traffic Bureau special investigation squad car. The Department has a total of 114 mobile units radio equipped - 56 cars, 58 motorcycles and 1 police boat.

The Sheriff's Department and all the police departments in the county have radio equipped vehicles which are served through the facilities of WPKD, giving complete coverage to the entire county.

The radio station is constantly in contact with the sheriff and police radio stations of Kenosha, Waukesha, Elkhorn, Oshkosh, Madison, and the Illinois State Police at Chicago.

The radio shop provides a 24-hour maintenance service for the radio equipped vehicles of the department. During the year the shop built and installed 25 receivers in cars and dismantled 25 receivers which were in old cars that were replaced. The shop is constantly experimenting and improving these receivers, and they have proven more efficient and cost less than the commercial receivers on the market. A new radio transmitter was being installed at the Third District Station.

REPORT ON OPERATION OF RADIO STATION  
WPKD AND SQUAD CARS - 1937

<u>Month</u>	<u>Radio Dispatches</u>	<u>Orders</u>		<u>Runs</u>	
		<u>City</u>	<u>County &amp; Suburbs</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County &amp; Suburbs</u>
January	6677	4270	983	2363	341
February	5934	3732	909	2025	315
March	7073	4601	1085	2591	381
April	6924	4578	1071	2555	379
May	7803	5323	1306	3072	449
June	7734	5260	1364	2980	551
July	8109	5527	1435	3203	593
August	8864	6026	1720	3473	725
September	8416	5675	1363	3180	568
October	8321	5507	1386	3150	626
November	7542	4903	1086	2931	440
December	7402	4810	1002	2861	383
	<u>90,799</u>	<u>60,212</u>	<u>14,710</u>	<u>34,384</u>	<u>5,751</u>

TABLE IX.

ARRESTS MADE BY RADIO SQUAD CAR CREWS

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OFFENSE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Murder	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Manslaughter	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Assault & Robbery	0	1	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	10
Other Assaults	11	10	13	15	15	15	16	15	12	12	13	10	157
Rape	0	0	0	3	1	1	2	0	2	10	3	1	23
Burglary	16	13	10	7	8	11	10	22	10	9	7	7	130
Forgery - F.I.B.C.	0	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	10
Auto Thefts	2	4	4	1	0	1	2	2	11	3	3	2	55
Larceny	21	17	14	26	17	29	29	43	22	30	41	31	320
Vice	5	4	27	13	6	8	5	7	6	7	0	0	88
Other Crimes	7	14	11	8	15	9	10	9	4	0	5	7	99
Drunk- Drunk & Disord.	282	201	226	260	281	282	284	259	247	247	229	220	3018
Disorderly Conduct	43	58	60	42	51	62	84	112	86	95	107	57	857
Vagrancy	11	10	10	18	16	28	9	16	11	6	14	5	154
Viol. other City Ordin.	4	3	4	2	6	16	28	27	19	10	13	6	138
Pick-up - Suspicion	10	19	24	23	7	19	25	30	13	17	43	16	246
Juvenile Delinquency	19	31	55	70	65	39	46	33	15	21	12	4	410
Op.Mtr.Veh.While Intox.	22	15	21	19	19	32	28	18	27	23	29	19	277
Reckless Driving	44	38	47	36	46	32	52	47	25	32	59	32	490
Speeding	226	287	294	260	345	407	369	317	365	520	309	272	3971
Other Traffic Viola.	415	621	655	559	543	495	541	434	413	467	380	351	5874
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>1349</b>	<b>1477</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>1447</b>	<b>1486</b>	<b>1541</b>	<b>1391</b>	<b>1290</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>1267</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>16313</b>

