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ANNUAL REPORT  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

FOR THE YEAR

1939

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The crime situation did not show any appreciable change during 1939--only slight increases or decreases were noted in the several major crime classifications. In 1939 there were 6 murders and 2 non-negligent manslaughters all of which were cleared, compared with 7 murders and 1 manslaughter for the previous year. Complaints of assault and robbery totaled 70, an increase of 19 over 1938, while burglaries numbered 495, a decrease of 82 cases. Auto thefts showed very little change in 1939 with 509 cars reported stolen while in 1938 there were 543 such cases. 97% of the cars reported stolen were recovered.

Although the number of motor vehicle fatalities showed an increase in Milwaukee for 1939 according to the statistics compiled by the National Safety Council, Milwaukee continued to have the best record in the United States with 9.3 fatalities per 1,000 population comparing it with other cities having a population of 500,000 or more.

During the year two combination ambulances and patrol wagons were built for the department. They have proven very satisfactory and by serving two purposes have increased the available ambulance facilities without increasing the cost. With vehicles equipped as ambulances and at additional locations faster service is now provided in many sections of the city.

TABLE I-A

FORCE

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT - DECEMBER 31, 1939

<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		
Capt. 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									8		
Detectives *	56	2640									55		
Desk Sergeants	22	2440	3	3	3	3	3	3	3			1	
Patrol Sergeants	59	2440	9	6	8	6	9	6	6	2		6	1
Patrolmen (1st Year)	927	1800	190	75	111	88	151	77	90		21	119	5
(2nd Year)		1920											
(3rd Year)		2040											
(4th Year)		2100											
(5th Year)		2160											
Policewomen	<u>2</u>	2160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	<u>2</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1099</b>		<b>205</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>8</b>

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

TABLE I-B

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEC. 31, 1939

	<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>Secretarial Bur.</u>	<u>Bur. of Ident.</u>	<u>Det. Bur. Cler. Inv.</u>	<u>Traffic Bureau</u>	<u>Radio Bureau</u>	<u>Medical Bureau</u>
Supt. of Bur. of Id.	1	\$3240									1				
Secty. of Police	1	3060								1					
Ass't. Secretary	2	2640								2					
Police Rep. Stenog.	2	2040								1	1				
Senior Clk. Stenog.)	11 (1)	1680								3	1	2	5		
Senior Clerk )	11 (2)	1800								1	2	2	5		1
)	(3)	1860													
)	(4)	1920													
Photographer	1	2220									1				
Fingerprint Operator	1	2220									1				
Property Clerk	1	2220								1					
Police Physician	5	1260													5
Radio Engineer	1	3600													1
Radio Operator	4	2160													4
Radio Elec. Mech.	4	2800													4
Chief Tele. Operator	1	2280	1												
Telephone Operator )	24 (1)	1980	13	5			6								
)	(2)	2040													
)	(3)	2100													
)	(4)	2160													
Matron	10	960	4	3	3										
Garage Supt.	1	2440	1												
Engineman & Mach.	1	2340	1												
Engineman & Mach. Asst.	2	2100	2												
Elevator Operator )	5 (1)	1440	5												
Janitor )	29 (2)	1500	23	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Automobile Washer )	2 (3)	1560	2												
)	(4)	1620													
Janitress	<u>2</u>	<u>1140</u>	<u>2</u>												
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

(\*) Safety Building

TABLE II

CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

	AUTHORIZED STRENGTH		ACTUAL STRENGTH		NET GAIN OR LOSS
	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	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	
Detectives	56	56	55	56	+1
Patrol Sergeants	59	59	59	59	
Desk Sergeants	22	22	22	22	
Patrolmen	932	932	931	927	-4
Policewomen	2	2	2	2	
Supt. Bur. of Ident.	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.	11	11	11	11	
Senior Clerk	11	11	11	11	
Photographer	1	1	1	1	
Fingerprint Operator	1	1	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	2	2	2	2	
Engineman & Machinist	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Engineman & Mach.	2	2	2	2	
Elevator Operator	5	5	5	5	
Janitor	29	29	29	29	
Janitress	2	2	2	2	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1226</b>	<b>1226</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>- 3</b>

TABLE II-A

CHANGES IN POLICE PERSONNEL DURING 1939

1. Present for duty, January 1, 1939.....	1224
2. Recruited during the year.....	20
3. Reinstated during the year.....	<u>1</u>
TOTAL.....	1245
4. Separations from the service:	
(a) Voluntary resignations.....	5
(b) Retirement on Pension.....	12
(c) Resigned with charges pending.....	0
(d) Dropped during probation.....	0
(e) Dismissed for cause.....	6
(f) Killed in line of duty.....	0
(g) Deceased.....	<u>1</u>
5. Total Separations during the Year.....	24
6. Present for Duty, December 31st, 1939.....	1221

