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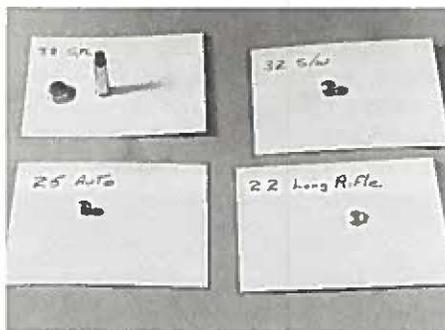
January 8, 1975

## Body Armor May Save A Life

Nearly six months ago Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau directed that a study be made of the various types of bullet resistant body armor which could be worn by police officers. The project, undertaken by the Department's Planning and Research Division, has produced information relating to various types of body armor as well as test proven results of the varying effectiveness of several products.

By the end of this year each Police Officer and Sergeant within the Operations Bureau will be issued a new bullet resistant protective garment. The idea of armor is not new. As soon as man invented weapons he began to develop types of armor to lessen the effectiveness of those weapons. Early attempts at protective coverings produced full suits of metal armor which were often heavier than the men who wore them.

Advances in technology have made the wearing of body armor more practical. And now instead of attempting to protect the entire body specialists fit



Ten layers of Kevlar stopped these and other projectiles which were fired at close range during testing.

a new soft body armor to protect vital areas leaving the rest of the body free to

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## "Mac" Johnson Dies From Wounds

For the past five years members of the Department have been greeted by McKinley J. Johnson, Jr. as they signed vehicles in and out of the Motor Pool, or just stopped by to visit. He was always ready to help the new man and knew almost everyone by name.

His willingness to help extended beyond work. During Christmas Eve while most people were preparing for the Holidays with their loved ones Mr. Johnson was always found distributing food baskets for needy inner city families.

The Holiday spirit was high as Mr. Johnson and some friends worked in an area cocktail lounge readying the last of the many food baskets to be handed out.

This good cheer ended when he noticed that a can of meat was missing as a patron, who was just lingering by the basket, began to leave. Realizing that the patron was the only one who could have taken the food he had just placed there, Mr. Johnson followed him onto the street. As he confronted him with the theft the suspect drew a revolver and shot four times.

The gunman hit his mark and as Mr. Johnson fell to the ground he fled. An ambulance transported him to an area hospital as Officers and Detectives began their investigation.

As everyone was enjoying the Holidays Mr. Johnson struggled to survive. He lost his fight for life on Christmas evening as a result of complications from his wounds.

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During the Holidays members of the Department joined Mayor William Donald Schaefer for mid-day Christmas Carols at the War Memorial Plaza.

# Body Armor

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move unhampered, a point very important to law enforcement officers.

During the evaluation and testing program undertaken by the Planning and Research Division several types of soft body armor were encountered. One type made of bullet resistant nylon, is the most commonly known to law enforcement. However through the cooperation of several government agencies other types of bullet resistant materials were evaluated. A new synthetic material called "Kevlar" appears to be the most wearable while providing what is considered to be superior protection.

It has been found that twelve layers of "Kevlar" will stop the penetration of most ammunition used today. It is able to absorb the shock of a bullet's impact sufficiently to diminish internal injuries and it weighs only 1¼ pounds. The

material was also found to be very pliable and to consist of minimal bulk. These were major considerations in the selection process. Because of its light weight "Kevlar" body armor can be worn beneath the shirt and cannot be observed. It is the most comfortable form of body armor tested for warm weather use.

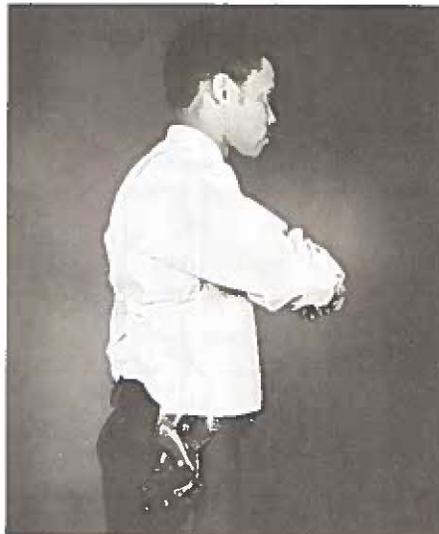
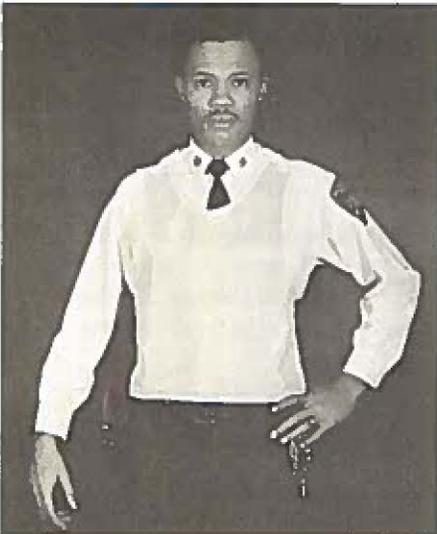
Field testing, by members of the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Division, resulted in suggestions which when implemented will make the body armor even more comfortable and at the same time will provide even better coverage for protected areas of the torso. The indicated design modifications have been made part of the specifications for the product. These include a variation of sizes for proper fitting and to prevent the garment from shifting as an officer moves, especially as he enters or exits a vehicle. Quick release fasteners were also added to the specifications to allow for easy removal from an injured officer.

Two washable covers will be provided with each garment.

The concept of equipping officers with body armor on a general basis is new. To date only one other major law enforcement agency is considering this type of project.

There is no such thing as a bullet proof vest. Soft body armor is designed to stop the penetration of most projectiles. However, the blunt trauma or the effect of the impact of the projectile remains a danger to the wearer. "Kevlar" was found to diminish this impact somewhat more effectively than some of the other products tested.

As the new body armor is distributed officers will be reminded that one does not become invincible just because he's wearing it. Soft body armor is designed to be an additional protection for the wearer. It will diminish the effectiveness of a fired projectile. Hopefully it will save a life.



Officer Kevin Harris of the Recruitment Unit displays a prototype of the "Kevlar" soft body armor. This unit was considered to be most effective and most comfortable once modified to specifications requested by the Department.

## Ordinance 769

The Mayor and City Council have approved Ordinance 769 (Article 19, Section 7A of the Baltimore City Code) which prohibits the illegal possession or use of certain tools or devices commonly used in auto thefts.

The bill, introduced by Councilman Francis X. Gallagher, makes it unlawful for any person to knowingly control or possess, with the purpose to do any

unlawful act, the following:

1. Detached ignition switch
2. Jumper wire device
3. Key cutter
4. Slidehammer
5. Any other device, instrument or article commonly used, designed or specially adapted for criminal use.

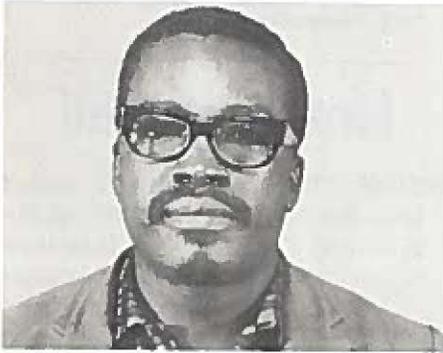
The law provides penalties up to \$500.00 in fines or up to six months imprisonment upon conviction for unlawful possession or use of these devices.

## NEWS NOTES

The City of Baltimore, Bureau of Collections, under Ordinance #768 effective January 1, 1975, now collects and processes all parking tickets and fines. The procedures for the new citations are similar to that of the old District Court of Maryland Parking Summons. The new books are also smaller and easier to carry and reflect the changes in the fines for violations.

## "Mac" Johnson

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McKINLEY J. JOHNSON, JR.

Homicide Detectives worked throughout the night and the next day gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses. Their efforts paid off and an arrest warrant was obtained for a 27 year old suspect.

### Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner,

I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the most educational and enjoyable tour of your police Bldg. Officer Murdock #1617 was a most intelligent and entertaining guide. He is very well suited to this position. It was a great pleasure to see the working of your "heart" of the Police Dept. Too many times we forget that other people, other than the street Police, make every effort to assure our safety. I am sure we would like to thank you personally and especially Officer Murdock. In our name, will you please thank him. He is a great asset to your community relations.

Yours truly,

(signed) Mrs. Joseph J. Vogel, Jr.  
Secretary, Ladies of Charity  
St. Michael's, Overlea

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

We would like to thank you for allowing Officer Joseph Baranowski and Officer Thomas Whalen to bring their Traffic Safety Program to Eastwood.

These officers did a superb job of presenting this program to our children. The showing of Walt Disney slides and the new movie gave the boys and girls a better understanding of bicycle safety and their role as riders.

The officers asked for our evaluation of the grade level of the new film "Like a Car" which was shown here for the first time, 50% of our teachers felt that this picture was on a 3 thru 6th grade level and the rest felt that a 4 thru 6th grade level was correct.

Again I would like to thank you for your courtesy in allowing these fine officers to bring this program to us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lillian H. Chabinak  
Principal  
Eastwood Elementary School



Attention was intense at the magic show presented by the "Fallen Hero's" Children Fund held at the Civic Center recently. Many of the over 10,000 tickets were purchased by area businessmen and residents and given to inner-city children.

## Close Call

For Detectives Allan Williams and Paul A. Karaskavicz Jr. of the Criminal Investigation Divisions Property Crimes Sections December 30th began as a nor-



PAUL A. KARASKAVICZ JR.

mal one with the usual number of follow-ups and warrants to serve.

In the afternoon they decided to look for a juvenile wanted on a burglary warrant and who was known to hang out in the 400 block S. Lehigh St. As they neared the area they spotted the juvenile who broke and ran as the Detectives exited their vehicle and identified themselves.

Detective Karaskavicz began chasing the subject on foot as Detective Williams broadcast the information and then joined the chase in his radio car. As they zig-zagged through the alleys the 16 year old youth turned and fired a shot at Detective Karaskavicz grazing his left arm. He fell to the sidewalk, recovered and began to resume the chase. As he did the youthful gunman fired a second shot which went through the Detective's coat narrowly missing him.

At this point Detective Karaskavicz was able to return fire as they continued through the alleys. When he turned a corner the gunman dove behind a wall in an attempt to hide.

Detective Williams and Karaskavicz converged on the area and an alert citizen pointed out the suspect's hiding place. The Detectives closed in and as they did the gunman pointed his weapon at Detective Karaskavicz who ordered him to freeze, the suspect didn't and he shot once striking the juvenile in the buttocks.

The suspect was rushed to an area hospital and later charged with assault with intent to murder. Detective Karaskavicz was treated for a superficial wound and returned to duty.

## Operation Friendship

Members of the Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith, for the tenth year, relieved members of the Department during the Christmas Holidays. The project called Operation Friendship is designed to improve relations between the Community and the Police Department.

Over 40 members of the Lodge relieved members in the various Districts and Divisions who work non-hazardous assignments during Christmas eve and day thus enabling them to spend the Holidays with their families.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Our deepest sympathy to Joseph Forester and Jack Sheldon on their recent losses.

Congratulations and best wishes to Technician Dean C. Wiel and his wife, Robin Lee, who were married on November 16.

**INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Timothy Whitley on his recent promotion and thanks for the electric pencil sharpener.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Officer Stanley Spencer and his wife, Elease, on the birth of a son, Stephen Mathew, on December 13, weighing 7 lbs. 14 oz.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations and best wishes to Principal Clerk Anita L. Kern and Crime Lab Technician William R. Hamilton, III on their engagement.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Darkroom Technician George Becker on his recent loss.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Joseph Bolesta.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lieutenant Joseph J. Pasko on his recent retirement on January 7, 1975.

