

ANNUAL REPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

FOR THE YEAR

1944

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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An analysis of crime statistics for Milwaukee reveals a decrease in the crime classifications of Robbery and Burglary during the year 1944, but other crime classifications showed an increase. Crimes showing an increase here reflected similar trends in nation-wide statistics.

Assault and Robbery cases in Milwaukee decreased from 73 in 1943 to 70 in 1944. Many of the cases classed as Assault and Robbery were actually "Purse Snatching", but as force was used by the persons committing the crimes, although no weapon was used, they were included in this offense group in accordance with the standards of the "Uniform Crime Classification" adopted by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. Burglaries reflected a similar decrease with 907 reported in 1943 as compared to 682 in 1944.

There were five murders (three of the persons murdered were members of one family) and one manslaughter reported during the year 1944 compared to three murders and three manslaughters during 1943. The homicide rate in Milwaukee remains considerably lower than that of other large cities in the United States.

Other criminal offenses reported to the police were as follows: Rape -- 29 in 1944 compared to 14 in 1943; Aggravated Assault -- 81 in 1944 and 57 in 1943; Larceny (over \$50) -- 453 in 1944 and 366 in 1943; Larceny (under \$50) -- 3161 in 1944 and 3731 in 1943.

A most outstanding record was achieved in the recovery of stolen cars during 1944. All of the 652 cars reported stolen to the Police Department during the year were recovered.

An increase in juvenile delinquency accounts for the fact that the number of criminal offenses reported to the police has not diminished although adult arrests have shown a decrease. During the past year a survey was made of all "Youth Centers" in the City of Milwaukee, listing pertinent information with respect to all such centers, both publicly and privately sponsored, which provide supervised and directed recreational and educational activities for juveniles as an outlet for youthful energies which might otherwise find expression in mischievous acts detrimental to the peace and good order of the community, as well as the character of the juveniles themselves. As the result of such survey, the department received complete information with regard to 704 youth centers in the city. The purpose of the survey was to provide the department with information as to the location, number and activities of such youth centers and to familiarize beat patrolmen with this information.

Less than half of the juveniles taken into custody by officers of this department were referred to Juvenile Court Probation Officers for disposition of their cases. Over half were disposed of by district or bureau commanders by releasing them to their parents after investigation. These were cases of offenses not serious enough to warrant referral to Juvenile Court Probation Officers. In each such case, the commanding officer made a sincere effort to "sell" the parents and the offending juvenile the idea of becoming an active participant in the activities provided by the youth centers. In each case a list of such centers nearest the offender's home was furnished.

A new educational program was inaugurated by the department to teach the youth of our city the meaning of law and order and to impress upon them the wisdom of conformity with legal requirements. It was the outgrowth of the department's "Bicycle Violators' School" which has been conducted here for the past six years. The School is held each Saturday morning at ten o'clock and the instructor is the Director of the Police Training School. The School opens with a talk on bicycle safety. Motion pictures pertaining to bicycle safety and the duties of a policeman are then shown. This is followed by a simple, straightforward explanation of the functions of the police, the necessity of maintaining law and order, and the benefits to be derived by all, juveniles and adults alike, who make whatever adjustments may be necessary to bring their lives into conformity with social and legal requirements. The whole program is designed to bring to the children who attend these classes, a realization that the Police Department exists for their benefit and that each member of the department is their friend with no desire to interfere with any legitimate activities in which they may be engaged so long as these do not encroach upon the rights of others. The program now in operation has aroused considerable interest among teachers, parents and leaders of youth organizations, and has received favorable comment in the press. It is our purpose not only to continue the present program, but to improve upon it, with more motion pictures and other features designed to sustain the interest of our youngsters while being taught the value of conformity with social and legal requirements.

The Auxiliary Police, which was organized in 1942 as a part of the Civilian Defense Program, was continued throughout the year. Eight monthly meetings were held and additional instructions given in police techniques and procedures. The Auxiliary Police assisted in the policing of the Navy Show held in conjunction with the Fifth War Loan Drive on June 17 and 18 at Juneau Park and were assigned to public buildings to prevent vandalism on Halloween. There were approximately 800 members in the Auxiliary Police.

The present national emergency has considerably increased the volume of work performed by the Police Department in furnishing records and information requested by the various federal law enforcement agencies and the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. This phase of police work is not generally known, but it is a vital factor in maintaining the internal security of our city and country.