TABLE X.  
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

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KIND OF SERVICE	D I S T R I C T S							TRAFFIC BUREAU	TOTAL
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
Accidents investigated	3174	1562	3167	1163	2568	1502	1783	4389	19308
Ambulance calls	1882	1038	1557	923	391	352	--	--	6143
Complaints investigated	4767	4208	6626	4080	6810	3296	2993	278	33058
Defective streets and sidewalks reported	2246	2856	7223	3621	4037	832	3401	--	24216
Destitute persons cared for	8	137	2	3	5	--	--	--	155
Doors reported open	526	450	289	199	473	141	469	--	2547
Drowned bodies recovered	9	1	1	4	3	--	--	--	18
First aid rendered	135	1067	283	1043	253	103	97	--	2981
Insane persons taken into custody	27	3	--	1	1	1	--	--	33
Letters & communications investigated	15820	15245	16059	10438	11132	10588	14086	831	94199
Lic. applica. investigated	2292	1164	2188	840	1685	946	1184	--	10299
Lic. law investigations	721	2720	1334	701	2745	418	447	--	9086
Lodgers accommodated	339	346	70	158	36	100	32	--	1081
Lost children restored	76	217	154	88	186	55	277	--	1053
Official letters delivered	79835	20990	43136	14499	36716	17528	28826	178	241708
Official notices served	6351	1911	2963	1196	1999	822	1684	--	16926
Patrol wagon calls	5079	1803	2846	935	1625	1288	1089	--	14665
Persons rescued fm. drowning	1	1	--	--	2	--	--	--	4
Persons reported missing	515	193	184	106	146	73	78	--	1295
Sick & injured conveyed	2551	1306	1850	1043	645	160	220	--	7775
Summonses to Traf. Bureau	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	17394	17394

## HOMICIDES

### MURDER

JACK WILLIAM DENTICE, age 29, 1238 North Jackson Street was shot through the head and left arm while sitting in his car on East Menomonee Street near North Jefferson Street about 1:44 A. M. on June 8, 1937. Frank LaGalbo, age 9, was taken into custody about an hour after the shooting and also a Michael Mineo on June 21st and held until July 16, 1937 when they were dismissed by the court at the request of the District Attorney's Office because of insufficient evidence to prosecute at the time.

JAMES THORNBURG, age 42, 1719 North 11th Street was shot in the abdomen by Ernie Franklin Lee on October 16, 1937, at 5:55 P. M. because James Thornburg had ordered Ernie Franklin Lee off the premises after the latter had been annoying a Mrs. Helen Stier a tenant there. James Thornburg died at 11:00 A. M. on October 24th and Ernie Franklin Lee who had been arrested on October 17, 1937 was sentenced to life imprisonment on a charge of first degree murder. Cleared.

ACTING DETECTIVE GEORGE RAADE, age 36, was shot and killed in a gun battle at the Luick Dairy Co., 1132 North 6th Street about 7:35 P. M. on November 2, 1937 after he and other police officers had been dispatched to the scene in response to a telephone call. One of the bandits was killed and a Fred William Young was apprehended at the scene. Michael Kalamyer, who did the actual shooting and although wounded, succeeded in escaping. He was apprehended the following day with Charles Carney and Patrick Joseph Connolly. All four were sentenced to life imprisonment at the State Penitentiary. Cleared.

JONAS TRAXLER, age 72, clerk at a liquor store at 1551 North 12th Street., was murdered between 9:00 A. M. and 9:55 A. M. on November 17, 1937 by an unknown assailant, who had struck him five blows over the head with a tire tool or light hatchet. Motive apparently robbery. Pending.

### INFANTICIDE

An unidentified body of a new born male child was found wrapped in newspaper at 3:45 P. M. on February 23, 1937 at 794 North Jefferson Street.

### MANSLAUGHTER

DOROTHY ZERNIA, age 21, single, of 3371 North 40th Street, died at 1:40 A. M., February 10, 1937, as the result of an illegal operation performed by Orsola Casoria, who was arrested and sentenced to the Industrial Home for Women, Taycheedah, Wisconsin, on a charge of manslaughter. Cleared.