Our deepest sympathy to Agent Charles Walas and Officer John E. Simmons on their recent losses.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Con-

gratulations to Officer John Broaddus and his wife, Patricia, on the birth of a son, John Broaddus, III, on December 21.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH DIVISION** — Congratulations to Senior Clerk Typist Kathy Matarazzo on her marriage to Frank J. Speca.

We all wish a speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling who is a surgical patient at Kernan Hospital.

Welcome aboard to Police Agents Raymond Fisher and James Giza.

### *In Memoriam*

**MacCAUSLAND, THOMAS E.**, father of Sergeant Eugene MacCausland, Northeastern District, December 22.

**STAUP, JAMES MILTON**, father of Sergeant William F. Staup, Identification Division, License Section, December 23.

**THANNER, MARK E.**, son of Police Officer Bernard F. Thanner, Property Division, December 25.

**SIMMONS, WALLACE LEMUEL**, father of Police Officer John E. Simmons, Tactical Section, K-9 Unit, December 27.

**USERA, LIBERTAD**, father of Police Officer Abraham Usera, Southwestern District, December 28.

**DARBY, LESLIE W.**, father of Police Officer Warren Darby, Central Dis-

trict, December 29.

**MISZCZUK, MICHAEL**, father of Clerk Jacqueline Kriple, Northeastern District, December 29.

## Final Roll Call

**WALAS, CHARLES B.**, Officer, retired from the Marine Unit, father of Police Agent Charles Walas, Downtown Squad, Tactical Section, December 19.

**JOHNSON, McKINNLEY J.**, Auto Service Attendant, Property Division, December 25.

**REMBOLD, GEORGE**, Officer, Eastern District, December 27.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



Santa and his helpers visited the Northeastern District during the Christmas party held for area children.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## You Need To Know . . .

*Recent media accounts have alleged that the Inspectional Services Division of the Baltimore Police Department has acted in a questionable manner in conducting some investigations. You need to know that I have complete confidence in the personnel of that Division and that our activities have been conducted within the law.*

*In this regard a section of the report to Governor Marvin Mandel dealing with the recent allegations is reprinted below for your information.*

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The primary mission of the Intelligence Section, Baltimore Police Department, in the active surveillance of individuals or groups outside the normal criminal behavior, has always been to attempt to spot potential areas for violence and to inform, with intelligence data, the Operations Bureau so that logical commitment of forces in Patrol and Traffic could be made.

Political surveillances have never been conducted. Neither occupation nor race has been a basis for opening a case for investigation in any field at I.S.D.

We have never conducted surveillances of elected or appointed officials. We have never placed the clergy or media persons under surveillance, unless there has been a solid allegation of criminal activity. Elected and/or appointed officials have spoken at many rallies during the civil rights and anti-war movements of the late Sixties and early Seventies, and so their names, through informant reports as being present at the various rallies, would be interlaced throughout our files. There could have been temporary folders created which reflected their presence at the various rallies through duplicated reports, but these were merely activity folders and are not to be confused with investigative files on these officials. All of these were destroyed when the movement fell flat. There has never been an investigation opened on any elected official because of his appearance at a rally.

The clergy likewise addressed many groups during the civil rights and anti-war movements. An investigative file was never opened on any of these clergy because of their appearance. Their names likewise would be interlaced throughout our files through informant reports. It should also be noted that the clergy permitted their churches to be used for rallies during the days when emotion was high and threats of trashing the Downtown area were being made by the dissidents. We covered these rallies so that we could effectively inform the Operations Bureau. In many instances, our Community Relations Division attended these rallies and would meet with the clergy or elected and appointed officials in the interest of keeping peace in our streets. We never opened an investigative file because these churches were used for rallies.

We have never had an investigative file opened on any media person.

Some of the allegations recently raised concerning the above three groups — appointed and/or elected officials, the clergy, and media persons — I think need to be clarified:

### MEDIA PERSONS

Russ Johnson Talk Show, W.S.I.D. Radio:- We had three good reasons for monitoring this talk show:

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## Mobile Unit Decreases Patrol Downtime

The demand for services of the Mobile Unit Section of the Laboratory Division has increased markedly in the past several years. Total responses have accelerated from 17,203 in 1972 to 28,772 in 1974, a rise of 67 per cent. Part of this increase is due to the advent of the Controlled Dangerous Substances General Order in April, 1973 which established a new procedure for CDS submissions. During that year, a total of 3,523 submissions were handled. In 1974 the total was 4,547.



Mobile Unit Technician Irvin B. Litofsky prepares to package evidence at a crime scene.

The large increase in requests for Mobile Unit service has proportionally resulted in an increase in downtime for the Patrol Division. During peak activity periods, a backlog of service requests develops rapidly and accentuates the downtime problem.

The Unit is staffed by thirty technicians and provides many services to the Patrol Division upon request through the Communications Division. These in-

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# You Need To Know . . .

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1. John Clarke, head of the Black Panther Party, was due for an appearance on this show. At the time, we were actively investigating the Panther Party which was a violent, militant group. There was also a federal warrant for Clarke's arrest.

2. The talk show included a session with Olugbala, head of the S.O.U.L. School, who discussed narcotics and organized crime. During this session, he mentioned the name of "Little Willie Adams."

3. The talk show was extremely critical of police, and we desired a verbatim transcript so that we could rebut their charges.

At no time did we approach the radio station to have the talk show deleted. It is our recollection that it was deleted very shortly after his show on organized crime.

Art Geiselman, Channel 11-TV: We had reliable information that Mr. Geiselman had City property illegally in his possession and was returning it on a certain day. A "stake-out" was conducted at various buildings in the Downtown area where it was felt he might make the return. It must be stressed that this "stake-out" was made not because he was a newscaster, but because of the allegation that he had committed a criminal act.

Al Sanders, WJZ-TV: Mr. Sanders covered the funeral, with his television camera, of Frank Whitby in May, 1974. Two I.S.D. men observed Mr. Sanders talking to and leaving in the automobile of an individual who has had several arrests for false pretenses, bribery, extortion, and malfeasance in office. One I.S.D. man made mention of the observation to the other. One of these I.S.D. men subsequently went out on strike and resigned from the Department. Mr. Sanders, at no time before, during, or after the Whitby funeral, which was attended by over a thousand persons, was placed under surveillance. There was never a written record made of the incident at I.S.D.

Michael Davis, Evening Sun Reporter: We received a report that Mike

Davis was in the pay of organized crime figure Bernie Brown. No file was ever opened on this information on Mr. Davis and no further action was taken on the report, as we were awaiting corroboration of the information from the informant. Mr. Davis subsequently left the state.

There have been further published reports that I.S.D. has investigated news reporters because they have contacted former I.S.D. personnel. This is absolutely untrue. We have received voluntary calls at I.S.D. from several former I.S.D. persons, who have since resigned from the Department and are in the business world, that they have been contacted by reporters concerning their former activities in I.S.D. and they wanted to volunteer this information to I.S.D. personnel. I want to stress that the initiative for these contacts with these people came from them and not from any surveillances of the newsmen.

I even received a call from a former Cadet in I.S.D. who has resigned from the Department and is in the Air Force in South Dakota, who had received a telephone call from the newspaper reporters.

A newspaper reporter asked a cleaning lady the identity of the cleaning woman who has keys to I.S.D. spaces. She reported this voluntarily.

Almost all members of my Division both Staff Inspections as well as Intelligence, back into the early Seventies, have been contacted by the reporters. My personal secretary has been contacted. These officers and my secretary reported these contacts to me voluntarily.

## ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS

There was a story published recently in The Morning Sun showing a report of an undercover man concerning a rally that he attended with elements of the Black Panthers and the S.O.U.L. School. The rally happened to be a political debate between Judge George Russell and Senator Clarence Mitchell. The article inferred that we were guilty of "political spying." I received assurances from the undercover man, his control agent, and

the Acting Head of Intelligence — since I was absent during the time — that the undercover man, who was new at the time, attended only to increase his credibility with the Panthers and S.O.U.L. School. This was a most difficult time to obtain any coverage of these groups who had sought and carried out the assassination of a police officer and wounded another. This was not a directed effort by I.S.D. or this Department to effect a surveillance of appointed or elected officials.

## CLERGY

As noted above, we have never placed the clergy under surveillance, nor opened investigative files on them.

I must add, at this point, something concerning strike coverage by I.S.D. during last July. During the strike, Mr. Thomas Rapannotti, President of Police Council #27, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, was placed under surveillance to determine whether the court injunction issued against the Union was being violated. During the strike, we took numerous photographs, together with our Crime Lab, of picketing at all Station-houses and Headquarters, as well as picketing activities at various Municipal Buildings in Baltimore. This was done to obtain unmistakable identification of strikers and irrefutable evidence for use in later trial boards. We also taped TV coverages by the three local channels on a twenty-four-hour basis.

We had live coverage by sources on the day of the strike at the Union Hall, 305 W. Monument Street, as well as coverage during several subsequent days at the Lord Baltimore Hotel where the Steering Committee of the Union was holding its meetings. At no time, and under no circumstances, were any of our sources "wired." At no time was such action ever considered by this Division.

I believe I should mention at this time that there were numerous instances where, because of our intelligence gathering, we were able to keep two diverse protesting groups from tearing each other apart. I remember one occasion

at C.O.R.E. Headquarters, in a heavily black populated section of Baltimore, the Ku Klux Klan decided to parade in white sheets. I recall another occasion at Ritter's Bar where, in a predominantly white area, large groups of blacks assembled to protest and the whites threatened violence. At the extremely emotional National States Rights Party (NSRP) rallies in Patterson Park, in 1967, much intelligence was gathered that the blacks were going to counter-protest. Our intelligence provided that there would have been bloodshed, but we were able to head it off.

We have also provided much intelligence on the possibility of unrest at rock concerts by contacting our sources throughout the country who have had similar experiences with a particular group. We have provided assistance to the Secret Service on many occasions for the protection of the President and the Vice President; and I firmly believe that the relative quietness of the streets of Baltimore, compared to other cities in the country during the late Sixties and early Seventies, was due to the effective gathering of data by I.S.D. so that potentially dangerous situations were averted.

## Mobile Unit

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clude not only the assistance provided in the submission of suspected CDS, but also the processing of crime scenes, photographing recovered property and the testing of individuals suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol at the Breathalyzer Unit.

Five marked vans respond to crime scene calls on a twenty-four hour basis. There is also a laboratory technician stationed at the Mobile Unit office at Headquarters who handles most of the CDS submissions and the administration of tests to suspected intoxicated drivers.

During 1974 Technicians took 86,366 photographs and recovered 10,125 items of physical evidence. Latent fingerprints recovered by members of the Section resulted in the identification of suspects in 422 cases in 1974; this was an increase of 105 per cent over the 206 cases resolved in 1973.



Members of the Mobile Unit took over 86,000 photographs at crime scenes during 1974.

A procedure was instituted in November, 1974 to aid in reducing Patrol downtime in burglary cases which required processing. Under this procedure, following the preliminary investigation of the burglary by the officer assigned, he may leave the scene if there is a responsible party present (complainant, a proprietor or agent) and he advises the city-wide dispatcher of his departure. The officer must give the person at the scene his name, sequence number, unit number and case complaint number. This information will enable the responding technician to properly complete his report. The officer should also apprise the complainant of the imminent arrival of the crime scene unit and issue instructions concerning scene preservation until the technician responds.



Dusting for fingerprints resulted in the identification of over 400 suspects last year.

Upon being assigned to the burglary scene, the technician is advised of the officer's absence by the dispatcher. The technician may request to have the patrol unit return and remain during all or part of his investigation depending on the circumstances. If the patrol unit is not in service another unit can be dispatched.