National Safety Council statistics show that Milwaukee had the lowest rate of traffic fatalities during 1944 compared with other cities in the United States with a population of 500,000 or over. Milwaukee held first place with an average of 2.0 fatalities per 10,000 motor vehicles registered. Detroit, Michigan, and Cleveland, Ohio, were second and third respectively with 3.0 and 3.5 fatalities per 10,000 motor vehicles registered. The standard of "Fatalities per 10,000 motor vehicles registered" was used by the National Safety Council as a result of the great decrease in motor car operation caused by gasoline rationing and the ban on pleasure driving.

TABLE I-A

~~FORCED~~
PERSONNEL IN

~~PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT - DEC. 31, 1941~~
1945

Rank	No.	Basic Salary	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Hdgrs.	DB.	Traf. Bur.	Vice
Chief of Police	1	\$6500											
Inspector of Police	1	4200								1			
Deputy Inspector of Police	1	3700								1			
Captain of Detectives	1	3560									1		
Captain of Police	10	3240	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	
Lieutenant of Detectives	3	2940											
Lieutenant of Police	8	2790	2	1	1	1	1	1	1		8		
Detective Sergeant	8	2790									56		
Detective **	55	2640										1	
Desk Sergeant, (Desk Duty)	22	2440	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2		6	1
Patrol Sergeant *** (Patrol Duty)	59	2440	9	6	7	6	9	6	6				
Patrolman (1st year)		1800											
(2nd year)	823	1920	183	60	96	72	129	64	84	6	22	96	11
(3rd year)		2040											
(4th year)		2100											
(5th year)		2160											
Radio Dispatcher		2160											
Policewoman	2	2160											2
TOTAL	1002		198	71	115	83	143	75	95	14	88	104	14

* \$30.64 monthly salary bonus paid to all personnel in addition to basic salary above.

** One detective assigned to City Attorney's Office.

*** One patrol sergeant assigned to Mayor's Office.

TABLE I-B

PERSONNEL, SALARY SCALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT, DEC. 31, 1944.

Rank	No.	Basic Salary	#1 and Safety Building	Second District	Third District	Fourth District	Fifth District	Sixth District	Seventh District	Secretarial Bureau	Bur. of Identification	Det. Bur., Cier. Div.	Traffic Bureau	Radio Bureau	Medical Bureau	Police Training School	PERSONNEL & Publ. Relations
Supt. Bur. of Ident.	1	\$3240									1						
Secretary of Police	1	3060*								1							
<i>Administrative Sergeant</i> Assistant Secretary	2	2640*								2							
<i>Administrative Assist.</i> Assistant Secretary	2	2100								1							
Police Reporter-Steno.	1	2100									1						
Senior Clerk-Steno.)	18x	1680*								6	3	3	5			1	
Senior Clerk)	9	1800*								1	1	3	3		1		
		1860*															
		1920*															
Photographer	1	2220								1							
Fingerprint Operator	1	2220								1							
Property Clerk	x	2220								x							
Police Physician	5	1200													5		
Radio Engineer	1	3600												1			
Radio Operator	4	2160												4			
Radio Elec. Mechanic	2	2800												2			
Chief Telephone Operator	1	2280	1														
Telephone Operator	24	1980	13	5		6											
		2040															
		2100															
		2160															
Matron	10	960	4	3	3												
Garage Superintendent	1	2440	1														
Engineman & Machinist	1	2340	1														
Asst. Eng. & Machinist	2	2100	2														
Elevator Operator)	5	1440	5														
Janitor)	24x	1500	18	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Automobile Washer)	2	1560	2														
		1620*															
Janitress	2	1140	2														
119			49	9	4	1	7	1	1	1	7	7	8	7	6	1	

*Salary of present incumbents. Salary for future entrants changed.

xVacancies.

\$30.64 monthly salary bonus paid to all personnel in addition to basic salary indicated above.

TABLE II

CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED AND ACTUAL STRENGTH OF POLICE DEPARTMENT - 1944

	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 Inspector of Police	1	1	1	1	
Captain of Detectives	1	1	1	1	
Lieutenant of Detectives	3	3	3	3	
Detective Sergeant	8	8	8	8	
Detective	57	56	57	55	-2
Captain of Police	10	10	10	10	
Lieutenant of Police	8	8	8	8	
Patrol Sergeant	59	60	59	60	1
Desk Sergeant	22	22	22	22	
Patrolman	962	931	878	823	-55
Policewoman	2	2	2	2	
Supt. Bureau of Identification	1	1	1	1	
Secretary of Police	1	1	1	1	
Assistant Secretary	3	3	3	3	
Police Reporter-Stenographer	1	1	1	1	
Senior Clerk-Stenographer	19	19	19	18	-1
Senior Clerk	11	11	10	9	-1
Photographer	1	1	1	1	
Fingerprint Operator	1	1	1	1	
Property Clerk	1	1	-	-	
Police Physician	5	5	5	5	
Radio Engineer	1	1	1	1	
Radio Operator	4	4	4	4	
Radio Dispatcher	7	7	7	7	
Radio Electrical Mechanic	4	4	4	2	-2
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 and Machinist	1	1	1	1	
Asst. Engineman and Machinist	2	2	2	2	
Elevator Operator	5	5	5	5	
Janitor	29	29	29	24	-5
Janitress	2	2	2	2	
TOTAL	1272	1241	1186	1121	-65