### MANSLAUGHTER (FIGHT)

STANLEY ECKERT, age 38, Chicago, Illinois, who was struck in the face by Robert Baker, colored, age 29, 1824 North 9th Street, Milwaukee, during an argument in front of 1447 North 3rd Street at 6:12 P. M. on April 27, 1937. Stanley Eckert was conveyed to the County Hospital and pronounced dead on entry. Robert Baker was arrested that same night and sentenced to the House of Correction on a manslaughter charge. Cleared.

THEODORE DRONKOVICH, age 37, 1555 South 2nd Street, was stabbed during a drunken brawl at 1501 South 2nd Street at 7:00 P. M., on May 1st, 1937, by Mike De Motto, age 53 of 316 West Orchard Street. Mike De Motto was arrested the same night and was sentenced to the House of Correction on a charge of manslaughter. Cleared.

CLAUDE MORRIS, colored, age 42, of 1010-A North 6th Street, died at the County Hospital as the result of having been shot with a revolver by John Jones, colored, age 40, of 334 West Cherry Street, while quarreling with him in front of 1042 North 6th Street. John Jones was arrested at St. Paul, Minnesota on September 20, 1937, returned to Milwaukee and sentenced on a charge of manslaughter to the House of Correction. Cleared.

### HOMICIDE (FIGHT)

GEORGE KOZOLOWSKI, age 39, of 2125 North 5th Street, died on May 29, 1937 at the County Hospital as the result of a skull fracture received during an argument on May 10, 1937 at 1241 North Jackson Street with a Jefferson Mummert, age 23, 926 West Locust Street. Jefferson Mummert was arrested on a manslaughter charge and was acquitted by the court on November 9, 1937.

### SUICIDES, ATTEMPTED SUICIDES AND SUDDEN DEATHS

During 1937 there were 73 cases of suicide and 168 attempts at suicide. There were 198 investigations in cases of sudden death.

TABLE XI

DISTRIBUTION OF PLANT EQUIPMENT

	D i s t r i c t							GARAGE	Total
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
Orig. Cost of Bldg. (not incl. land)	(Safety Bldg.) \$1,595,969	32,872	135,000	23,387	22,320	85,248	84,980	--	\$1,979,776
Year Built	1930	1892	1937	1904	1904	1927	1928	--	
Population of Distr.	107,000	51,000	92,000	61,000	125,000	74,000	108,000	--	618,000
Area in Square Miles	4.92	2.89	7.22	5.97	7.40	5.61	10.16	--	44.17
Number of Ambulances	1	1	--	1	1	--	--	1 spare	5
Number of Patrol Wagons	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 spare	8
Number of Automobiles									
(a) With Radio	4	1	3	2	4	2	3	35	54
(b) Without Radio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	2
Number of Motorcycles									
(a) With Radio	--	---	2	--	--	--	--	57	59
(b) Without Radio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	4
Number of Police Signal Boxes	207	93	183	129	186	110	200	--	1108
Signal Boxes (With Lights)	176	66	92	23	50	38	59	--	504
Number of Burglar Alarm Stations	20	4	--	--	4	--	--	--	28
Police Motor Boats	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1
Other Mechanical Equip.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1 truck	1



TABLE XII A

SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS BY MONTHS

FOR FIVE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1937

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>Percent</u>			
						<u>Increase or Decrease</u>			
						<u>1934</u> <u>over</u> <u>1933</u>	<u>1935</u> <u>over</u> <u>1934</u>	<u>1936</u> <u>over</u> <u>1935</u>	<u>1937</u> <u>over</u> <u>1936</u>
January	720	896	979	1137	1342	24	9	16	18
February	616	871	762	1042	1144	41	12*	39	9.8
March	591	715	899	737	1330	21	25	18*	80
April	610	789	717	873	1153	29	8*	24.5	29
May	677	897	799	1010	1349	32	10*	25	33.5
June	721	857	840	1030	1371	19	1*	22.5	33
July	755	795	814	1093	1501	5	2	34	37
August	847	826	833	1174	1460	2*	.8	40.9	24
September	881	965	860	1205	1457	10	10	40	20.9
October	911	861	857	1293	1450	5*	.4*	50.8	12
November	937	909	1000	1250	1584	3*	10	25	26
December	<u>1081</u>	<u>1077</u>	<u>1274</u>	<u>1692</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>.4*</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>32.8</u>	<u>15</u>
	9347	10458	10634	13536	17087	12.1	1.6	27.3	26.2

\* Decrease

NOTE: The above total of 17,087 traffic accidents for 1937 includes 12,237 minor accidents, involving damages estimated at \$25 or less.