In many instances, the responding technician does not request that an officer return to the scene. With information supplied by the individual present, the technician is able to complete his investigation, thus leaving the patrol unit in service.

The first ten days of this program resulted in the savings of 18.5 man days of patrol time.

The procedure has allowed Mobile Unit personnel and officers to be more flexible and to establish priorities. Calls where the officer has returned to service can be deferred until other pending requests, where officers must remain on the scene, have been completed.



Care must be used in removing some evidence as shown by Mobile Unit Technician Mahlon H. Oswell.

## NEWS NOTES

The following salary increases for sworn members of the Department became effective January 1, 1975:

Police Officer 334	Step 6	\$12,000
	Longevity	\$12,300
Police Agent	Flat	\$12,532
	Longevity	\$12,845

The Criminal Division of District 1 of the District Court of Maryland began two sessions on January 6th. These sessions are scheduled at 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. The afternoon sessions will be limited to summons cases, bail reviews and cases which the presiding Judge in his discretion may direct.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**—Congratulations to Emergency Call Clerk Cornelia (Cookie) Rogers on the birth of grandson, Louis J. Kousouris, III, on 26 December 1974.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Alfred Erhardt and his wife, Brenda Joyce, on the birth of a daughter, Mary Frances, on 4 January 1975, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. Thomas C. Crowther on the birth of a son, Christopher, 6 lbs. 11 oz., on 12 January 1975 (first child).

Congratulations to Officer Michael D. Hires, of this District, on his marriage to the former Joyce Ann Pons on 11 January 1975.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer George L. Daniel on the arrival of a second grandson: Andrew Scott Daniel born 24 December 1974 at 3:09 p.m. Andrew Scott weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz.

A belated congratulations is extended to Officer and Mrs. Vernion May who became the proud parents to Vernion Erick Williams May, Jr. on 29 July 1974, weighing 8 lbs. 3½ oz.

Welcome aboard to Captain Robert Larkin, Sergeant William Law, Jr., and Officer William Bellamy, Jr.

A big welcome back to the Traffic Division is extended to Sergeant John Preiss and Officer Charles Lingenfelder.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Hurray for Northwestern. Northwestern Basketball Team beat Gino's Managers.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Sergeant Ronald Stine and his wife Dorothy, on the birth of a son, Ronald Stine, Jr., on 22 December 1974, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.

Welcome aboard to Sergeant Bruce Greene, Sergeant John Lewis, Sergeant Stanley Hedding, Police Officers Glenn Miller, William J. Ritmiller, Zachery Tims, Harold W. Whitaker also Principal Clerk Stenographer Pat Glacken.

### *In Memoriam*

**JOHNSON, MCKINLEY, JR.**, Auto Service Worker, Property Division, 25 December 1974.

**HEMING, ALBERTINA**, wife of retired Lieutenant Joseph Heming of the Southeast District, 12 January 1975.

**SNYDER, CAROLYN M.**, Grandmother of Detective David Ordunia, Operations Squad, Property Crimes, C.I.D., 8 January 1975.

**BAKER, HARRY LEE**, Grandfather of Officer William Baker, Northeastern District, 8 January 1975.

**HART, JOANNA**, wife of deceased retired Officer Michael J. Hart, Mother of Margaret Walsh, Communications Division, and Mother of Nancy Bradley, Central Records Division, 7 January 1975.

**O'DONNELL, RAYMOND G.**, Uncle of Sergeant William B. Clayton, Property Division, 6 January 1975.

**TUTCHTON, WILLIAM**, Father-in-law of Lieutenant Edward Eben assigned to Planning and Research, 13 January 1975.

**CLARY, Hazel**, Aunt of Officer William Surratt, Western District, 13 January 1975.

**JONES, AMOS LEE**, Father of Senior Clerk Typist Joyce Jones, Western District, 12 January 1975.

**BRISCO, DEANNA**, Sister of Cadet Michael Smith, assigned to Central Records Division, 16 January 1975.

### Final Roll Call

**GARDNER, JOHN ALFRED**, Officer, retired, formerly of Pine Street Station (Youth Section), 8 January 1975.

**SIMMONS, VINCENT L., SR.**, Retired Officer formerly assigned as assistant secretary to Commissioner Hepburn, 18 January 1975.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Quick Response Teams To Be Formed

It is early one morning in the near future as an officer receives a call for a disorderly. While he approaches the address another officer joins him. A woman, who appears to be badly beaten, answers the door and states that her husband, a former mental patient, beat her and threatened to kill her if she called the police before he locked himself in the bedroom. She further states that he has a handgun and was acting very irrational.

The second officer calls for back-up units to respond to a nearby intersection and advises the dispatcher of a possible barricade situation. The first officer continues to interview the woman and discovers that no one else is in the house and the location of the bedroom.



Simulated hostage and barricade situations aid in training.

Other officers respond and isolate the area as a Quick Response Team from the Operations Unit of the Tactical Section is briefed by the first officer and the subject's wife.

While the area is being isolated and people living nearby are led to safety, a team member contacts the subject by telephone. After over three hours of conversation on the phone, the officer and the subject's wife convince him to

surrender. After throwing out his weapon he meekly comes out and is taken into custody.

Barricade situations such as the one above, are among the most vexing and complex problems confronting law enforcement agencies today. The successful management of these emergency situations calls for a group of highly disciplined personnel, organized to work as members of a team, under a specifically defined command and control system.

In preparation for the formation of Quick Response Teams members in the Operations Unit of the Tactical Section began intensive training in crisis intervention. The prevailing theme of the training is to seek alternatives to the classic shoot-out. The primary objective is to conclude a situation without injury to anyone.

Other jurisdictions have formed similar teams and have proven to be an asset in modern law enforcement. The teams are being formed in a similar fashion with one important difference. Other jurisdictions have trained men from various units and divisions who work together only when the need arises or when in training. The Quick Response Teams are being formed from men who work together, who will train together and who will respond together to all situations upon request.

Tactical Officers in the program have been broken down into twelve (12) teams consisting of four (4) men. Each will include a designated leader. Operations of the teams are supervised by four (4) Sergeants and two (2) Lieutenants.

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## Graduation Ceremonies

Twenty-seven new Baltimore Police Officers completed the final exercise of their eighteen week training period Friday, January 24, 1975, as they received certificates of graduation. In addition a member of the Department of the Navy graduated with Class 74-8.



Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau congratulates Chief William R. Hoagland U.S.N., upon graduation from the Academy. He is the nucleus of a new rating in the Navy and is Chief of Police at the Annapolis Naval Station.

As part of a new rating system established by the Navy, Chief Petty Officer William R. Hoagland became a member of Class 74-8. Chief Hoagland, who is in charge of law enforcement at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, is the nucleus of a new rating of Master at Arms. To qualify he selected the program offered by the Department's Education and Training Division.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, assisted by the guest speaker, Mr. Alan H. Murrell, Director of the Public Defender's Office for the State of Maryland, distributed the certificates to the graduates.

Commendation Ceremonies for five civilians immediately followed the graduation exercises.

## Response Teams

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Once operational, these teams will continue the same primary function of supplemental patrol as before. They will operate on a 24 hours, 7 day a week basis and will be available for calls when a situation arises anywhere in the city.

The format of the program has been developed based on data from other Departments and studies made by various organizations, as well as the expertise of the Emergency Vehicle Unit personnel. Training is being coordinated with the Education and Training Division. An important phase will include a review and a critique of every barricade, sniper and hostage situation handled by the Department in the past two years, as well as similar situations in other jurisdictions. The training sessions will be held on a continual basis.

The first team, in company with a Lieutenant, is attending a five day training course this week at the F.B.I. Academy, in Quantico, Virginia. These sessions are periodically offered to all law enforcement agencies and emphasize anti-sniper and survival training.

Quick Response Team members are also participating in a supervised physical fitness program. Physical and mental discipline will play an important role in the success of the overall program.



Lieutenant Joseph Bolesta, O.I.C. of the Tactical Section, aids his men during the weight lifting segment of the program.

The physical training program has been set up through the use of in house expertise. It includes daily supervised weight lifting and one-mile runs prior to roll call.

The members also met on their own time last Sunday at the Old Seton Institute and engaged in simulated tactical problems.

The men of the Emergency Vehicle Unit of the Tactical Section will be working closely with the teams. They are sharing their expertise and are looking forward to the additional support that will be provided at barricades, sniper and other potentially dangerous situations that are increasingly confronting modern law enforcement.

## Murder Suspects Apprehended

A brief broadcast over KGA stating that three negro males, 30 to 35 years of age, one wearing a black and white hat, wanted for the armed robbery and shooting at the Park Bar and Grill was still fresh in Eastern District Officer Gary Mitchell's mind as an Oldsmobile went speeding by him at Preston Street and Fallsway.

It was occupied by five negro males and one of the subjects was wearing a black and white hat. The officer followed the vehicle and as he did, the car slowed and the occupants were continually looking out the rear window. The car stopped in the 500 block E. Eager Street as Officer Mitchell called for a back-up, which was sent by him to the rear of the house.

After further investigation the five subjects were placed under arrest, the car towed to the City Yard and the house placed under surveillance.

Officer Mitchell didn't search the house or the car since at the time he had sufficient probable cause to arrest, but not to search without a warrant. With the information supplied Homicide Detectives were able to obtain search and seizure warrants and were able to recover the murder weapon, the hat and other evidence.

The effective protection provided by Officer Mitchell of both the house and the vehicle assisted in formal charges being placed against the suspects in the robbery-murder at the bar and a second charge of homicide against one of the suspects for the stabbing death of Godwin Ogunrinde.

## Captain Deasel Retires

Captain Henry J. Deasel recently concluded his law enforcement career which spanned more than twenty-seven years. The former Captain of the Tactical Section retired from the Department on January 24, 1975.



HENRY J. DEASEL

Captain Deasel joined the Department in April, 1947. His first assignment was to the Northeastern District where he later returned as District Commander after 18 years in the Traffic Division.

After almost nine years as a Traffic Officer he was promoted to Sergeant. He remained assigned to the Traffic Division. In 1961 he received a promotion to Lieutenant and continued his police career in Traffic.

In 1966, as a newly promoted Captain, he assumed command of the Northeastern District. During his career he received numerous commendatory letters from citizens of the community.

In January, 1974 Captain Deasel was named as Commanding Officer of the Tactical Section where he remained until his retirement.

## NEWS NOTES

The Education and Training Division is conducting a one day seminar on Juvenile Delinquency. All law enforcement officers of the rank of Lieutenant and below will be scheduled to attend.



The above suspect is wanted for the homicide of McKinley Johnson. Mr. Johnson, a civilian employee of the Department, died Christmas Day after he was shot four times Christmas Eve while preparing food baskets. The suspect is Michael Hughes, N/M/ dob 6-7-47, 5-11, 152lbs., dark complexion of 1617 McKean Ave. He is currently on the wing and is known to frequent Charles and 21st. Streets. Western District warrant #74-146774 is on file at the C.I.D. - Fugitive Section.

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE YEAR 1974

TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1973	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	293	280	+ 13	+ 4.6
FORCIBLE RAPE	486	499	- 13	- 2.6
ROBBERY	10,208	8,612	+ 1,596	+ 18.5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6,379	6,415	- 36	- 0.6
BURGLARY	18,790	15,606	+ 3,184	+ 20.4
LARCENY	30,865	25,795	+ 5,070	+ 19.7
AUTO THEFT	9,214	8,242	+ 972	+ 11.8
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>76,235</b>	<b>65,449</b>	<b>+10,786</b>	<b>+ 16.5</b>

## Road Tests

A series of tests were recently conducted on Departmental Fleet vehicles. The tests were made by factory representatives and Police and Division of Transportation personnel to check the effectiveness of non-locking front wheels on Plymouth Satellites as compared to Ford Customs during a simulated panic

stop. The front wheels on a Ford will lock when the brakes are applied with force. The tests showed that the non-locking system is very efficient as evidenced by the following results:

Test Vehicle:	Stopping Distance		
Ply. Satellite	72 ft.	74 ft.	78 ft.
Ford Custom	88 ft.	100 ft.	87 ft.