TABLE III

REPORT OF THE POLICE PHYSICIANS

1.	Number of cases of sickness and injury of members and employees of the Department	1020
2.	Number of days lost by members and employees as the result of sickness and injury.	10824
3.	Number of calls made on members and employees who reported sick or injured.	1932
4.	Number of special medical examinations	556
5.	Special examinations -- applicants for Patrolmen . .	None

TABLE IV

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE

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OFFENSES	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	1944 TOTAL	1943 TOTAL	1942 TOTAL
Murder and Non-negl. Manslaughter	* 1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	* 7	* 7	7
Manslaughter by Negl.	0	2	2	4	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	15	14	28
Rape	1	1	2	0	3	4	5	5	2	2	4	0	29	14	31
Robbery	9	12	7	0	10	3	4	5	4	0	7	9	70	73	39
Aggravated Assault	4	8	6	6	9	8	6	5	13	3	5	8	81	57	64
Burglary	49	54	54	49	61	61	53	65	54	55	74	53	682	907	1011
Larceny (\$50 and over)	41	41	32	38	32	30	38	50	34	39	38	40	453	366	265
Larceny (under \$50)	230	198	223	297	272	316	323	307	245	314	229	207	3161	3731	3650
Auto Theft	58	51	71	54	47	62	74	55	46	43	47	44	652	625	581
TOTALS	393	367	397	448	439	484	504	493	399	457	406	363	5150	5794	5676

*Includes one justifiable homicide

TABLE V
ADULT ARRESTS AND JUVENILE DETENTIONS

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	<u>Persons over 18 years of age</u>	<u>Persons under 18 years of age</u>
PART I CLASSES		
1. Criminal Homicide		
(a) Murder and non-negligent manslaughter	4	0
(b) Manslaughter by negligence	12	0
2. Rape	50	38
3. Robbery	31	10
4. Aggravated Assault	32	6
5. Burglary -- Breaking and Entering	89	343
6. Larceny -- Theft (except auto theft)	239	942
7. Auto Theft	68	181
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TOTAL, PART I CLASSES	525	1520
PART II CLASSES		
8. Other Assaults	581	25
9. Forgery and Counterfeiting	57	4
10. Embezzlement and Fraud	146	13
11. Stolen Property; buying, receiving, possessing	14	26
12. Weapons; carrying, possessing, etc.	44	22
13. Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	123	1
14. Sex offenses (except 2 and 13)	561	146
15. Offenses against the family and child	235	1
16. Narcotic Drug Laws	2	0
17. Liquor Laws	24	2
18. Drunkenness	8785	60
19. Disorderly Conduct	1674	1581
20. Vagrancy	818	25
21. Gambling	128	0
22. Driving while intoxicated	445	4
23. Violation of Road and Driving Laws	15873	627
24. Parking Violations	26734	235
25. Traffic and Motor Vehicle Laws (except 22-24)	1001	217
26. All other offenses	1102	1992
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TOTAL, PART II CLASSES	58347	4981
 TOTAL, PARTS I AND II CLASSES	 58872	 6501
 Suspicion Arrests	 813	
 GRAND TOTAL	 59685	 6501

TABLE VI
MONTHLY STATEMENT OF ARRESTS

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	<u>STATE CASES</u>	<u>CITY CASES</u>	<u>MISC. CASES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	326	4622	43	4991
February	333	4642	27	5002
March	440	4756	22	5218
April	431	4363	30	4824
May	397	4530	23	4950
June	390	4572	16	4978
July	667	4169	33	4869
August	354	4283	20	4657
September	343	4539	14	4896
October	362	4607	28	4997
November	362	4394	25	4781
December	326	4354	29	4709
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TOTALS	4731	53831	310	58872

TABLE VII

NATIVITY OF ADULTS ARRESTED

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United States.	52,708
Germany.	1,289
Russia	861
Poland	750
Austria, Hungary	716
Slavonia, Croatia, Bohemia	358
Italy.	312
Canada	284
Mexico	191
Norway	180
England.	130
Sweden	98
Ireland.	96
All other.	899