TABLE III

REPORT OF THE POLICE PHYSICIANS

1. Number of cases of sickness and injury of members and employes of the department.....	793
2. Number of days lost by members and employes as the result of sickness and injury.....	10,876
3. Number of calls made on members and employes who reported sick or injured.....	1,029
4. Number of special medical examinations.....	1,368
5. Special examination -- applicants for patrolman.....	181



TABLE IV  
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

1939

OFFENSES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Total 1939	Total 1938	Total 1937
1. Criminal Homicide:															
(a) Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	10	9
(b) Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	6	8
2. Rape	3	3	2	1	3	3	4	1	1	3	2	5	31	32	49
3. Robbery	3	7	9	6	8	4	1	10	11	1	5	5	70	51	44
4. Aggravated Assault	4	2	10	9	3	6	6	11	8	9	8	5	81	57	55
5. Burglary	34	32	31	48	26	38	46	43	50	49	60	38	495	577	482
6. Larceny															
(a) \$50 & Over	24	13	16	28	22	27	30	21	27	17	22	18	265	253	237
(b) Under \$50	298	225	311	351	365	356	394	380	372	391	386	330	4159*	4360	4154
7. Auto Theft	44	33	57	46	32	44	36	28	59	46	41	43	509	543	850
TOTAL	411	315	439	490	462	479	517	494	530	516	524	447	5624*	5889	5888

\* Thirty-two unfounded complaints in monthly tabulations included in totals.

TABLE V

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1939 \*

	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>PART I CLASSES:</u>	
1. Criminal Homicide	
(a) Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter . . . . .	8
(b) Manslaughter by Negligence. . . . .	8
2. Rape . . . . .	87
3. Robbery. . . . .	46
4. Aggravated Assault . . . . .	42
5. Burglary--Breaking and Entering. . . . .	155
6. Larceny--Theft (except auto theft) . . . . .	360
7. Auto Theft . . . . .	<u>51</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	757
 <u>PART II CLASSES:</u>	
8. Other Assaults . . . . .	481
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting . . . . .	137
10. Embezzlement and Fraud . . . . .	391
11. Stolen Property--buying, receiving, possessing . . . . .	16
12. Weapons--carrying, possessing, etc. . . . .	31
13. Prostitution and commercialized vice . . . . .	168
14. Sex Offenses (except Nos. 2 and 13). . . . .	265
15. Offenses Against the Family and Children . . . . .	117
16. Narcotic Drug Laws . . . . .	3
17. Liquor Laws. . . . .	124
18. Drunkenness. . . . .	5541
19. Disorderly Conduct . . . . .	1841
20. Vagrancy . . . . .	652
21. Gambling . . . . .	121
22. Driving While Intoxicated. . . . .	1000
23. Violation of Road and Driving Laws . . . . .	19377
24. Parking Violations . . . . .	23508
25. Traffic and Motor Vehicle Laws (except Nos. 22 and 24) . . . . .	635
26. All Other Offenses . . . . .	<u>862</u>
TOTAL. . . . .	55270
Total Arrests (Part I and Part II Classes) . . . . .	56027
27. Suspicion. . . . .	<u>2330</u>
GRAND TOTAL. . . . .	58357

\* Does not include juvenile arrests.

TABLE V-A

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS

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	<u>STATE</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>CITY</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>MISC.</u> <u>CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	377	3768	22	4167
February	330	3681	16	4027
March	409	5143	22	5574
April	404	4574	25	5003
May	358	4352	16	4726
June	366	3543	27	3936
July	361	3520	31	3912
August	451	4526	24	5001
September	296	4598	26	4920
October	354	4519	44	4917
November	309	4705	26	5040
December	<u>346</u>	<u>4443</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>4804</u>
TOTAL	4361	51372	294	56027

WARNING CARDS ISSUED

Bicycle Warning Cards.....	9975
Motor Vehicle Warning Cards...	<u>22130</u>
	32105

TABLE VI

AGE OF PERSONS ARRESTED

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Between 17 and 21 years. . . . .	3315	1955
Between 21 and 30 years. . . . .	16131	18164
Between 30 and 40 years. . . . .	16196	16936
Between 40 and 50 years. . . . .	11162	11812
Between 50 and 60 years. . . . .	4851	5298
Between 60 and 70 years. . . . .	1413	1574
Between 70 and 80 years. . . . .	241	275
Between 80 and 90 years. . . . .	7	12
Between 90 and 100 years . . . . .	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	53316	56027