TABLE XII B  
ACCIDENTS BY CAUSE

Below is shown a tabulation setting forth the relative weight of the various causes over a period of five years:  
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<u>CAUSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS</u>				
	<u>1937</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1933</u>
Intersection Collisions	5105	4006	3065	3115	2747
Rear end Collisions	2207	1657	1104	966	737
Violation of Law	961	864	694	844	696
Carelessness of Driver	5133	4033	3045	2734	2324
Condition of Vehicle or Road	905	645	615	359	480
Incompetency of Driver	93	41	33	33	51
To avoid another Accident	153	111	74	80	122
Children playing in street	798	695	661	822	749
Jay-walking or Running for Street Car	739	798	695	823	706
Crossing street through traffic	72	78	44	43	28
Struck by vehicle turning corner	156	143	120	68	79
Miscellaneous	773	465	483	570	621
Cause undetermined	1	-	1	1	7
	<u>17096</u>	<u>13536</u>	<u>10634</u>	<u>10458</u>	<u>9347</u>

TABLE XII-C

SUMMARY OF ALL ACCIDENTS

BY NATURE AND CAUSE

	Motor Vehicles	Street Cars and Trains	Pedestrians and Children	Miscellaneous	Total	Number of Injuries	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1937	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1936	Injuries per 1000 Accidents - 1935
Intersection Collisions	4901	204	--	--	5105	1085	213	234	258
Rear end Collisions	2028	179	--	--	2207	244	111	133	135
Violation of Law	702	30	93	136	961	338	352	347	316
Carelessness of Vehicle Driver	4787	213	128	5	5133	461	90	104	126
Condition of Vehicle or Road	466	88	46	305	905	198	219	253	211
Incompetency of Driver	30	3	2	58	93	39	419	268	454
To Avoid another Accident	66	19	8	60	153	46	301	189	337
Children Playing in Street	--	--	798	--	798	807	1011	1014	1016
Jay-Walking or Running for Street Car	--	--	739	--	739	745	1008	1030	1028
Crossing Street Through Traffic	--	--	72	--	72	71	986	1064	1022
Struck by Vehicle Turning Corner	--	--	156	--	156	168	1077	1091	1108
Miscellaneous	--	--	--	773	773	127	164	148	136
Cause Undetermined	--	--	1	--	1	1	1000	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>12980</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>2043</b>	<b>1337</b>	<b>17096</b>	<b>4330</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>321</b>