TOTAL. 58,872

AGE OF ADULTS ARRESTED

Between 17 and 20 years.	1,682
Between 20 and 30 years.	12,641
Between 30 and 40 years.	17,623
Between 40 and 50 years.	15,393
Between 50 and 60 years.	8,217
Between 60 and 70 years.	2,637
Between 70 and 80 years.	468
Between 80 and 90 years.	51
Between 90 and 100 years	3
Not given.	157

TOTAL 58,872

DOMESTIC STATUS

Married.	45,350
Single	13,374
Not given.	148

TOTAL. 58,872

COLOR

White.	56,188
Black.	2,381
Yellow	12
Copper	249
Not given...	42

TOTAL. 58,872

TABLE VIII
AUTO THEFT STATISTICS

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Thefts.	174	163
Recoveries.	174	161
Missing (as of December 31)	6	7
Joyrides.	478	462
Total Thefts.	652	625
* Total Recoveries.	652	623
Outside Cars Recovered.	64	54
Total Value of Cars Reported Stolen\$418,977	\$332,778
Total Value of Cars Recovered:		
(a) Local\$418,977	\$330,653
(b) Outside\$ 38,432	\$ 29,850
Percentage of Recoveries.	100%	99.6%

335 automobile thieves were arrested during 1944 as compared with 331 during the year 1943 (including juvenile arrests).

* Total Recoveries as of March 1, 1945.

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION

A total of 4,897 prisoners were brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year 1944, as compared with 5,718 during the year 1943. These prisoners were fingerprinted, photographed, and recorded as follows:

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Prisoners fingerprinted and photographed	1874	2091
Prisoners fingerprinted only	1256	1603
Prisoners identified as repeaters who had been previously fingerprinted here	<u>1767</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total number of prisoners brought to Bureau	4897	5718

Of the 1,767 prisoners who were identified as having previously been fingerprinted at our Bureau, 1,728 after being questioned at the Bureau admitted their previous records; however, additional fingerprints were taken of these prisoners to verify their criminal records. Of the 1,767 prisoners, 39 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 18 bodies at the County Morgue, of which 7 were identified through their fingerprints and 11 by relatives or friends.

The total number of persons registered during the year 1944 required the taking of 19,113 fingerprint cards, of which number 9,626 were sent to other bureaus of identification; 8,061 were placed in our master fingerprint file; and the balance, -- 2,146 were placed in the duplicate fingerprint file.

During the past year, 298 identifications were made through 2,429 fingerprint cards received from other police jurisdictions. Of this number, 2,131 were properly classified and placed in our file, making a total of 5,261 local and foreign fingerprint cards added to our file during the year.

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Identifications made at other
Bureaus through fingerprints contributed by this Department

In 1944 there were 3,745 fingerprint cards (1,874 photographed here for the first time, 615 with photographs of previous offenders, and 1,256 "roughs") sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation; 1,874 records were sent to the State Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Identification, East Lansing, Michigan; and 137 fingerprint records were sent to other identification bureaus, making a total of 5,756 fingerprint cards. Identification notices were received from these Bureaus as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Dept. of Justice, Washington, D.C.	1,141
Michigan State Police, Bureau of Criminal Identification, East Lansing, Mich	198
Miscellaneous identifications through other departments and bureaus	<u>10</u>
Total.	1,349

This department also received identification notices of subjects arrested in other jurisdictions during the year who had been fingerprinted by this department previous to January 1, 1944, as follows:

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.	1,763
Michigan State Police, East Lansing, Michigan.	208
Miscellaneous identifications through other bureaus and departments.	<u>37</u>
Total.	2,008

The practice of contributing fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., of all transients who were arrested here on minor charges, such as vagrancy, investigation, etc., and who were not photographed here, was inaugurated during the year 1933 and has shown gratifying results. Of the 1,253 transients, not including repeaters, arrested during the year, 489 or 39% were reported as having previous criminal records.

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Photographic Division

During the past year this division performed the following work compared with the year 1943:

	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>
Prisoners photographed (originals)	1874	2091
Copies of new prints	5622	6273
New photographs of former offenders.	614	566
New prints of repeaters for FBI.	612	569
Photos sent to other jurisdictions	926	804
Photographs of murder scenes	84	171
Photographs of fatal accidents	379	506
Extra prints for special investigations.	372	362
Photographs of latent fingerprints	130	124
Criminal gallery replacements.	5	7
Department members and employees photographed	18	120
Department members re-photographed	6	19
Photographs made for newspapers.	57	31
Miscellaneous photographs.	918	909
Photostatic copies of miscellaneous matter	4872	3619
Photographs for Immigration Department	-	1
National Defense Program	1133	1008

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 140 criminal records on official stationery for introduction in court. In addition to this figure, 573 records previously compiled were furnished to officers, making a total of 713 used for presentation in our criminal courts in aiding the prosecution and disposition of cases before such courts.