These tests were made at 40 miles

per hour and are within National Safety Standards.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

On behalf of the entire ASAP Management staff, I would like to thank you and your staff for the months of hard work you put in to help make the project a success. Although it is always true that "we could have done better," I feel that the accomplishments of this demonstration project justify pride.

As part of our ultimate goal of getting the problem drinker off the road and into treatment, we sought to show that separate agencies within the "drinking driver control system" could pool their resources and work effectively with one another. This, I believe, we have done.

Hopefully, your efforts will continue. It is only by dedication, such as you have displayed in the past, that the problem we all seek to reduce will be firmly met.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ Michael J. Cooper  
Acting Director

## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1974

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1973	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	415	307	+ 108	+ 35.2
FORCIBLE RAPE	407	424	- 17	- 4.0
ROBBERY	3,821	2,957	+ 864	+ 29.2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,958	2,187	- 229	- 10.5
BURGLARY	5,295	3,975	+ 1,320	+ 33.2
LARCENY	8,281	6,038	+ 2,243	+ 37.1
AUTO THEFT	2,199	1,657	+ 542	+ 32.7
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>22,376</b>	<b>17,545</b>	<b>+ 4,831</b>	<b>+ 27.5</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Officer Francis Kavanaugh, who is recuperating at home after a recent stay at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Congratulations to Mrs. Paulette Witkus and her husband Dennis, on the birth of a daughter, Becky Renee, on 10 January 1975, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer George Mitchell, who was selected as "Policeman of the Year."

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to: Police Officer Rudy Metzger, Jeffrey Graul, and Senior Clerk Typist Joyce Jones, on their recent losses.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. E. Sheeler, who proudly announce the birth of a new little daughter, Heather Joy Sheeler. Heather Joy was born 19 January 1975 at 12:00 P.M., weighing 6 lbs. 2 ozs.

Congratulations to Officer Carter Spencer and his wife, Beatrice, who became proud parents once again, to Sherri Lynn, on 10 January 1975, weighing 6 lbs. 2 ozs.

A big welcome aboard to Captain Walter Jasper who was recently assigned to the Traffic Division.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Criminalist John A. Schaefer and his wife Mary on the birth of their son, Michael John, born

on 16 January 1975, weighing 8 lbs. 6 ozs.

Best wishes to Marie Elena Branch of the Laboratory Division and Robert Scott, Merchant Seaman, on their engagement.

Congratulations to Crime Laboratory Technician Salvatore J. Bianca and his wife Beverly Ann on the birth of their daughter, Sara Anne, born on 23 December 1974, weighing 8 lbs. 11 ozs.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — A great big welcome aboard to all our recent transfers to the N.W.D. . . .

Congratulations to Police Officer Conrad P. Jones and his wife, Mary, who proudly announce the birth of their little girl, Stacey, born on 20 January 1975.

Congratulations to Officer John Williams and his wife, Shelia, on the birth of their son.

Congratulations to Sergeant Ron Billingsley and his wife Karen on their marriage on 11 January 1975.

Get well wishes to Police Officer Robert Leutbecher, recuperating from surgery, and is in the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Get well wishes to School Crossing Guards Edna Bell and Barbara Alexander.

Condolences to Police Officer Ralph Hudson on the loss of his father, 20 January 1975.

Condolences to Sergeant Timothy Whitley on the loss of his grandfather on 28 January 1975, and Officer Stan Grant on the loss of his father, on 28 January 1975, also to Officer Don-

ald Healey on the loss of his father on 27 January 1975.

Bon Voyage to Officer Irving Frey, and good luck, in your new assignment.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Our deepest sympathy to Sergeant Robert J. Rayman on his recent loss.

Congratulations and best wishes to Captain Henry J. Deasel on his recent retirement from the department.

Welcome aboard . . . Police Officer Charles Anderton III, Ivory Bryd, Lillian Clinton, Andrew Gerakaris, John C. Meyer, and John Stickles.

**PROPERTY DIVISION** — Congratulations and best wishes to Officer Theodore L. Bachman, Property Division, who retired on 18 January 1975.

Welcome aboard . . . Parke C. Spellman, Automotive Service Worker, to the Property Division, also Betty L. McCallister, Senior Clerk Typist.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS** — Members of this unit wish a speedy recovery to Retired Purchasing Agent Bill Harvey, formerly of Headquarters, who fell and broke his hip on his 82nd birthday, 2 September 1974. He is presently using a walker at his home, 1805 Aberdeen Road, and would like to hear from some of his old friends.

### *In Memoriam*

GRAUL, ROBERT, Father of Officer J. Graul, assigned to the Western District, 17 January 1975.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Foot Patrol, Two Man Cars Increased

### Reapportionment Accomplished 0001 hours, 2 February

*I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to each member of the Patrol Division for your outstanding efforts in the successful implementation of the redeployment. The full cooperation extended to members of Staff Divisions resulted in a transition which was accomplished with a maximum efficiency.*

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A citywide redeployment of uniformed district personnel became operational at 0001 hours, February 2, 1975. It marked the first occasion that all nine police districts were simultaneously redeployed and was the culmination of months of analysis and planning, a period highlighted by cooperative efforts between the Patrol Division and supporting staff divisions.

Redeployment of manpower, together with sector and post realignment, entails a thorough analysis of at least one complete year's calls for service and index crime data together with assaults on police and arrest data.

Realignment and apportionment was based on command decision, utilizing computerized historical index crime and calls for service data. Patrol officers and District Command and Supervisory personnel were conferred with at all stages of the planning process. Consistent and excellent cooperation between all affected units was the highly productive rule of the day.

Even though the Property, Communications and Planning and Research Divisions provided data and logistical support to the redeployment effort, the major decisions were made by representatives of all ranks of the Patrol Division. Thanks to the outstanding effort of these men and women, the De-

partment was able to accomplish post and sector realignment with the total absence of disruption in services rendered to the citizens of Baltimore.

In conjunction with response beat redeployment, every one of the Department's footposts was subjected to minute analysis which resulted in verification of the geographic areas and temporal deployments being employed, thus maximizing foot officers effectiveness.

Consistent with our long standing goal to provide a balance of forces, the department's total foot post deployment now boasts 396 officers, an increase of 90 foot officers over February, 1974. The number of Federally Funded Foot Officers has increased 64% over the same period of time.

An intergral component of the new deployment defines motorized response beat as synonymous with motorized footmen. The universal availability of portable transceivers within the Patrol Division makes regular foot patrol a reality and all officers will park their vehicles periodically and patrol on foot, when not on calls for service.

A restructuring of sector constant/relief ratios resulted in the abolition of inefficient or unworkable ratios, and standardized the number and type of these

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## Innovative Approach To Juvenile Problems

In the interest of furthering the "total-officer" concept the Baltimore Police Department is in the process of exposing all sworn members to the problems of juvenile involvement in crime.

Experience with the extensive drug education and identification program, undertaken by the Department, proves the value of training all members in a specialized area rather than relying on a small group. In the area of narcotics enforcement, this complete educational process has led to a dramatic increase in the number of narcotics cases which are processed by members of the Department. The total involvement of every police officer is needed to bring about solid solutions to far ranging problems.

In order to familiarize departmental personnel with the scope of the juvenile crime situation and its subsequent impact upon the criminal justice system and the community an extensive In-Service Training Seminar is presently in progress.

Members of the Department are attending the 8 hour session which is designed to examine not only the functional apparatus of the Juvenile Court and the legalities of juvenile justice, but also to explore causal factors in delinquency and the alternatives and diversions available to police officers in the area of delinquency prevention.

The Seminar, conducted at the Education and Training Center, concentrates on the following areas: The Juvenile Crime Problem, Juvenile Justice and Departmental Guidelines; Juvenile Delinquency Causation; and Juveniles and the Law.

Among the immediate objectives of the program are the familiarization of the officer with the scope of the juvenile

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## Reapportionment

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ratios to be employed. The resultant effect was to increase the number of motorized response units deployed throughout the twenty-four hour time frame from 513 to 568, a 10.7% increase. This was accomplished with existing patrol manpower.

This reapportionment also allowed deployment of two-man "Floating" units within each district. These vehicles are intended to act as primary 10-16 units, together with an in-progress call response capability. The floating vehicles are assigned primary cruising areas to maximize their visibility and availability for quick response.

A brief recapitulation of the Department's shift assignments by patrol mode indicates that the 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. and midnight to 8:00 A.M. citywide shifts field 133 one-man units, 36 two-man units, and 18 cruising patrols.

The 4:00 P.M. to midnight shift with its traditionally heavier work load, fields 185 one-man patrol units, 45 two-man patrol units, and 18 cruising patrols for a total of 248 motorized units.

Again, the increase in the number of mobile units was accomplished with existing patrol manpower and in no way necessitated assignment of additional manpower or equipment resources.

The increased number of motorized response units created by the redeployment is in direct proportion to the increase in calls for service answered by this Department. As intended, the redeployment will increase the level of public service rendered by the Baltimore Police Department to our citizens, while, simultaneously, equalizing the workloads of uniformed Police Officer's assigned to each of the Department's nine patrol districts.

## NEWS NOTES

The pilot car for the Department's fleet was recently delivered to the City's Dickman Street garage. The new air conditioned Ford Torino will be checked out by personnel in the Department prior to delivery of the replacement

## "Business United To Stop Trouble" Valuable Input To Law Enforcement

The Baltimore Police Department is working in cooperation with a group of over 240 City businessmen who have organized in an attempt to reduce crimes committed against them. The program, called B.U.S.T. is an acronym from Business United to Stop Trouble, was established on January 13, 1975. It offers substantial rewards to citizens who call in information leading to the arrest and charging of persons committing crimes against members or their customers.

A phone with the number 685-BUST has been installed at the Criminal Investigation Division's 24 hour desk and began ringing as soon as the program started.

One of the first calls was by an anonymous tipster who gave the names and a description of three suspects who were involved in a series of East Baltimore cab hold-ups. The information was passed on to the C.I.D. Hold-Section photographs. Subsequent investigation based on the lead resulted in

vehicles.

The new white vehicles will be stripped with red and blue and are outfitted with steel belted radial tires.

Also being delivered are a number of Ford Mavericks which will be used to replace scheduled unmarked units.

Five prototypes of the "Kevlar" soft body armor are currently being tested by members of the Department for comfort and wearability. They have thus far been worn by members of the Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigation Division and the Traffic Division.

Members are making periodic reports to the Planning and Research Division regarding comfort and are requested to add any recommendations they might have based on their experiences with the prototype vests.

The Department of the Army at its Natick, Massachusetts Laboratory is working in conjunction with the Department in finalizing specifications,

the arrest of the subjects for three taxi cab robberies.

During the first month detectives have answered 68 calls on the special number. Forty of the callers have given information about crimes, the remainder were inquiries about how the system operates. The calls about crimes are passed on to the appropriate unit for investigation.

If the officers assigned use the tip as an aid in arresting a suspect, a report is returned to the Office of the Chief of C.I.D. It is then forwarded to the B.U.S.T.'s Executive Committee for reward consideration.

Confidentiality is strictly maintained regarding the identity of all callers. A time tested informant system is used by the C.I.D. detectives who answer the phone.

The business community has established substantial funding and hopes the program will continue to produce valuable investigative leads from the citizens of Baltimore.