TABLE XII-D

ANALYSIS OF FATAL AND NON FATAL ACCIDENTS

Type of Accident	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons Killed						Number of Persons Injured					
	Total (A)	Fatal (B)	Non-Fatal (C)	Prot. Dam. (D)	All Ages (E)	0-4 (F)	5-14 (G)	15-24 (H)	25-64 (I)	65& Over (J)	All Ages (K)	0-4 (L)	5-14 (M)	15-24 (N)	25-64 (O)	65& Over (P)
1. TOTAL TRAFFIC	5445	68	3689	1688	70	1	8	5	27	29	4313	259	856	961	1995	242
2. MOTOR VEHICLE-Total	5251	63	3503	1685	65	1	7	5	24	28	4102	242	812	933	1896	219
3. Collision with Pedestrian	1865	48	1817	--	49	1	6	1	17	24	1891	178	589	166	800	158
4. ...with other mot. veh.	2403	8	1105	1290	8	0	0	1	3	4	1499	52	85	436	871	55
5. ...with R.R. train	15	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	7	3	0
6. ...with electric car	194	1	82	111	1	0	0	1	0	0	116	0	5	37	72	2
7. ...with bicycle	290	3	270	17	3	0	1	1	1	0	282	4	121	139	18	0
8. ...with horse-drawn vehicle	17	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	7	2
9. ...with fixed object	390	1	151	238	2	0	0	0	2	0	214	3	7	119	83	2
10. Non Collision	77	2	63	12	2	0	0	1	1	0	80	5	5	28	42	0
11. OTHER TRAFFIC-Total	194	5	186	3	5	0	1	0	3	1	211	17	44	28	99	23
12. R.R.-not with mot. veh.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13. Elec. car-not with m.v.	104	4	98	2	4	0	1	0	3	0	116	5	9	14	74	14
14. Other veh.- not with mot. veh.	90	1	88	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	95	12	35	14	25	9

TABLE XII-E

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS - TIME OF OCCURRENCE

Time	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Prop'ty Damage Only
1. 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	686	8	405	273
2. 6:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.	63	0	39	24
3. 7:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	159	2	96	61
4. 8:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	142	0	94	48
5. 9:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	173	1	100	72
6. 10:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	217	0	131	86
7. 11:01 a.m. to 12:00 noon	224	3	140	81
8. 12:01 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	280	1	194	85
9. 1:01 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	257	2	176	79
10. 2:01 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	288	2	177	109
11. 3:01 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	368	2	262	104
12. 4:01 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	471	4	361	106
13. 5:01 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	493	6	365	122
14. 6:01 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	349	6	260	83
15. 7:01 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	409	7	310	92
16. 8:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	305	13	211	81
17. 9:01 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	170	5	119	46
18. 10:01 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	162	1	112	49
19. 11:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight	182	5	113	64
20. Not stated	47	0	24	23

TABLE XII-F

DEATHS AS THE RESULT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

\*The following tabulation includes all deaths resulting from motor vehicle accidents in public places within the city limits of Milwaukee.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Licenses in the County</u>	<u>Year of Vehicle</u>	<u>Total Fatalities</u>
1928	-	-	113
1929	-	-	104
1930	-	-	90
1931	-	-	86
1932	-	-	86
1933	-	-	72
1934	-	-	66
1935	-	-	65
1936	-	-	70
1937	-	-	65

\* Report does NOT include:

- (a) Deaths resulting from accidents which occurred off the street, on private (home or industrial) premises.
- (b) Deaths from traffic accidents not involving motor vehicle, such as street car striking pedestrian, train striking pedestrian or horse-drawn vehicle, etc.

TABLE XII-G

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1927 up to and including 1937.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the County of Milwaukee</u>	<u>Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the City of Milwaukee</u>
1927	135,762	*
1928	146,720	*
1929	162,236	*
1930	162,099	*
1931	154,243	*
1932	142,159	113,821
1933	138,924	112,446
1934	151,316	122,295
1935	159,583	130,196
1936	179,432	147,322
1937	186,770	153,765

O B I T U A R Y

NELS GOODMAN

Appointed patrolman	November 8, 1924
Died in line of duty	August 10, 1937

On August 6, 1937 while pursuing a speeder, Patrolman Nels Goodman struck a hole in the pavement and was thrown from his motorcycle. His skull was fractured and he died on August 10, 1937 without regaining consciousness.

CLIFTON GOSCH

Appointed Patrolman	February 1, 1927
Died	October 13, 1937

GEORGE RAABE

Appointed Patrolman	May 28, 1929
Died in line of duty	November 2, 1937

Acting Detective George Raabe was shot and killed by a Michael Kalamyer during a robbery at the Luick Dairy Company.

JOHN WESOLOWSKI

Appointed Patrolman	April 6, 1910
Appointed Detective	January 11, 1918
Appointed Lieutenant	February 15, 1921
Appointed Captain	May 15, 1926
Died	November 10, 1937