During the past year, 2,157 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 2,874 copies added to the file during 1944, making a total of 36,323 handwriting specimens now in this file. During the year there were 3,585 index cards filled out and filed alphabetically in connection with the handwriting specimens contained in this file.

Of the total number of prisoners, 4,897 brought to the Bureau of Identification during the year, 2,908 or 59.4% were found to have previous fingerprint records.

During the year, 469 fugitives were arrested by this department and turned over to other law enforcement agencies; while 113 fugitives were arrested by other law enforcement agencies and turned over to this department.

In accordance with the new city ordinance, 4,306 applicants for bartender's license during the year 1944 were fingerprinted and registered in the Bureau of Identification; duplicate report sheets were typed containing a record of arrests, and sent to the Secretarial Bureau to be forwarded to the various districts for further investigation. Likewise, 2,791 applicants for taxicab driver's license, from May to December in 1944, who were fingerprinted at the local taxicab companies, were also registered in the Bureau of Identification.

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Detective Bureau investigated 12,931 complaints of a criminal nature; 7,747 letters and communications were investigated; 6,125 persons were interviewed; and 181 verbatim statements were taken. There were 144 suicides and attempted suicides investigated, as well as 269 sudden deaths. The Pawn Division of the Detective Bureau assisted in recovering property valued at \$8,577.50 in 69 cases.

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MISSING PERSONS

Announcements of missing persons are prepared by the Detective Bureau Clerical Division and broadcast daily over Radio Station WTMJ when publicity is desired. A total of 1,843 persons were reported missing during the year 1944; 24 are still missing (11 males and 13 females).

Two of the missing males are wanted on Abandonment warrants, and one boy is wanted for escape from the St. Charles Boys' Home here.

Two of the missing females are wanted for violating parole, and one married woman disappeared with a married man now wanted on an Abandonment warrant. The absence of a colored mother and her baby is believed to be due to her efforts to evade a divorce action started by her husband, a serviceman. Two other women are believed to have left with other men while their husbands were in the service.

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VICE SQUAD

There were 361 complaints received by the Vice Squad during 1944 and 1,277 arrests were made by members of the squad. Complaints of disorderly houses and prostitution totaled 20 during 1944 and there were 16 gambling complaints and 4 liquor violation complaints. There were 4 complaints of fortune telling during the current year.

RADIO BUREAU

The "Radio Talk Back System" was placed in operation on June 28, 1943, and all Police Department squad cars, combination patrol wagons and ambulances are now equipped with two-way radio. With this system radio dispatchers are able to keep in closer contact with radio squad car crews and thus minimize delays in answering calls or dispatching additional equipment.

The police radio and radio telegraph have expanded rapidly during the past few years and have become increasingly important as a medium for rapid transmission of important information between law enforcement agencies. Contact is now maintained with police and sheriff departments in Wisconsin as well as law enforcement units in 39 states. An auxiliary transmitter and emergency power plant enabled the police radio to remain in operation uninterruptedly for 24 hours each day during 1944.

There were 105,733 radio dispatches broadcast during 1944 from Radio Station WPDK, including 70,007 orders to radio equipped mobile units of the city and 20,602 orders to suburban departments and other mobile units served by WPDK. The city squads and motorcycles made 40,281 runs as the result of radio broadcasts.

Month	Calls Transmitted	Orders	Runs
January	8068	6913	3854
February	7420	6344	3475
March	8029	6779	3681
April	8354	7085	3922
May	8987	7676	4178
June	9532	8371	4481
July	9874	8574	4685
August	9936	8616	4557
September	8803	7520	4151
October	9242	7949	4397
November	8842	7396	3904
December	8646	7386	4145
Total	105,733	90,609	49,430

There were 3,063 intercity messages transmitted and 3,899 intercity messages received by the Radio Bureau.

TABLE IX

ARRESTS MADE BY RADIO SQUAD CAR CREWS

1944

Homicide.	9
Rape.	6
Robbery	5
Aggravated Assault.	8
Burglary.	18
Larceny	52
Auto Theft.	13
Other Assaults.	340
Forgery	0
Fraud	10
Sex Offenses.	104
Abandonment	20
Drug Laws	0
Liquor Laws	4
Drunk	3544
Common Drunk.	191
Drunk and Disorderly.	1242
Disorderly Conduct.	483
Vagrancy.	100
Gambling.	5
Operating Auto While Intoxicated.	341
Reckless Driving.	170
Speeding.	2552
Miscellaneous Traffic Violations.	3140
Parking	3396
Motor Vehicle Law Violations.	142
Federal Laws.	1
Miscellaneous Laws and Ordinances	281
Suspicion	63
Juvenile Delinquency.	<u>2734</u>
Total.	18974