SOCIAL CONDITION

Married. . . . .	30529	32580
Single . . . . .	<u>22787</u>	<u>23447</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	53316	56027

RACE

White. . . . .	51776	54724
Black. . . . .	1379	1274
Yellow . . . . .	37	18
Copper . . . . .	<u>124</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL . . . . .	53316	56027

TABLE VII

NATIVITY OF PERSONS ARRESTED

1939

Africa.....	13	Jerusalem.....	20
Albania.....	5	Latvia.....	14
Argentina.....	7	Lithuania.....	51
Armenia.....	10	Mexico.....	105
Arabia.....	1	Norway.....	144
Austria-Hungary....	794	Persia.....	2
Australia.....	8	Poland.....	631
Belgium.....	12	Philippine Island..	7
Bohemia.....	24	Portugal.....	2
Bulgaria.....	13	Roumania.....	55
Canada.....	255	Russia.....	692
China.....	8	Serbia.....	17
Croatia.....	7	Slav.....	242
Denmark.....	61	Spain.....	4
England.....	133	Syria.....	20
France.....	18	Switzerland.....	96
Finland.....	28	Scotland.....	41
Germany.....	1622	Sweden.....	133
Greece.....	128	Turkey.....	19
Holland.....	36	United States.....	50182
India.....	3	Wales.....	3
Iceland.....	1	West Indies.....	4
Ireland.....	80	South America.....	10
Italy.....	266		
		TOTAL	56027

TABLE VIII  
AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
Thefts . . . . .	148	130
Recoveries . . . . .	133	115
Still Missing. . . . .	15	15
Joy Rides. . . . .	395	379
Total Thefts . . . . .	543	509
Total Recoveries . . . . .	528	494
Outside Cars Recovered . . . . .	25	45
Total Value of Cars Reported Stolen. .	\$196,335	\$185,870
Total Value of Cars Recovered:		
(a) Local . . . . .	\$191,475	\$182,920
(b) Outside . . . . .	\$9,200	\$19,175
Percentage of Recoveries . . . . .	97.2%	97%

231 automobile thieves were arrested during the past year as compared with 213 during the year 1938 (including juvenile arrests).

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

A total of 5,763 prisoners were brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1939, as compared with 6,715 during the year 1938, a decrease of 952 prisoners, or 14.2 per cent. These prisoners were fingerprinted, photographed, and recorded as follows:

	<u>Year</u> <u>1938</u>	<u>Year</u> <u>1939</u>
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed . . . . .	1479	1521
Prisoners fingerprinted only . . . . .	3270	2257
Prisoners identified as repeaters who had been previously fingerprinted at our Bureau . . . . .	1966	1985
TOTAL number of prisoners brought to the Bureau.	6715	5763

Of the 1,985 prisoners who were identified as having previously been fingerprinted at our Bureau, 1,907, 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 1,985 prisoners, 78 gave fictitious names and denied being arrested before, but were identified through their fingerprints as having criminal records.

During the year the Bureau was called upon to fingerprint 19 bodies at the County Morgue, of which 5 were identified through their fingerprints and 12 by relatives or friends.

The total number of prisoners registered during the year 1939 required the taking of 13,470 fingerprint cards, of which number 6,132 were sent to other bureaus of identification, 3,909 were placed in our master fingerprint file, and the balance, 3,429, were placed in our duplicate fingerprint file.

During the past year, 487 identifications were made through 3,737 fingerprint cards received from other police jurisdictions. Of this number, 3,250 were properly classified and placed in our file, making a total of 7,159 local and foreign fingerprint cards added to our file during the year.

A considerable amount of time was taken in searching our fingerprint file to determine whether or not 1,149 applicants for United States Civil Service positions, who had been fingerprinted at the Federal Building, had previously been arrested. Of this number, 69 were identified as having arrest records.

During the past year fingerprints were taken of 32 newly-appointed members and employees of the Department.