## Post Scripts

Attention Detective Butts:

This letter is sent to you with thanks and appreciation for your visit to our class, and giving us a variety of information on drugs. Even though our class period was cut short for time, we still learned a great deal from listening to your presentation.

We never fully realized the illegality of growing marijuana nor the origin of STP and DMT as having been developed by a college student. These are just two of the very interesting facts we learned from you, however, I've only mentioned a few so you would know we were alert.

So again may we all say we appreciate the visit and thank you once again.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. Blake's Second Period Class

# Promotional Ceremonies Held

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Promotion to three new Captains and four new Lieutenants during promotional ceremonies which took place on February 5, 1975. The new Captains are Richard L. Connelly, Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. and Thomas J. Coppinger.



RICHARD L. CONNELLY

During his twenty-three year law enforcement career Captain Connelly has received five official commendations and has been assigned to the Southwestern District, the Northeastern District, the Tactical Section and the Southeastern District. His most recent assignment was in the Internal Investigation Division.



JOSEPH R. BOLESTA, JR.

Captain Connelly has been assigned as Commanding Officer of the Northeastern District.

Captain Bolesta, who joined the Department in 1966, began his career in the Central District. Other assignments included the Southern District and the Office of the Chief of Patrol. His most recent assignment was in the Tactical Section where he will remain as Commanding Officer.

The Evidence Control Unit was placed under the command of Captain Coppinger. During his eighteen year law enforcement career he has served in a variety of assignments. These included the Northwestern District, the Traffic Division, the old Chief Inspector's Office, the Criminal Investigation Division and the Southeastern District.



THOMAS J. COPPINGER

The newly promoted Lieutenants and their assignments are as follows:

- Northwestern District: Lieutenant John A. Barnes
- Tactical Section: Lieutenant Hugh H. Mills, Jr.
- Planning and Research Division: Lieutenant John W. Ryan
- Western District: Lieutenant Leroy P. Dedmon.

## Juvenile Problems

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problem in Baltimore in order to create uniformity, by departmental procedure, in the handling of the juvenile offender.

Instructors will survey the causal factors in juvenile delinquency including sociological, psychological and economic

determinants. It is hoped that officers will arrive at a better understanding of the myriad of causes related to delinquency and therefore, be able to pursue possible avenues of prevention.

Finally, an examination of the law concerning juveniles will be reviewed in depth. From this review the officer will receive an overview concept of his responsibilities within the framework of constitutional limitations regarding the rights of the juvenile who becomes involved in criminal activity.

## Policeman Of The Year

The Exchange Club of Highlandtown honored a Southeastern District officer during its' 19th annual Crime Prevention Night held on February 12, 1975. Officer William M. Caggese, a four year veteran, was the recipient of the Club's "Policeman of the Year Award."

The affair is conducted to express the Club's appreciation of that law enforcement officer who, in their judgment, excelled in the performance of his duties.

Officer Caggese was selected for his outstanding work in narcotics in the Southeastern area of the city throughout the past year. His efforts resulted in the arrest of over 300 suspects and the recovery of a vast quantity of controlled dangerous substances including over 450 bags of heroin, 2 ounces of cocaine and 178 pounds of marijuana.

His dedication to duty often brings Officer Caggese in from home whenever it appears a meaningful case can be developed from information supplied by informants or fellow officers. He also freely gives his time to talk before civic organizations about narcotic activity in their neighborhoods.

The Officer was honored during the dinner at the Exchange Club. The affair was presided over by the Chairman of the Club's Crime Prevention Night Chairman Captain Robert L. Larkin of the Traffic Division. Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau was among the 225 members and guests, who included Mayor William Donald Schaefer, City States Attorney William A. Swisher and Comptroller for the State of Maryland Louis L. Goldstein. The Honorable Edward Northrop, Chief Judge of the Federal District Court of Maryland was the featured speaker.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Captain Richard L. Connelly and Lieutenant Hugh H. Mills on their recent promotions.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Anne M. Daniel on the arrival of a second grandson, Andrew Scott Daniel, born 24 December 1974 at 3:09 P.M. Andrew Scott weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz. and is the brother of Jason Michael Daniel.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Best of luck to Captain Walter T. Jasper on his new assignment.

Congratulations to Police Officer Mark A. Wright, and his wife, Kathryn, on the birth of their son, Steven Anthony, on 24 January 1975 weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Sergeant Edward U. Chaney, and his wife, Phyllis, on the birth of their son, Justin Wade, on 25 January 1975, weighing 6 lbs. 3¼ oz.

Police Officer Arthur Delano, and his wife, Jeanette, on the birth of their son, Trevor Gene, 3 February 1975, weighing 5 lbs. 4 oz.

Police Officer William Matthews, and his wife, Barbara, on the birth of their daughter, Yolanda, 4 February 1975, weighing 6 lbs.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Best wishes and good luck are extended to Lieutenant John Fuller in his new assignment at Northeastern District. We'll miss you.

A speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling who is recovering from her recent surgery. Get well soon.

Welcome aboard to the five new computer operators, Katherine Kemp, Noreen Grandberry, Freda Epps, Charles White and Spencer Gray.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — The very best of luck to Captain Donald E. Einolf on his new assignment.

Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. Sturgeon on the birth of a son, Christopher Brian, weighing 7 lbs. 13 oz.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sergeant Luther Robinson.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. David McGuire, who proudly announce the birth of a new son, Mark Aaron McGuire, born 28 January 1975, at 10:58 A.M., weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.

Congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. John Brown, who became proud parents once again. Mary Judith Brown was born 26 January 1975, weighing 10 lbs. 8½ oz.

Bon Voyage and best of luck to Police Officer George Smoot and Hostler William Zimmerman on their recent retirements.

Welcome aboard to Senior Clerk Typist Brenda Wilson and Senior Clerk Typist Barbara Brown on your new assignment to the Traffic Division.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — "Our very best wishes to Officer Edwin C. Carter who recently retired."

Welcome aboard to Officer Steven H. Williams formerly of Eastern Dis-

trict.

## *In Memoriam*

**HARTMAN, BERNARD**, brother-in-law of Police Officer Lloyd Jett, Southwestern District, and son of former Sergeant Auggie Klemmick, 16 January 1975.

**TAYLOR, JOSEPH W.**, brother of Sergeant Richard Taylor, Traffic Investigation Section, 18 January 1975.

**YOUNG, WALTER**, father-in-law of Police Officer James Possidenti of the Eastern District, 18 January 1975.

**LINKOUS, EMLYN**, father-in-law of Police Officer Vernon Dranbauer, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, 20 January 1975.

**DEAN, CARL**, uncle of Emergency Call Clerk Rebecca Welsh, assigned to the Communications Division, 22 January 1975.

**BLOW, MILTON A.**, father of Police Officer Collis M. Blow, Northwestern District, 23 January 1975.

**RAYMAN, LAWRENCE A.**, father of Sergeant Robert J. Rayman, Tactical Section, 25 January 1975.

**SILVERMAN, LOUIS**, father of Police Officer Stanley Grant, Northwestern District, step-father of Police Officer John Golebieski, Central District, 27 January 1975.

**HEALY, JOSEPH P.**, father of Police Officer Donald E. Healy, Northwestern District, 27 January 1975.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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## Command Staff Positions Filled

A new Chief, a Deputy Chief and eight District Commanders received appointments from Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau on Thursday, February 20, 1975.

Wilbur C. Miller, now a Colonel, was appointed to the exempt position of Chief of the Community Services Division. Colonel Miller, a 26 year veteran of the Department, served in the Northern District and the Criminal Investigation Division prior to being promoted to Captain on December 7, 1967 and assuming command of the Southeastern District. He also served as Commander of the Eastern District before being appointed to the rank of Major on June 25, 1969 and the assignment as Deputy Chief of Patrol Area II. As Deputy Chief his assignments included Patrol Area III and most recently Patrol Area I.



WILBUR C. MILLER

Simon J. Avara was appointed to the exempt position of Deputy Chief of Patrol Area I. Lieutenant Colonel Avara joined the Department on April 3, 1947 and was assigned to the Southern District. Prior to promotion to the rank of Captain and the assignment as Com-

mander of the Tactical Section he served in the Eastern and Southeastern Districts. On March 1, 1971 he assumed command of the Southeastern District where he remained until his recent promotion. During his career Lieutenant Colonel Avara has received more than thirty-five commendations including two Bronze Stars.



SIMON J. AVARA

The following were appointed to the exempt position of District Commander: Harwood W. Burritt, Central District  
Robert L. Larkin, Southeastern District  
McNeal Brockington, Jr., Eastern District  
Francis X. Hayes, Northern District  
Harry C. Allender, Northwestern District  
James A. Kelly, Southern District  
Calvin Lewis, Western District  
Richard G. Francis, Southwestern District

The exempt rank of District Commander was created by Commissioner Pomerleau on October 24, 1974 under

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## Bank Hold Up Suspect Nabbed

Shortly before noon, on February 25, 1975, a tall young man clad in a red jacket and dark trousers entered a branch office of the Equitable Trust Company in the 3400 block of Eastern Avenue. He stood in line awaiting his turn as customers entered and left the bank. When his turn came he approached a teller, handed her a note, then exchanged the note for a brown paper bag. It was a hold up. A silver colored gun emphasized the seriousness of the suspect's intentions.

With other tellers and customers completely unaware of the situation the teller quietly stuffed the paper bag with money and a device which was designed to explode and spray a red dye. At this point the gunman grabbed the bag and walked out the front door, bumping into a bank employee who was returning from lunch. He walked down Eastern Avenue and got into a late model yellow sedan. The bank manager spotted two Youth Division officers and pointed out the suspect's vehicle and the pursuit began.

The suspect led the unmarked vehicle in an extensive chase through the Southeastern District which ended in the unit block of North Port Street. The explosive device in the paper bag had apparently done its job at this point. Pursuing police officers had temporarily lost their suspect but quickly spotted the empty vehicle. As marked units began responding to the scene some of the money was spotted in an alley in the rear of the 100 block North Milton Avenue.

Residents of the neighborhood gave officers information which led them to

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## Command Staff

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authority of the Public Local Laws of Baltimore. The rank was designated to recognize that each of the nine police districts encompass large areas and populations and that a commander of a district assumes greater responsibilities than those of a majority of police chiefs throughout the several states.

The District Commander wears the uniform and rank insignia of a Major and receives a flat salary (first step Major) as recommended by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City. The Commander's authority is equal to the rank designation of a Major.

In order to preserve the hierarchy of administrative authority with a clearly distinguishable chain of command, rank designations within the Operations Bureau were changed under General Order 2-75. These changes have no effect on position salary and the positions of Majors, Directors and Captains of all other divisions and sections are not effected.

The Operations Bureau Chiefs Bishop L. Robinson, Chief of Patrol; Joseph F. Carroll, Chief of Criminal Investigation; Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of Traffic as well as the newly appointed Chief of Community Services Wilbur C. Miller were designated as Colonels. The Operations Bureau Deputy Chiefs James H. Watkins, Deputy Chief Area II, Edwin L. Lawrence, Deputy Chief Area III and the newly appointed Deputy Chief of Area I, Simon J. Avara were designated as Lieutenant Colonels. Commanding Officers of Operations Bureau Sections will continue with the designation of Captain.

## Don't Mail The Newsletter!!

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The NEWSLETTER is sent to a number of persons on our mailing list. For this purpose we have obtained a bulk

rate mailing privilege which allows the NEWSLETTER to be sent out in large numbers. This bulk rate mailing privilege applies only to copies of the NEWSLETTER which are addressed, bundled and mailed by the Public Information Division.

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## Graduation And Commendations

Twenty-three Baltimore Police Officers graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on Friday, February 21, 1975. In addition, one member of the Anne Arundel County Police Department graduated with class 74-9.