TABLE X

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES1 9 4 4

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Traffic	TOTAL
Accidents Investigated	1939	814	1228	572	1285	717	1029	1627	9211
Ambulance Calls	2966	1033	607	690	981	715	729		7721
Complaints Investigated	15712	5383	8453	5136	10006	4186	4319	36	53231
Defective Streets & Sidewalks Rptd.	607	3091	4167	1637	3017	1823	5836		20178
Destitute persons Cared for		2							2
Doors Reported Open	274	300	380	178	313	362	315		2122
Drowned Bodies Recovered	5	1	1	2					9
First Aid Rendered	446	1093	262	694	311	703	193		3702
Insane Persons Taken into Custody	24		2	1		3			30
Letters & Communications Investigated	19705	13451	14317	3279	14725	12501	9341	1101	88420
License Applications Investigated	2944	1114	1884	906	1749	981	1464		11042
Liquor Law Investigations	7374	1716	1432	1849	2612	1300	1478		1776
Lodgers Accommodated	60	65	4	28	12	12	5		186
Lost Children Restored	172	74	168	46	205	75	67		807
Official Letters Delivered	43584	14950	25968	12433	26974	16963	28049	16	168937
Official Notices Served	2170	1323	1418	5103	1443	238	1645		13340
Patrolwagon Calls	5787	1750	1479	816	1444	1036	1041		13353
Persons Rescued from Drowning	1								1
Persons Reported Missing	654	223	277	163	309	132	138		1896
Sick and Injured Conveyed	3785	1149	622	694	1068	733	705		8756
Summonses to Traffic Bureau								19228	19228

HOMICIDES

1944

MURDER

MRS. KUNEGUNDA CHMIELEWSKI, age 53,
MRS. LILLIAN MRUGALSKI, age 24,
PATRICIA MRUGALSKI, age 14 months

All resided at 2623 South 11th Street. On Saturday, May 13, 1944, between 7:00 and 11:00 a.m., they were shot while in their home by Mrs. Mrugalski's estranged husband, Chester Mrugalski. The victims were struck by bullets fired from a .32 cal. automatic pistol, and the shootings climaxed marital difficulties between the Mrugalskis. The husband then attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head. CLEARED. Chester Mrugalski, age 47, arrested May 13, sentenced in Municipal Court to life imprisonment at the Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun.

DORRIS MC GEE, age 32, 915 North 24th Street, on Tuesday, August 29, 1944, at 7:30 a.m., while in the second floor clubroom of the Cab Driver's Social Club at 1449A North Third Street, was shot in the head by a patron after an argument over loss of money in a card game. He died at County Emergency Hospital at 1:20 p.m. the same day. CLEARED. Richard Rutledge, age 35, of 923 North Milwaukee Street, apprehended by the Sheriff at Black River Falls, Wisconsin, on September 18, 1944, and sentenced in Municipal Court to 14-25 years imprisonment at Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun.

NIMROD BADGER (COL), age 26, 1725 North Fifth Street, on Sunday, September 3, 1944, at 1:05 a.m., during an argument over money at the Social Club at 1702 North Seventh Street, was stabbed in the left chest with a pocket knife wielded by another colored man. Badger was pronounced dead upon entrance at County Emergency Hospital at 1:36 a.m. CLEARED. Arthur Harris (col), age 34, 740 West Reservoir Avenue, arrested the same day and found Not Guilty in Municipal Court. Evidence produced in court showed that Harris had acted in self-defense.

MANSLAUGHTER

SCOTT ALBERT DRAKE, age 53, 1514 South Fifth Street, on Sunday, December 3, 1944, at 10:30 p.m., while having an altercation with his landlord at his home, was struck several times by the fists of his assailant and lapsed into unconsciousness. He was pronounced dead upon entry at Johnston Emergency Hospital. CLEARED. William Albert Simon, age 56, 1514 South Fifth Street, arrested the same day. Nolle Prosequi in Municipal Court on December 21, 1944.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE

ANTHONY SCAFFIDI, 2208 South Aldrich Street, age 29, on January 6, 1944, at 1:30 a.m., was shot and killed while attempting to escape from Patrolman Charles Jackelen, Third District. The victim had a long criminal record as a holdup man. He and three companions held up two men at North 27th Street and West Kilbourn Avenue and then attempted to escape with the loot. The patrolman heard the commotion, gave chase and fatally wounded Scaffidi. Verdict of the Coroner's Jury was Justifiable Homicide.