IDENTIFICATIONS MADE AT OTHER BUREAUS THROUGH  
FINGERPRINTS CONTRIBUTED BY OUR DEPARTMENT

In 1939 there were 4,634 fingerprint cards (1,521 photographed here for the first time, 856 with photographs of previous offenders, and 2,257 "roughs") sent

to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and 1,521 fingerprint records with photographs sent to each of the three other Bureaus, Identification notices containing 777 aliases were received from these bureaus, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice	
Washington, D. C. . . . .	1689
State Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Identification,	
East Lansing, Michigan. . . . .	264
Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Chicago, Illinois. . . . .	<u>22</u>
	1975

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, 1939, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C. . . . .	2146
State Department of Public Safety, East Lansing, Mich. . . . .	364
Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification, London, Ohio . . . . .	242
Bureau of Identification, Police Department, Chicago, Ill. . . . .	<u>3</u>
	2755

During the past year this division made 17,040 photographic prints as compared with 14,533 for the previous year. Following is a detailed tabulation of the work performed during the year 1939 as compared with 1938:

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
New Prisoners photographed . . . . .	1479	1521
Copies of new prints . . . . .	4437	4563
Prints for Bertillon file. . . . .	3	0
New Photos of formed offenders . . . . .	830	867
Photos sent to other jurisdictions . . . . .	1528	756
Photos of murder scenes. . . . .	143	203
Photos of fatal accident scenes. . . . .	431	566
Extra photos for special investigations. . . . .	530	297
Photos of fingerprints at scenes of crime. . . . .	706	697
Replacements for Criminal Gallery. . . . .	9	85
Photos of members and employes of the department,		
both old and new. . . . .	47	798
Photos made for newspapers . . . . .	44	61
Miscellaneous photos (persons wanted for crimes, missing		
persons, unidentified persons, etc.). . . . .	1493	1209
Photostatic copies of miscellaneous matter . . . . .	4289	5913
Photos for Immigration Department. . . . .	18	10
Photos for U. S. Internal Revenue Department . . . . .	25	15

To assist members of the department in the preparation of cases of local prisoners who had previous records, this Bureau, at the request of such officers, compiled and typed 167 criminal records on official stationery for introduction in court. In addition to this figure, 586 records, previously compiled, were furnished officers making a total of 753 records used for presentation in our criminal courts in aiding the prosecution and disposition of cases before such courts.



During the past year, 1,914 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 1,667 such cards and photostatic copies added to the file during 1939, making a total of 24,906 handwriting specimens now in this file. During the year there were 2,673 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; 79.3 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, 5,763 brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year, 3,338 or 57.9 per cent, were found to have previous fingerprint records.

Of the 1,521 such prisoners who were photographed by this Bureau during the year for the first time, 736, or 48.4 per cent, were reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., as having criminal records elsewhere.

The 1,491 transients, arrested were brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1939 and 784, or 52.6 per cent, were reported as having previous criminal records by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

#### W.P.A. PROJECT

W.P.A. Project No. 8209 was established in the Milwaukee Police Department in June, 1938, for the purpose of:

1. Creating a single fingerprint file with the prints classified according to the Battley System.
2. Extending the classification of the regular ten-print cards, according to the Renee Extension, of all fingerprints taken prior to 1932.

In December, 1939, this project was superseded by W.P.A. Project No. 10132 and in addition to the foregoing the new project also included the copying of arrest records for the period of 1921 to 1929 on 4 x 6 cards, creating a card file to conform with our other general arrest record files.

The number of cards classified and filed during the year was 20,790, making a total of 47,280 single fingerprints now on file. In addition, 2,281 permanent guide cards were made and placed in this file.

During 1939 two W.P.A. workers checked 49,475 Henry cards in the master fingerprint file, making verifications, classifications, extensions, and adding the extended classification and date of birth to the fingerprint cards as well as the name index cards.

The personnel of this project consisted of one supervisor, five senior laboratory technicians, one supervising clerk, and ten junior clerks.

### DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 11,032 complaints and 6,235 letters and communications, interviewed 7,386 prisoners and witnesses, and 199 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 \$8,745 in 155 cases.

### MISSING PERSONS

In 1939 a total of 1,018 persons were reported missing locally and all but 31 have been reported located. 18 of those still missing are males and 13 females.

Analyzing the 31 persons not located to date, 5 men and 1 woman are wanted on capiases issued by various courts; 2 are girls who escaped from the Wisconsin Industrial School for girls. In one case a married woman deserted her husband and left the city with another man; she was missing for about two years before being reported by her mother. In another case a young man had been missing nearly two years before being reported missing by his father who is anxious to get in touch with him because of his mother's illness.

### VICE SQUAD

There were 226 complaints relative to vice conditions in the city investigated by the Vice Squad during 1939. Other investigations included 49 complaints for gambling, 6 fortune telling, and 16 for liquor violations. The squad made a total of 811 arrests.

POLICE RADIO

The police radio system has now been in operation for nine years. The city is divided into 20 uniform radio squad car districts, and 14 radio motorcycle beats. Besides this there are 14 Detective Bureau radio squad cars, and 1 Traffic Bureau special investigation squad car. All the Department motor vehicles are now radio equipped - 70 cars and 58 motorcycles. The police motorboat is also radio equipped.