Following the commencement address by Mr. Edwin R. Tully, Deputy Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Mr. Tully assisted Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser in presenting the officers their certificates of graduation.

Commendation ceremonies immediately followed. Two civilians received Certificates of Honor for outstanding service to the community and eight officers were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

### BRONZE STAR

#### Western District

Police Officer John J. Christian  
Police Officer James Rankin

#### Southern District

Police Officer Clifton Cavey

#### Tactical Section

Police Officer James Muldowney

#### Criminal Investigation Division

Detective John Cadden  
Detective Furrie Cousins  
Detective Paul Karaskavicy  
Detective George Kibler

Following the graduation and presentation of awards, the officers, their families and friends joined Deputy Commissioner Glauser, Mr. Tully and members of the Command Staff in the canteen for refreshments and wished them well on their new assignments.

## Community Services Chief Retires

February 27, 1975 marked the end of a rewarding 27 year career in law enforcement for Lieutenant Colonel Frank J. Serra, Chief of the Community Services Division.



FRANK J. SERRA

Colonel Serra joined the Department on December 12, 1947 and was assigned to the Northwestern District. He also served in the Northeastern District, the Eastern District and the Education and Training Division before assignment to the Southwestern District as Captain. He was appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on July 25, 1972 and assigned as Chief of the Patrol Division and later transferred to the position of Chief of the Community Services Division.

During a luncheon held in his honor on February 27, 1975 Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia presented Colonel Serra his retirement certificate. Also present was Captain Henry J. Deasel who recently retired and was also honored at the luncheon.

## Suspect Nabbed

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a house in the unit block of North Milton Avenue. After a brief conversation with the residents of that dwelling they resumed their search for the suspect who was believed to be in the immediate vicinity.

Sergeant Arnold Bedsworth, who had recovered the money in the rear of the 100 block North Milton Avenue, produced information indicating that a man with a gun was in one of the houses and that he was holding two women as hostages.

Southeastern District Officers sealed the immediate area, keeping onlookers at a safe distance to protect their lives and to leave the scene clear for police action. Lieutenant Jess Baker of the Southeastern District approached the rear of the dwelling in which the tense hostage situation was progressing. He established contact with the suspect, saw the "weapon" pressed into the neck of one of the women, and kept talking while Lieutenant Lawrence J. Hennessey telephoned from a neighbor's house, thereby engaging the suspect and one of the hostages in conversation. While this was going on Lieutenant Baker approached the suspect, then took the telephone himself assuring Lieutenant Hennessey that, at least to that point, everything was progressing satisfactorily.

After several minutes of conversation Lieutenant Baker was able to gain possession of the "weapon" which turned out to be a toy pistol. After handcuffing the suspect the Lieutenant led him to a waiting detective unit which took him from the scene. The two women, a resident of the house and her neighbor, were unharmed.

The cooperative effort among members from different districts and divisions of the Department resulted in a smooth recovery from what could have been a very unfortunate incident.

## Helicopter Seminar

The Second Annual Helicopter Safety Seminar will be held at the Department's

Headquarters on March 10th and 11th in conjunction with the Federal Aviation Administration's General Aviation District Office.

This Seminar is structured to provide working information to those involved in the use of helicopters with a law enforcement mission. Special emphasis is given to technical problems which have been experienced by law enforcement officers using rotor wing craft. An exchange of detailed information concerning problems which are unique to law enforcement will provide participants with a wide range of possible solutions based on the experiences of a variety of agencies.



Some representatives planning to attend the Helicopter Safety Seminar plan to fly into Baltimore and join "Foxrot" in a display of rotor wing craft being utilized in law enforcement.

Approximately two dozen jurisdictions and agencies will participate or make presentations. These include the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Helicopter Association of America, the Maryland State Police, the Delaware State Police, the New Jersey State Police, the New York State Police and others.

## NEWS NOTES

Members of the Baltimore Police Department and their families are invited to attend the Third Annual Loyola Retreat Breakfast and Mass. The mass will be celebrated on March 9, at 8:45 a.m. at Saint Matthew's Church, Loch Raven Boulevard. Breakfast will be served after the church services at the S & R Hall.

Tickets for the breakfast cost \$3.00 per person and can be purchased from Frederick A. Kestler, Jr., by calling

extension 5062.

Names are currently being submitted by Commanding Officers of the nominees for the nine month Traffic Police Administration Training Program at the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

To qualify the officer must be recommended by his commanding officer, have at least three years of service, agree to remain with the Department for four years, and have the rank of Sergeant or above.

Upon successful completion of this nine month program the Northwestern University will grant a minimum of thirty semester hours of academic credit.

The Civil Service Commission of Baltimore City has set April 2, 1975 at 9:30 a.m. as the date of the competitive examination for the position of Police Lieutenant.

Applications must be filed with the Director of the Personnel Division prior to March 11, 1975.

The examination is open to all Police Sergeants with one year in grade as of April 1, 1975.

All sworn members of the Department who are attending college programs during the 1975 spring semester while off-duty are requested to submit the information through channels under Memorandum 10-75. The information is requested for tabulation purposes and should be in by March 13, 1975.

The Warrant Control Unit of the Central Records Division is in the process of creating a centralized warrant control system. Warrants are being collected on a district by district basis and those which are deemed not serviceable by the Assistant State's Attorney will be purged from the system.

Under Maryland Rule 707 an arresting officer is not required to have the warrant in his possession at the time of arrest, but must inform the defendant of the offense charged and that a warrant was issued. When an arrest is made the officer must request that the warrant be forwarded from the Warrant Control Unit and shall show the warrant to the defendant as soon as possible.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PATROL DIVISION**—Welcome aboard to Police Officer Robert Kletter who was recently assigned as an aid to Deputy Chief - Area I.

Congratulations to Police Officer James Sparks and his wife Emma on the birth of their son James R. Sparks, Jr., weighing 6 lbs. 10½ oz.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Congratulations to Lieutenant John Ryan on his recent promotion and welcome aboard to the Planning and Research Division.

A speedy recovery to Police Agent Joel Weiner.

Good Luck to Principal Clerk Stenographer Joyce Rogers on her new assignment.

Welcome aboard to Principal Clerk Stenographer Diane Kullman.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Captain Joseph R. Bolesta on his recent promotion.

Welcome aboard to recently promoted Lieutenant Hugh H. Mills and to Police Officers Charles Law, Robert McAllister, and Edwin Schillo, III.

Congratulations to Sergeant Harry Koffenberger and his wife, Carolyn, on the birth of their son Kevin Patrick weighing 8 lbs. 14 oz.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Good Luck to Lieutenant Colonel Simon J. Avara on his recent promotion.

**PROPERTY DIVISION** — Best of Luck to Sergeant Irvin "Ace" Marders, of the Messenger unit on his recent retirement.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Congratulations to retired Sergeant Charles S. Frawley and his wife on the birth of a granddaughter, Laura Magheen weighing 6 lbs. 5 oz.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Criminalistic Supervisors John D. Ellis and Joseph V. Lanzetta and Criminalist Robert J. Verderamo who recently received their Masters degree from the George Washington University.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Darkroom Technician John J. Hardesty, who is recuperating at home after surgery at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

A big welcome back is extended to Mrs. Anna T. Krause after her recent illness.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant John A. Barnes and Sergeant George R. McHargue.

Congratulations to Police Officer Richard Clement, whose wife, Patricia A. Clement, also became a member of the Baltimore City Police Department, appointed February 3, 1975.

Congratulations to Commander Harry C. Allender, on his recent promotion.

Bon Voyage to Lieutenant Herbert Tschulin and Sergeant George Carmichael. Good Luck in your new assignments.

Condolences to School Crossing Guard Mary R. Powell on the loss of her father-in-law.

Condolences to Police Officer Peter Geri on the death of his father-in-law.

## *In Memoriam*

**NOTTINGHAM, WHITMORE**, step-father of School Crossing Guard Yvonne Wesson, Western District, 28 January 1975.

**PLOCH, HENRY**, brother of retired Sergeant Charles Ploch, C.I.D. Homicide Division, and Uncle of Miss Barbara Olczak, Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 31 January 1975.

**FREEMAN, JAMES A.**, father of Sergeant James Freeman, Property Division, 4 February 1975.

**SCHWIENTECK, EDMUND**, father-in-law of Detective Donald Trezise, C.I.D. Auto Theft Unit and father-in-law of Officer David James, Western District, 7 February 1975.

**WILLIS, LUTHER, SR.**, father of Police Officer James Willis assigned to the Community Services Division, Youth Section, 7 February 1975.

**BUTLER, LUCY**, aunt of Officer John Swiec, Southern District, 9 February 1975.

**BRENNAN, ELLA**, aunt of Police Officer Francis X. Ryan, assigned to the Communications Division, 18 February 1975.

**SURDYKA, ANTHONY**, father of Police Officer Leo Surdyka, assigned to the Central District, 19 February 1975.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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# NEWSLETTER



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## Second Annual Helicopter Safety Seminar

The radio dispatcher in the Police Communications Center broadcasts a call for a hold up at a grocery store on the east side of the city. A number of things happen immediately. The foot patrol officer, on whose post the store is located, begins a block long run toward the scene of the reported crime. Two radio cars, which are cruising the area nearby, converge on the location along with a traffic cruiser which happened to be passing by. Overhead the police helicopter slides into a position so that both the front and side entrances to the store can be observed. From 500 feet the aerial observer is in a perfect position to observe the two suspects as they exit through the side door, turn left and run down an alleyway behind the building.



Over 100 representatives of other agencies registered for the Helicopter Safety Seminar.

A quick report from the aerial observer provides responding officers not only with a description of the suspects but verification that at least one of the men is armed with a handgun. Police units block both ends of the alley and the suspects are cornered. With their

exact location, behind a garage in a backyard, pin-pointed by the aerial observer of the circling helicopter the suspects are quickly apprehended by ground units, and the money taken in the hold up is recovered.

This is a rather typical example of how a coordinated effort between a police helicopter and ground units maximize the opportunity for apprehension after a crime and enhances the chances for that apprehension to be accomplished safely. The aerial observer can easily determine the intricacies of a particular situation and can relay valuable information to officers on the ground who must make the apprehension.

Support of patrol is just one of the roles in which police helicopter crews play a valuable part. In some jurisdictions, police are called upon to fly injured accident victims to hospital emergency rooms in an often successful race to save lives.

The role of the police helicopter is becoming increasingly obvious as law enforcement agencies all over the country establish helicopter units to assist patrol and to offer specialized services.

With the increasing number of helicopters in use by law enforcement agencies it became obvious to the Baltimore Police Department that safety is the prime consideration when operating over an urban area. Once again the Baltimore Police Department has conducted a Helicopter Safety Seminar. This unique program was offered for the second time on March 10 and 11, 1975 at the Department's Headquarters

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## K-9 Graduation Ceremonies

Nine Police Officers completed fourteen weeks of intensive training together with their new four-legged "partners" when they graduated on March 14 from the Education and Training Division's K-9 Training Center. Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser attended the exercise and distributed certificates of completion to the officers.

The new members of the Department's K-9 Unit are: Officer John R. Boone and Gin, Officer Howard S. Gold and Tristan, Officer Martin J. Karst and Hans, Officer Bernard Lowry, Jr. and Jako, Officer Tobe A. Morrow and Gus, Officer Roderick C. Pullen and Shendo, Officer Neil B. Schoenian and Saber, Officer William A. Thompson and Rex, and Officer Richard C. Wisegerber and Brutus.



Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser presents a graduation certificate to Officer Tobe A. Morrow and Gus, who are joined by Officer Morrow's two children. Gus is one of the first Rottweilers to be used in law enforcement in the United States.

The Officers, who volunteer to join the Unit, are carefully screened before they are selected. The dogs are all donated to the Department and are in-

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# Safety Seminar

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## Building.