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	66
1936	70
1937	65
1938	41
1939	56
1940	68
1941	61
1942	48
1943	49
1944	31

*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, horse-drawn vehicle striking pedestrian, etc.

TABLE XII-B
ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Type of Accident	All Accidents	Fatal	Non- Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Total Injured
Collision of Motor Vehicle with --						
1. Pedestrian	1056	26	1032		26	1082
2. Other Motor Vehicle	1811	2	539	1268	2	785
3. Railroad Train	17		4	13		5
4. Street Car	208		80	128		132
5. Animal-drawn Vehicle	6		3	3		3
6. Bicycle	92		90	2		91
7. Animal						
8. Fixed Object	366	2	163	201	2	202
9. Overturned in Roadway	1	1			1	
10. Ran off Roadway						
11. Other non-collision						
12. Miscellaneous						
MOTOR VEHICLE						
TRAFFIC TOTAL	3557	31	1911	1615	31	2300
14. R.R. not with Motor Veh.	2		2			2
15. St.Car not with Motor Veh.	118	4	111	3	4	125
16. Other not with Motor Veh.	48	1	44	3	1	46
TOTAL TRAFFIC*	3725	36	2068	1621	36	2473

*All other tables exclude non-motor vehicle accidents and include motor vehicle traffic accidents only.

TABLE XII-C
ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

COMPARATIVE TOTALS*

Type of Accident	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured	All Accidents	Persons Killed	Persons Injured
Collision of Motor Vehicle with --						
1. Pedestrian	1056	26	1082	1160	40	1149
2. Other Motor Vehicle	1811	2	785	1765	4	764
3. Railroad Train	17		5	12		10
4. Street Car	208		132	232	3	120
5. Animal-drawn Vehicle	6		3	19		12
6. Bicycle	92		91	88	1	85
7. Animal				1		
8. Fixed Object	366	2	202	301		176
9. Overturned in Roadway	1	1				
10. Ran off Roadway						
11. Other non-collision				5	1	3
12. Miscellaneous						
MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC TOTAL	3557	31	2300	3583	49	2319

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only.

TABLE XII-D

ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS *

PERSONS KILLED

AGE GROUP AND RACE	All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyolists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0-4 years									
2. 5-9 years	2	2		2	2				
3. 10-14 years	1	1		1	1				
4. 15-19 years	1	1		1	1				
5. 20-24 years	1		1						
6. 25-34 years	3	2	1						
7. 35-44 years									
8. 45-54 years	5	3	2	5	3	2			
9. 55-64 years	4	4		3	3				
10. 65-74 years	6	6		6	6				
11. 75 and over	8	8		8	8				
12. Not stated									
TOTAL PERSONS	31	27	4	26	24	2			
13. White	30	27	3	25	24	1			
14. Negro	1		1	1		1			
15. Other									
16. Not stated									
TOTAL PERSONS	31	27	4	26	24	2			

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only.

TABLE XII-E
ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS *

PERSONS INJURED

AGE GROUP AND RACE	All Persons			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0-4 years	113	69	44	86	54	32			
2. 5-9 years	283	196	87	237	164	73	4	4	
3. 10-14 years	156	113	43	71	43	28	56	53	3
4. 15-19 years	172	97	75	50	27	23	25	21	4
5. 20-24 years	184	79	105	28	10	18			
6. 25-34 years	316	158	158	66	30	36	2	2	
7. 35-44 years	293	168	125	74	43	31	1	1	
8. 45-54 years	290	177	113	130	86	44	2	2	
9. 55-64 years	225	134	91	133	86	47	1	1	
10. 65-74 years	123	79	44	97	67	30			
11. 75 or over	42	25	17	38	24	14			
12. Not stated	103	59	44	72	43	29	1	1	
TOTAL PERSONS	2300	1354	946	1082	677	405	92	85	7
13. White	2230	1310	918	1031	645	386	91	84	7
14. Negro	54	34	22	37	23	14	1	1	
15. Other	16	10	6	14	9	5			
TOTAL PERSONS	2300	1354	946	1082	677	405	92	85	7

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only.