Police radio has rapidly expanded in Wisconsin during the last few years and there are now 22 fixed stations in 18 Wisconsin counties covering most of Wisconsin's population. These stations have formed a voluntary network which has proved very valuable in spreading alarms. WPKD is also constantly in touch by radio telegraph with police stations in 27 states of the union.

The radio shop provides 24-hour maintenance service for the radio equipped vehicles of the Department. During the year the shop built and installed 28 receivers and dismantled 23 receivers. In addition, receivers were installed in the fire boats.

REPORT ON OPERATION OF RADIO STATION  
WPKD AND SQUAD CARS - 1939

<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	7733	4946	1156	2747	496
February	6751	4376	931	2380	355
March	8041	5271	1199	2745	501
April	7910	5088	1304	2816	514
May	8502	5612	1443	3115	581
June	8341	5750	1637	3179	595
July	8932	6443	1748	3488	760
August	8720	6078	1781	3402	756
September	8325	5914	1598	3334	681
October	8040	5715	1507	3202	637
November	7426	5281	1368	2961	533
December	<u>7677</u>	<u>5409</u>	<u>1366</u>	<u>3073</u>	<u>456</u>
TOTAL	96398	65883	17038	36442	6865

TABLE IX

ARRESTS MADE BY RADIO SQUAD CAR CREWS

1939

Homicide . . . . .	3
Rape . . . . .	16
Robbery . . . . .	3
Aggravated Assault . . . . .	15
Burglary . . . . .	36
Larceny . . . . .	95
Auto Theft . . . . .	9
Other Assaults . . . . .	205
Forgery . . . . .	14
Fraud . . . . .	31
Carrying Concealed Weapons . . . . .	1
Sex Offenses . . . . .	69
Abandonment . . . . .	10
Drug Laws . . . . .	0
Liquor Laws . . . . .	3
Drunk . . . . .	1761
Common Drunk . . . . .	117
Drunk & Disorderly . . . . .	976
Disorderly Conduct . . . . .	664
Vagrancy . . . . .	121
Gambling . . . . .	4
Oper. Auto While Intoxicated . . . . .	600
Reckless Driving . . . . .	200
Speeding . . . . .	4069
Misc. Traffic Violations . . . . .	1794
Parking . . . . .	1157
Motor Veh. Law Violations . . . . .	105
Misc. Laws and Ordinances . . . . .	195
Suspicion . . . . .	248
Juvenile Delinquents . . . . .	<u>1490</u>
TOTAL	14011

TABLE X  
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

1939

	DISTRICT OR BUREAU								TOTAL
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	Traf.	
Accidents Investigated	3,106	1,197	2,221	938	2,244	1,157	1,614	3,354	15,861
Ambulance Calls	2,919	1,080	--	1,087	1,440	450	84	--	7,060
Complaints Investigated	5,410	3,817	6,603	3,790	7,980	3,476	3,877	174	35,127
Defective Streets and Sidewalks Reported	1,706	2,457	6,611	3,052	3,872	1,312	7,435	--	26,495
Destitute Persons Cared For	12	150	--	8	1	--	--	--	171
Doors Reported Open	671	390	557	207	644	264	559	--	3,292
Drowned Bodies Recovered	8	8	--	--	2	--	--	--	18
First Aid Rendered	263	1,062	36	1,107	407	38	134	--	3,047
Insane Persons Taken Into Custody	20	--	--	1	1	1	2	--	25
Letters and Communications Investigated	16,686	13,882	15,073	10,500	14,173	11,583	13,804	795	96,496
License Applications Inv.	2,996	1,226	1,402	791	1,718	1,077	1,282	--	10,492
Liquor Law Investigations	760	1,696	1,438	234	2,085	1,536	472	--	8,271
Lodgers Accommodated	241	287	32	89	35	130	46	--	860
Lost Children Restored	326	204	175	69	130	53	242	--	1,199
Official Letters Delivered	100,350	24,377	35,459	17,507	40,100	20,813	36,307	260	275,173
Official Notices Served	9,609	2,604	1,976	3,781	2,184	835	1,685	--	22,674
Patrol Wagon Calls	4,618	1,368	1,417	693	1,337	1,026	1,021	--	11,480
Persons Rescued from Drowning	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	2
Persons Reported Missing	351	134	122	91	191	57	118	--	1,064
Sick and Injured Conveyed	3,372	1,219	168	1,107	1,489	79	331	--	7,765
Summonses to Traffic Bureau	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16,499	16,499

HOMICIDES - 1939

MURDER:

RUTH SCOTT, age 16, was found dead in her bed at her home at 2605 W. Garfield Ave., at 4:30 A. M., January 16th, by her mother, Mrs. Ida Scott, a widow, who occupied an adjoining bedroom and who had been awakened by being struck over the head. Mrs. Scott fought with her assailant who was armed with a hand axe and butcher knife, but he escaped after inflicting injuries to her head and face. Mrs. Scott then went to her daughter's bedroom and found her lying on the bed in a pool of blood, her skull crushed by blows from the hand axe, her hands fastened to the head of the bed with a leather belt and her pajama trousers removed. CLEARED. Ernest John Mahr, age 23, arrested the same day by the Sheriff's Department of Racine, Wis., and on the following day, upon his plea of guilty, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, on the charge of Murder.