Law enforcement personnel from the State of Maryland and from as far away as New York and Georgia attended the two days of specialized lectures and activities which were designed to share knowledge in a variety of areas with emphasis on safety.



Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger, Officer-in-Charge of the Department's Helicopter Unit, welcomes the guests attending the Seminar.

Speakers representing the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Helicopter Association of America, University of Maryland Hospital and from helicopter manufacturers presented programs which provided valuable information to law enforcement agencies which operate helicopters.

Topics ranged from pre-recognition of accident possibilities to malfunctions of aircraft and how to report them; to the value of airborne law enforcement in medical evacuation situations. Professionalism of helicopter crews was shown to be of great importance to the more than 125 who attended the seminar.

Special workshops were conducted by representatives of the Hughes, Bell, Sikorsky and Enstrom helicopter companies so that operators of these aircraft could take advantage of specialized instructions which would apply to their particular aircraft.

The enthusiastic response to the Second Annual Helicopter Safety Seminar has prompted the Officer in Charge of

the Baltimore Police Department's Helicopter Unit, Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger, to begin plans for an expanded conference in 1976.



"Foxtrot" was joined by helicopters from other agencies on the roof of the Headquarters building during the two day seminar.

Members of law enforcement agencies who attended the seminar received Certificates of Completion which were endorsed by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and by Mr. Kenneth T. Kress Chief G.A.D.O. #21 of the Federal Aviation Administration.

In addition to the information imparted during the formal program, members of various law enforcement agencies exchanged information on their particular operations with counterparts from other jurisdictions. The informal information exchange provided new ideas for some agencies with established helicopter programs and provided members of agencies which are presently in the planning stages of helicopter program development with a wealth of information from experienced pilots and aerial observers.

## Central District Officer Wounded

While Officer Theodore E. Staab, Central District, was turning onto Baltimore Street driving to work, two males entered a bar in the 1300 block, produced sawed-off shotguns and announced a hold-up. As they fled out the door with the money in a cigar box the bartender set off the audible alarm. The loud bell and two suspects running across Baltimore Street with a cigar box alerted

Officer Staab to possible trouble as he neared the intersection.

He followed the suspects in his car to the 1400 block of E. Fairmount Avenue, where he pulled in front of them. As he jumped from his vehicle to confront the two men, one produced a sawed-off shotgun and fired at the uniformed officer.

Pellets struck Officer Staab in the face, arm and thigh. He recovered from the impact quickly and returned fire from his service revolver as the gunmen fled in opposite directions.

A helpful cab driver spotted the wounded officer and stopped to help, and as he did a bystander grabbed the officer's service revolver. Officer Staab, a three year veteran, was taken in the cab to a nearby hospital for treatment.



THEODORE E. STAAB

Central and Southeastern District officers and detectives immediately began an intensive investigation. They obtained a positive identification of the suspect who took the officer's gun and arrested him within three hours and later located the revolver. The search for the hold-up suspects who shot Officer Staab is continuing.

## Blood Program

The following members of the Department have given a gallon of blood under the American Red Cross Blood Assurance Program: Police Officer James A. Bowen, Northern District; Edith Leedy, Crime Lab; Police Officer Howard W. Whitaker, Eastern District.

Also Police Officer Leo Surdyka, Cen-

tral District, reached the two gallon mark.

The Red Cross accepts donations at 2701 North Charles Street from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays and 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They also plan to have the Bloodmobile at the War Memorial on May 29.

This year's quota is 860 pints. Thus far members have donated 565 pints with three months remaining for this fiscal year. On the average a member is required to give only once every three years and in return receives protection for his entire family. Those members who fail to give after two notices have their names withdrawn from the program. For additional information about joining the program or regarding your membership call extension 2650.

## Sergeants Attend Marine School

Four members of the Department are currently attending courses at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command in Quantico, Virginia. Sergeants John Lewis, Eastern District and Sergeant Charles Hood, Central District are participating in a six week program of instruction at the Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Academy. Sergeant Larry E. Johnson, Traffic Division and Sergeant Robert J. Rayman, Tactical Section are attending a four week course at the same Academy in the Instructor Training School.



Sergeants Robert Raymon and Larry Johnson head toward class at the Marine Corps Instructor Training School.

The Noncommissioned Officer course is designed to train students to perform the duties common to sergeants, regardless of Military Occupational Speciality or assignment. Sergeants Lewis and

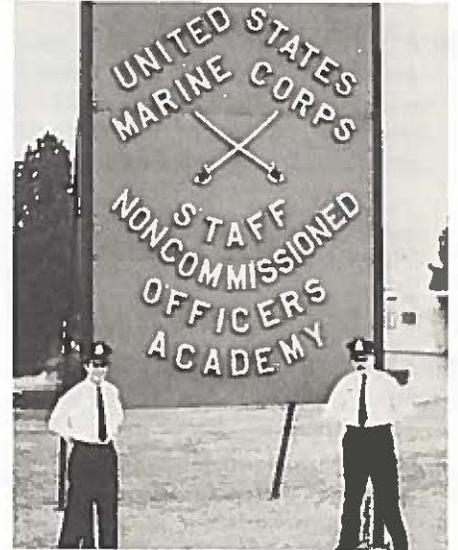
Hood are the first non-military law enforcement officers ever to attend the course.

The curriculum is similar to the Police Administration Course offered by the Education and Training Division. It includes leadership principles, methods of effective communication, training management, general administrative procedures and staff organization and functioning.

The sergeants, upon completion of the course, will return with an expanded knowledge of administration and with this knowledge, make suggestions for incorporation into the Department's curriculum.

Continuing education is a key to professionalism within the Department. Courses, such as those offered by the Marine Corps, are keys to reaching this

goal.



Sergeants Charles Hood and John Lewis are spending six weeks with the Marine Corps as students.

## K-9 Graduation

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The training stresses the maneuvers which they will employ during their daily law enforcement duties. It includes the procedures to be used on a search for a subject or an object in an open area or building.

Training does not end upon graduation. All teams in the K-9 Unit receive an additional two days of retraining

about every three weeks. These sessions are devoted to sharpening the working relationship between dog and master which helps to perfect their performance in the field.

Refreshments followed the graduation and demonstration during which time Deputy Commissioner Glauser and members of the Command Staff offered their congratulations and best wishes to the officers and their families as they entered a new phase of their law enforcement career.



The new members of the K-9 Unit prepare for a brief demonstration following the graduation ceremonies held at the K-9 Training Center.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Lloyd Emery and his wife, Rose, on the birth of their "bambino" Richard Thomas, on February 27, weighing 9 lbs. 4 oz.

Congratulations to Police Officer David Kelbaugh, and his wife, Patricia, on the birth of their daughter, Catherine Grace, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Major Calvin Lewis on his recent promotion.

Congratulations to Police Officer Jimmy Halcomb, and his wife, Angie, on the birth of their daughter, Jacqueline Angela, on February 21, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Congratulations to Police Officer Ray Gillespie, and his wife, Ruth, on the birth of their daughter, Shake-shia, on March 4, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to Police Officers Lawrence Yinger and Charles Mulligan and to Sergeant Martin Beauchamp.

Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Police Officers Thomas Haber and William Mack on their recent losses.

### *In Memoriam*

**MILNOR, GEORGE**, father-in-law of Police Officer Wayne Jean, North-

western District, February 12.

**KUHL, WALTER J.**, father of Police Officer John Kuhl, assigned to the Southeastern District, February 14.

**BRICE, NOBLE EDWARD**, father of Detective David Brice, assigned to C.I.D. Crimes Against Persons, Robbery Unit, February 16.

**MCKINLEY, LENA MYRTLE**, mother of Police Officer John Edward McKinley, Jr., of the Communications Division, and grandmother of Police Officer John Edward McKinley, III of the Tactical Section, February 21.

**LARKIN, JOHN R., SR.**, father of District Commander Robert L. Larkin of the Southeastern District, February 22.

**HARRISON, GEORGE**, grandfather of Police Officer Louis H. Sauer, assigned to the Southeastern District, February 23.

**DUVALL, ANN**, mother of Police Officer Richard Duvall, Central District, and Police Officer Aubrey Duvall of the Southeastern District, February 23.

**CROSS, HOWARD W.**, father of Senior Clerk Typist Lillian Dewese, C.I.D. Fugitive Unit, also uncle of Police Officer William DePaola, Youth Division, retired Sergeant Robert DePaola, C.I.D. and retired civilian N. Margaret Collett, I.I.D., February 25.

**HOFFMAN, LOUIS, SR.**, father of retired Police Officer, Louis Hoffman, formerly of the Youth Division, February 25.

**BALDWIN, ROBERT C., SR.**, father of Sergeant Allen M. Baldwin, assigned to the Evidence Control Unit, February 25.

**HEUBECK, HERBERT L.**, father-in-law of Sergeant Luther Robinson, Southwestern District, March 3.

**TAYLOR, STANLEY O.**, brother-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Marion B. Holmes, Community Services Division, Youth Section, March 5.

## Final Roll Call

**WORTMAN, WILLIAM L.**, Sergeant, retired, formerly assigned to Communications Division, February 20.

**SHEETS, FRANCES**, Emergency Call Clerk, assigned to the Communications Division, February 21.

**JOHNSON, ROBERT E.**, Sergeant, retired, formerly of the Central District, February 23.

**CODSEN, EARL., SR.**, Sergeant, retired, formerly of the Southwestern District, February 23.

**SCHOFIELD, HARRY**, Police Officer, retired, formerly assigned to the Traffic Division, Mounted Unit, February 23.

**GLOVER, HERBERT C.**, Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District and father of retired Major Anton T. Glover, formerly of the Patrol Division, February 28.

**KONITZER, ANSELM A.**, Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District, March 6.



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## K-9 Unit Adds Rottweiler

The classic image of a police dog at work is that of the dignified and alert German Shepherd at his handler's side. So imbedded is that image that many people are somewhat dumbfounded when they see one of the other breeds of working dogs performing the same functions.



Officer Lawrence J. Malat and Bruiser, a Bouvier des Flandres, still attract a lot of attention when they patrol downtown.

Bruiser, the Baltimore Police Department's first Bouvier des Flandres, still draws crowds of onlookers as he walks his post near Charles Center. Bruiser definitely does not fit the classic "picture" of a police dog.

The Bouvier originated in Flanders, an ancient territory of France, which is now located within the borders of Belgium. The breed pre-dates the 1800's but the specific dog we see today is a decendent of Bouviers which were recognized as a breed in 1910.

Originally a farm dog the Bouvier is well suited to a variety of tasks, especially police work. Strong and alert the Bouvier's disposition makes him easy to train. It is not the Bouvier's nature to be vicious but his devotion to his handler makes him an excellent K-9 because of his unflinching desire to carry out the commands and tasks given to him.

Another unusual breed is the Rottweiler. Gus, now a member of the Department's K-9 Unit, represents a breed which qualifies as one of the first working dogs. Their history dates back to the Roman Empire when they were used to herd cattle.

The Rottweiler is about the same size as the traditional Shepherd but the similarity ends there. His coat is short and is always black with tan markings on the muzzle, cheeks, chest and legs.

Attributes of the Rottweiler in law enforcement are his intelligence, size, steadiness and good sense of smell. The dog is well muscled and compact. His demeanor is dignified and he is not easily excited.

Gus, who has been on the street for just a few weeks has never failed to energetically perform the many tasks assigned to him.



Gus, who is handled by Officer Tobe A. Morrow, is the first Rottweiler utilized by the Department.

Both Bruiser and Gus have taken their place within the K-9 Unit and have been accepted as members of the Baltimore Police Department. Members of the Department are invited to stop and meet

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## Graduation And Commendation Exercises

On March 27, 1975 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented twenty-nine new Police Officers, graduating from the Department's Education and Training Division, their certificates of completion.