TABLE XII-F

ANALYSIS OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS *HOURLY OF DAY

	<u>All Accidents</u>	<u>Fatal Accidents</u>
1. Midnight to 12:59 a.m.	134	1
2. 1:00 a.m. to 1:59 a.m.	151	3
3. 2:00 a.m. to 2:59 a.m.	149	1
4. 3:00 a.m. to 3:59 a.m.	89	0
5. 4:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m.	39	0
6. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	44	0
7. 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 a.m.	103	3
8. 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m.	116	2
9. 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m.	109	2
10. 9:00 a.m. to 9:59 a.m.	94	0
11. 10:00 a.m. to 10:59 a.m.	131	0
12. 11:00 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.	126	2
13. Noon to 12:59 p.m.	164	0
14. 1:00 p.m. to 1:59 p.m.	179	0
15. 2:00 p.m. to 2:59 p.m.	156	0
16. 3:00 p.m. to 3:59 p.m.	235	0
17. 4:00 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.	295	3
18. 5:00 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.	304	1
19. 6:00 p.m. to 6:59 p.m.	198	2
20. 7:00 p.m. to 7:59 p.m.	182	1
21. 8:00 p.m. to 8:59 p.m.	152	2
22. 9:00 p.m. to 9:59 p.m.	138	4
23. 10:00 p.m. to 10:59 p.m.	130	2
24. 11:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.	122	2
25. Not stated	17	0
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	3557	31

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only

TABLE XII-G

	<u>All Accidents</u>	<u>Fatal Accidents</u>
1. Monday.	511	6
2. Tuesday	387	6
3. Wednesday	442	5
4. Thursday.	502	2
5. Friday.	520	2
6. Saturday.	630	5
7. Sunday.	565	5
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TOTAL ACCIDENTS	3557	31

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only

TABLE XII-H
LIGHT CONDITIONS *

	<u>All Accidents</u>	<u>Fatal Accidents</u>
1. Daylight.	2040	8
2. Dusk or Dawn.	107	0
3. Darkness -- street lights . . .	1381	23
4. Darkness -- no street lights. .	6	0
5. Darkness -- lighting not stated	0	0
6. Not stated.	23	0
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TOTAL ACCIDENTS	3557	31

*Tables include motor vehicle traffic accidents only

TABLE XII-I
TYPE OF VEHICLE

	<u>All Accidents</u>	<u>Fatal Accidents</u>
1. Passenger car.	4498	26
2. Same--and trailer or house trailer .	0	0
3. Truck.	646	1
4. Truck and trailer.	0	0
5. Truck tractor and semi-trailer . . .	114	2
6. Other truck combination.	1	0
7. Taxicab.	127	0
8. Bus.	97	2
9. Motorcycle	68	2
10. Other vehicles	1	0
11. Not stated	290	0
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TOTAL ACCIDENTS.	5842 *	33

* 28 emergency vehicles included in total

TABLE XII-J

SUMMARY OF ALL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPORTED TO THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS BY MONTH ENDING DEC. 31, 1944

MONTH	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
January	1839	1717	1980	1309	941
February	1283	1425	1362	830	855
March	1323	1347	1269	794	682
April	1012	1221	986	611	584
May	1373	1570	1201	789	628
June	1367	1491	1202	749	624
July	1296	1599	1120	682	557
August	1457	1634	1111	696	616
September	1283	1739	1159	672	556
October	1366	1721	1110	678	672
November	1604	1732	1233	704	697
December	1826	2016	1145	793	1154
TOTAL	17029	19212	14878	9307	8566

NOTE: The above total of 8566 traffic accidents for 1944 includes 4841 minor accidents involving only property damage of less than \$25.

TABLE XII-K
REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
1928 up to and including 1944.

Year	Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the County of Milwaukee	Number of Motor Vehicles Licensed in the City of Milwaukee
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
1940	197,528	161,671
1941	215,624	174,096
1942	180,254	148,543
1943	181,459	145,000 *
1944	172,813	140,000 *

* Estimated

O B I T U A R Y

IGNATZ NAPIERALA

Appointed Patrolman	Jan. 23, 1908
Promoted to Detective	May 16, 1921
Died	Jan. 24, 1944

EUGENE O'GORMAN

Appointed Patrolman	Feb. 2, 1903
Promoted to Detective	Mar. 1, 1910
Promoted to Detective Sergeant	Feb. 16, 1929
Promoted to Lt. of Detectives	May 6, 1933
Died	June 20, 1944

VERNON HIGGINS

Appointed Patrolman	May 10, 1943
Died	June 29, 1944

FRED FLEISCHMANN

Appointed Patrolman	Mar. 7, 1924
Died	July 27, 1944

GEORGE RADTKE

Appointed Patrolman	July 18, 1921
Promoted to Detective	Feb. 26, 1927
Died	Oct. 1, 1944

JOHN HALAZON

Appointed Janitor	Mar. 1, 1933
Died	Oct. 3, 1944

ALEXANDER ZAFFRAN

Appointed Patrolman	May 17, 1923
Died	Dec. 4, 1944

WILLIAM LOESCH

Appointed Patrolman	Mar. 12, 1914
Died	Dec. 15, 1944