The newborn baby of Elizabeth Grace (col), age 20, 626 W. Galena Street, was found in an alley in a basement window well adjacent to the premises at 1624 N. 7th Street, at 3:15 P.M., March 14th. The Coroner's Office reported that death was due to strangulation, skull fracture and a broken neck. CLEARED. Elizabeth Grace (col) arrested March 14th, admitted giving birth to the baby at 10 A.M., March 12th, in a closet in her home, then placing hands around the neck of the baby and striking its head on the floor. She then carried the baby to the window well where it was found. She was convicted on April 26th and sentenced to a term of 14 to 20 years at the Wisconsin Prison for Women, Taycheedah, on the charge of Murder.

JOSEPH L. MONROE (col), age 68, 1739 N. 4th Street, was found at 8 P.M., March 18th, on the floor of his coal office at 1441 N. 8th Street, suffering from shotgun wounds on the left side of his face. A missing wallet containing thirty dollars indicated robbery as the motive. He died at the County Emergency Hospital as a result of his wounds at 9:45 P.M. the same night. CLEARED. Joseph Edward Grenier, age 18, arrested here April 10, and Roosevelt Morton (col), age 18, arrested in Birmingham, Alabama, April 14th. Both boys admitted the holdup of Monroe but accused one another of the actual shooting and robbery. Both were sentenced on May 10th to serve 14 to 25 years in the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, on the charge of Murder.

JAMES SULLIVAN, age 17, 1514 N. Astor Street, was admitted to the County General Hospital on April 27th suffering from poisoning and pronounced dead at 1:45 P.M., April 28th. His stepmother, Mrs. Anna Louisa Sullivan, age 50, was arrested on May 4th and admitted that she had placed paris green in soup eaten by Sullivan on April 20th and again on April 26th, causing him to become ill. She stated she wanted to get rid of him as she hated him. She also admitted giving paris green in a similar manner to other members of her family but without fatal results. CLEARED. She was sentenced on May 5th to life imprisonment at the Wisconsin Prison for Women, Taycheedah, on the charge of Murder.

NORMAN P. MUELLER, age 36, 8002 Rogers Avenue, Wauwatosa, Wis., was shot and killed in an office on the ninth floor of the office building at 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, at 9:40 A.M., December 4th, by Guy P. Pearce, age 36, of 2928 N. 14th Street, who then committed suicide. Both men were employees of the same concern and Mueller was a superior of Pearce. Pearce hated Mueller because he thought Mueller was responsible for his failing to get outside work at higher wages. CLEARED. Murder and suicide.

OSCAR ZIEBELL, age 31, 944 N. 11th Street, was pushed out of the east window of a room on the third floor of this address about 3:30 A.M., December 22nd, by his brother, Arnold, after an argument resulting in a fight. A post-mortem examination indicated death was due to a skull fracture and hemorrhage of the brain. CLEARED. Arnold Max Ziebell, age 38, arrested. Case pending. 1st Degree Murder; bound over.

#### MANSLAUGHTER:

ALLAN SMITH LEEK (col), age 44, 1308 N. 8th Street, was stabbed in the abdomen with an ice pick at 10 A.M., April 24th, during an argument with a negress in her home at 1742-B N. 3rd Street. Leek died at the County Emergency Hospital at 6:10 A.M., May 3rd, his death being caused by a punctured gall bladder. CLEARED. Alberta Angler (col), age 51, arrested April 24th. She was sentenced on May 22nd to from 2 to 4 years in the House of Correction, Milwaukee, on the charge of Manslaughter.

SALLY JONES (col), age 32, rooming at 1716 N. 6th Street, was stabbed to death during a quarrel and scuffle with Mrs. Emma Preston (col) in the hallway of that address at about 10:35 P.M., December 7th. CLEARED. Mrs. Emma Preston (col), age 32, arrested December 8th. She was sentenced on January 10, 1940, to from 4 to 7 years in the Wisconsin Prison for Women, Taycheedah, on the charge of Manslaughter.

#### JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE:

JOHN WITTNER, age 35, 3740 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, was shot by Patrolman Oliver Haase about 10:30 P.M., October 9th, while attempting to escape from the scene of a safe burglary at the home of Eugene Trimberger, 1527 N. Van Buren Street. Wittner died at the County Emergency Hospital as a result of his wounds at 5 A.M., October 10th. The verdict of the Coroner's Jury was Justifiable Homicide.

TABLE XI  
DISTRIBUTION OF PLANT EQUIPMENT

	DISTRICT							GARAGE	TOTAL
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th		
Original Cost of Bldg. (not including land)	\$1,595,969	32,872	135,000	23,387	22,320	85,243	84,980	--	\$1,979,776
Year Built	1930	1892	1937	1904	1904	1927	1928	--	--
Population of Dist. (Est)	106,000	50,000	93,000	63,000	126,000	76,000	112,000	--	626,000
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	-	-	--	4
Number of Patrol Wagons	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	2 spare	7
Comb. Ambulance-Pat. Wagon	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	--	2
Number of Automobiles (All radio equipped)	4	2	3	2	4	2	3	36	56
Number of Motorcycles (All radio equipped)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	57	59
Number of Police Signal Boxes	207	93	183	129	180	112	210	--	1114
(Boxes with lights)	179	62	91	23	51	41	66	--	513
Number of Burglar Alarm Stations	21	4	-	-	3	-	-	--	28
Police Motor Boats	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	--	1
Other Mechanical Equip.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 truck	1



TABLE XII-A

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>Total Fatalities</u>
1928	113
1929	104
1930	90
1931	86
1932	86
1933	72
1934	66
1935	65
1936	70
1937	65
1938	41
1939	56

(\*) 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 horsedrawn vehicle, etc.

TABLE XII-B

## ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS				NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED											
	Total (a)	Fatal (b)	Non Fatal (c)	*Prot. Damage (d)	Total (a)	Sex		Driver (d)	Pass- enger (e)	Pedes- trian (f)	Age Group					
						Male (b)	Fe- male (c)				0-4 (g)	5-14 (h)	15-24 (i)	25-44 (j)	45-64 (k)	65 & Over (l)
Collision of Motor Vehicle with--																
1. Pedestrian	1583	46	1537		46	35	11			46	3	4	3	2	19	15
2. Other Mot. Veh.	2620	4	907	1709	4	3	1		4				2		1	1
3. R.R. Train	4		2	2												
4. Street Car	170	2	52	116	2		2		2		1		1			
5. Bicycle	246		246													
6. Horse-drawn Veh.	14		9	5												
7. Other Veh.	25		25													
8. Animal	6			6												
9. Fixed Object	309	3	118	188	3	3		2	1				1	1	1	
10. NON-COLLISION	94	1	86	7	1	1			1				1			
11. MOT. VEH. -- TOTAL	5071	56	2982	2033	56	42	14	2	8	46	4	4	8	3	21	16
Other Traffic--																
12. R.R. Not With Motor Vehicle	1			1												
13. St. Car Not With Motor Vehicle	65	3	60	2	3	2	1			3			1		1	1
14. Other - Not With Motor Vehicle	118		117	1						3			1		1	1
15. OTHER TRAFFIC--Total	184	3	177	4	3	2	1			3			1		1	1
16. TOTAL TRAFFIC	5255	59	3159	2037	59	44	15	2	8	49	4	4	9	3	22	17

\*Accidents in which total property damage was in excess of \$25.

TABLE XII-C

## ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS -- PERSONS INJURED

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED												
	Total (a)	Sex		Driver (d)	Pass- enger (e)	Peder- trian (f)	Age Group						Not Stated (n)
		Male (b)	Female (c)				0-4 (g)	5-14 (h)	15-24 (i)	25-44 (j)	45-64 (k)	65 & Over (l)	
Collision of Motor Vehicle with--													
1. Pedestrian	1585	978	607	5	1	1579	153	518	140	213	336	147	78
2. Other Mot. Veh.	1304	669	635	413	872	19	41	57	359	528	257	31	31
3. R.R. Train	7	4	3	2	5			1		4	1	1	
4. Street Car	78	47	31	29	46	3	2	2	19	42	10	1	2
5. Bicycle	249	225	24	247	2			105	121	9	6	1	7
6. Horse-drawn Veh.	11	11		9	1	1			2	1	7	1	
7. Other Veh.	28	24	4	19	4	5	6	17	1	1	2		1
8. Animal													
9. Fixed Object	159	116	43	78	78	3	2	8	57	72	14		6
10. NON-COLLISION	95	51	44	26	62	7	10	7	30	32	12	2	2
11. MOT. VEH. -- TOTAL	3516	2125	1391	828	1071	1617	214	715	729	902	645	184	127
Other Traffic--													
12. R.R.-Not with M.Veh.													
13. St.Car-Not With M.Veh.	67	22	45	3	32	32	3	5	6	18	23	9	3
14. Other-Not with M.Veh.	121	77	44	43	2	76	13	58	24	7	10	7	2
15. OTHER TRAFFIC-Total	188	99	89	46	34	108	16	63	30	25	33	16	5
16. TOTAL TRAFFIC	3704	2224	1480	874	1105	1725	230	778	759	927	678	200	132

TABLE XII-D

ACCIDENT ANALYSIS - TIME OF OCCURRENCE  
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Prot. Damage Only
1. 12:01 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	159	2	75	82
2. 1:01 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	144	1	78	65
3. 2:01 a.m. to 3:00 a.m.	92	1	50	41
4. 3:01 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	61		28	33
5. 4:01 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.	46		24	22
6. 5:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	37		15	22
7. 6:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.	67		29	38
8. 7:01 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	151	1	80	70
9. 8:01 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	200	1	95	104
10. 9:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	172		97	75
11. 10:01 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	209	4	119	86
12. 11:01 a.m. to 12:00 noon	244	1	130	113
13. 12:01 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	270	1	151	118
14. 1:01 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	262	2	149	111
15. 2:01 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	279	2	141	136
16. 3:01 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	350	2	217	131
17. 4:01 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	447	4	294	149
18. 5:01 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	473	7	314	152
19. 6:01 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	312	7	198	107
20. 7:01 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	334	8	235	91
21. 8:01 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	279	3	176	100
22. 9:01 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	177	1	108	68
23. 10:01 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	150	5	91	54
24. 11:01 p.m. to 12:00 midnight	148	3	87	58
25. Not Stated	8		1	7
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>5071</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2982</b>	<b>2033</b>

TABLE XII-E

## ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

DAY OF WEEK ACCIDENT OCCURRED	Total	Fatal	Non Fatal	Property Damage
1. Monday	610	4	381	225
2. Tuesday	654	3	390	261
3. Wednesday	671	7	400	264
4. Thursday	693	16	418	259
5. Friday	745	5	439	301
6. Saturday	971	17	551	403
7. Sunday	727	4	403	320
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>5071</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2982</b>	<b>2033</b>

LIGHT CONDITIONS	Total	Fatal	Non Fatal	Property Damage
1. Daylight	3046	24	1759	1263
2. Dusk or Dawn	120		85	35
3. Darkness--Street Lights	1851	32	1102	717
4. Darkness--No Street Lights	15		12	3
5. Not Stated	39		24	15
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENT</b>	<b>5071</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2982</b>	<b>2033</b>

TYPE OF VEHICLE	Total	Fatal	Non Fatal	Property Damage
1. Passenger Car	6766	49	3337	3380
2. Same--and Trailer or House Trailer				
3. Truck or Truck Tractor	791	8	335	448
4. Same--and Trailer or Semi-trailer	40	2	16	22
5. Taxicab	115		82	33
6. Bus	40	1	28	11
7. Motorcycle	79	1	73	5
8. Emergency Vehicle	38		25	13
9. Not Stated	166	3	90	73
<b>TOTAL VEHICLES</b>	<b>8035</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3986</b>	<b>3985</b>

TABLE XII-F

SUMMARY OF ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOR FIVE YEARS BY MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1939</u>
January	979	1137	1342	1605	1476
February	762	1042	1144	1099	995
March	899	737	1330	1125	1133
April	717	873	1153	1078	1054
May	799	1010	1349	1092	1126
June	840	1030	1371	1076	1140
July	814	1093	1501	1106	1182
August	833	1174	1460	1209	1210
September	860	1205	1457	1189	1275
October	857	1293	1450	1135	1307
November	1000	1250	1584	1282	1187
December	<u>1274</u>	<u>1692</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1581</u>	<u>1377</u>
TOTAL	10634	13536	17087	14577 <i>4495</i> <i>10082</i>	14458 <i>4405</i> <i>9953</i>

NOTE: The above total of 14,458 traffic accidents for 1939 includes 9,203 minor accidents involving only property damage of less than \$25.

TABLE XII-G

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

1927 up to and including 1939

<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
1938	181,587	147,106
1939	187,706	152,119

O B I T U A R Y

RUSSELL THOMAS

Appointed Patrolman      March 12, 1928

Died                              June 15, 1939