Mr. Thomas H. Farrow, Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, delivered the commencement address to the new officers. After his remarks, Mr. Farrow assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the certificates to the graduates.

Commendation ceremonies immediately followed. Six civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community and twelve Officers were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

### Special Commendation

Following a burglary on October 31st officers had a suspect surrounded in a nearby house in the 1600 block W. Fayette Street. The subject opened fire with a semi-automatic weapon injuring four officers. During the siege Sergeant Robert Holland, Southwestern District, disregarded his own safety and carried a wounded officer out of the line of fire while the suspect was still shooting. When the wounded officers were removed, Sergeant Anthony Sarro, Southwestern District, persuaded the gunman to throw the weapon out and surrender. When he came to the door the suspect lunged for the weapon. The Sergeant's

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## Graduation

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quick reaction to this movement enabled him to fire a round from his shotgun forcing the suspect to retreat into the house. Officer Daniel M. Edwards, Southwestern District, took this opportunity to retrieve the automatic and enter the house in pursuit of the suspect. Swift pursuit into the house also enabled the officer to make the apprehension before the gunman was able to use any of the additional weapons he had on the third floor.

### Bronze Star

With the broadcast of a description of an armed hold-up suspect fresh in his mind Officer Robert Franklin, Central District, cruised the area and spotted him near by. After requesting back-up units he called for the suspect to surrender. Instead the gunman pulled out a 45 caliber automatic and began firing. Officer Franklin returned fire, rushed the suspect, disarmed him and effected his arrest.

During the early morning hours last August, Officer George Mitchell, Western District, received a tip that a gunman was cruising in a vehicle searching for a second subject he had earlier threatened to kill. He located the car and after a short chase approached the occupants. While approaching he spotted one of the suspects holding a shotgun. He jumped in the car and was able to wrestle the weapon from the suspect's grasp and held all three until back-up units arrived. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle and more than 200 checks in the car were stolen.

While responding to an armed suspect call, Officer Robert Rabold, Western District, spotted a man with a sawed-off shotgun. As he approached and ordered him to drop the weapon the suspect threw it into a parked car. He arrested the gunman and a second suspect, who was in the parked car. The vehicle fit the description of one wanted for a series of area assault and robberies. With this information Officer Rabold conducted an extensive investigation that resulted in the clearance of four armed hold-ups committed by these suspects.

Officer James Rankin, Western District, while operating a taxicab during off-duty observed an apparent yoking on January 4th. He placed the victim in his cab after identifying himself as a Police Officer and began cruising the neighborhood. They spotted the suspects a short distance away and Officer Rankin placed them under arrest. Further investigation revealed that the suspects committed another assault and robbery an hour earlier.

As Officer Joseph Meiller, Northeastern District, neared the Holiday Inn on Park Heights Avenue last July, observed the manager chasing three suspects, yelling "robbery". As he began pursuit he also observed an off-duty Tactical Officer chasing one of the suspects and heard several shots. He quickly evaluated the situation and drove past the Tactical Officer, exited his car and ordered the suspect to surrender. The outnumbered suspect quickly gave up and the officers recovered the weapon and over \$2,000.00 in cash and checks that were taken in the robbery.

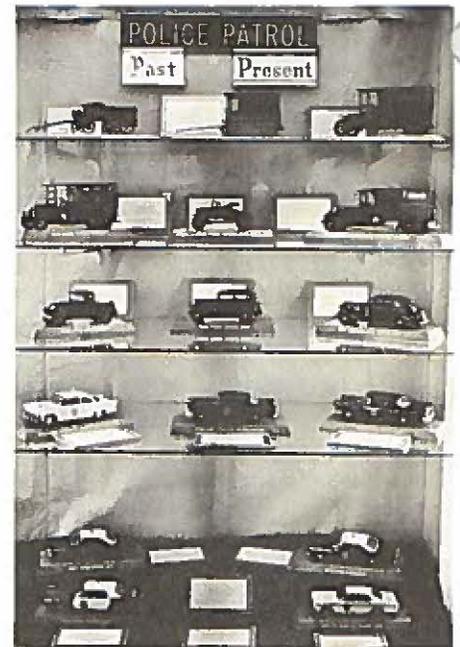
December 14th was cold and quiet when around midnight Officer Samuel Cannan, Northeastern District, received a call to investigate smoke in a dwelling. Upon arrival he found the house engulfed in flames and discovered from a neighbor that an elderly man was still inside. Officer Cannan knocked down the front door, went inside and found the man unconscious in the kitchen. He carried the man to safety and immediately began life saving techniques until the ambulance arrived.

While off-duty on the 29th of December, Officer Charles Smith, Tactical Section observed an armed assault and robbery. Officer Smith stepped from his car, identified himself and ordered the suspect to halt. One of the gunmen wheeled and took aim at the officer. The officer fired a round at the suspect causing him to drop his weapon and run. The second suspect surrendered at the scene and after an extensive investigation the other suspect was also arrested.

Officer Robert D. Edwards, Tactical Section, while on a plainclothes detail two weeks before Christmas responded as a back-up to a call for an armed man.

As he approached another officer was questioning a suspect and ordered him to place his hands on the wall. As the suspect turned Officer Edwards reacted quickly when the suspect pulled out a hunting knife and lunged at the other officer. Being within three feet of the suspect he was able to deflect the path of the knife and prevent injury to his fellow officer.

While Officer Bud W. Hardgrove, Southeastern District, was patrolling his post on foot, he saw smoke coming from the second floor of a dwelling. As he ran toward the house and called in the alarm on his radio he saw a woman jump from a window as it became engulfed in flames. Upon learning that two children were inside Officer Hardgrove was able to force open the rear door and pass one of the children to a citizen. He then continued his search and found the second child in the bathroom. He was able to carry this child through the dense smoke to safety.



How many do you remember? Sergeant Robert F. Fischer, Education and Training Division, who designed and constructed the scale models, recalls patrolling in a 1957 Ford Patrol Car. This new addition to the Department's Museum reviews the development of modes of transportation from 1895 to the present. Sergeant Fischer, who spent over 40 hours of his spare time on each model, constructed many of the earlier vehicles from scratch using sheet plastic and a lot of patience. Extensive research and attention to detail makes it one of the most impressive displays in the Museum.

## Promotional And Appointment Ceremonies

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded Certificates of Promotion to two new Lieutenants and thirteen new Sergeants, as well as Certificates of Appointment to six new Police Agents on March 26, 1975, during ceremonies conducted in the Headquarters Auditorium.

A brief reception followed where the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their best wishes to the Officers in this new phase in their law enforcement career.

The Lieutenants and their assignments are as follows:

Personnel Division — Lieutenant Michael C. Zotos  
Eastern District — Lieutenant Joseph G. Cadden

The Sergeants and their assignments are as follows:

Northwestern District — Sergeants Timothy J. O'Connell, George T. Kibler and Harry E. Harper  
Eastern District — Sergeant James R. Steedman  
Northern District — Sergeants Robert A. Haukdal, William H. McLean, Michael J. Fannon, and Joseph R. Riha  
Southern District — Sergeant James E. Keller  
Tactical Section — Sergeant Charles J. Key  
Southeastern District — Sergeant Thomas M. Carrigan  
Planning and Research Division — Sergeant Dennis W. Horton  
Central District — Sergeant John B. Koch.

The Police Agents and their assignments are as follows:

Southwestern District — Agent Michael J. Andrew  
Central District — Agent Charles M. Block  
Northwestern District — Agent Vincent J. Cerniglia  
Western District — Agents Michael Hurm and James A. Soltész  
Eastern District — Agent Robert C. Novak.

## Tactical Runs For Charity

Ten members of the Department's Tactical Section participated in the Non-Commissioned Officers Association's Run for the Maryland Special Olympics, held at Mullins Field, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, on March 23.

Participants collected pledges "to focus attention on the fact that the mentally retarded can become useful and productive citizens and that one of the avenues to achieve this success is through physical training and athletic competition." The program is coordinated with the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., Foundation, which founded the Special Olympics for the handicapped in 1968.



Tactical Officer Charles C. Law passes the baton to Officer Ivory C. Byrd after running the 3rd leg in the ten mile race for charity.

The Tactical Section team was the only non-military organization invited by the NCOA. The sixteen teams that competed included units from the Air Force, the Marines, and the Army.

Each unit fielded a ten man relay team. Each member was required to run one mile of the ten mile race. The Tactical Section placed fourth against some very keen competition with a total time of one hour and ten seconds.

Each member and their coaches Captain Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr., Commanding Officer of the Tactical Section and Sergeant John Sipes received a Certificate of appreciation. The Certificate was awarded to those men "whose interest, enthusiasm, and unselfish efforts, gave a special child a chance to play, a chance to compete, a chance to be like other children, through participation in the Special Olympics Program."

## Detective Honored

The Greater Randallstown Jaycees chose a detective from the Department's Criminal Investigation Division as its "Outstanding Young Law Officer" for 1974. Detective Paul Karaskavicz of the Crimes Against Property Section was the recipient of the award during a special ceremony on March 19.

Detective Karaskavicz was singled out by the Jaycees for his outstanding record with the Department. During his nine years he has received twenty-seven official commendations, which include two Bronze Stars.

One of the Bronze Stars was awarded for the successful apprehension of an armed hold-up suspect on September 17, 1974, while off duty. As he was driving home with Detective John Cadden, they observed a male running on North Central Avenue holding his side as if he was concealing a weapon. They also observed a subject, who later proved to be the victim of the hold-up, watching the suspect flee. They chased the suspect on foot and cornered him inside a high rise apartment on Aisquith Street. As the suspect pulled a loaded revolver from his belt Detective Karaskavicz grabbed his hand and they were able to subdue him without the use of deadly force.

A second incident which occurred on December 30, 1974 further points out the Detective's dedication to duty, tenacity and courage. The details surrounding this incident were reported in the January 8th issue of the *Newsletter*.

Detective Karaskavicz was awarded an engraved plaque by Mr. Harold Deutch, Secretary of the Randallstown Jaycees. Also on hand to congratulate him was Captain Theodore I. Weintraub, his commanding officer.

## C.I.D. Exam Set

All sworn personnel below the rank of Sergeant who have served at least one year in the Patrol Division and who desire a transfer to the Criminal Investigation Division, should submit a written request to their respective Commanding Officers by April 10th, in order to participate in the written examinations and oral interviews.

The written examination will be given on April 24 at 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

## K-9 Unit

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them as they patrol their assigned areas or call for aid whenever their expertise can be helpful to assist in unusual situations. Their handlers are used to answering the many questions that come their way. As for the dogs . . . you should meet them. They can be very friendly.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to: Sergeant Timothy Whitley and his wife, Dorothy, on the birth of their son, Jeffrey Alan, on February 24, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Police Officer Steven Schaefer and his wife, Marie, on the birth of their son, Steven Paul, on February 23, weighing 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Police Officer Roland Logan and his wife, Marion, on the birth of their daughter, Rhonda Annette, on March 16, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz.

Our condolences to Police Officer William Port on his recent loss.

Bon Voyage and good luck to Sergeant Louis Hill, in your new assignment.

Bon Voyage and good luck to Police Officer Dorothy Woodcock in your new assignment.

**OPERATIONS BUREAU** — Congratulations to Administrative Secretary Jill A. Aker and her husband, Douglas, on the birth of their son, Douglas

Scot, on March 13, weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Welcome back to Lieutenant Leroy H. Williams after his long stay in Mercy Hospital.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lineman Charles M. Smith, Jr. on his recent retirement.

Congratulations to Radio Technician and Mrs. J. Wesley Nash on becoming the proud grandparents of a granddaughter. "Hattie" was born March 8, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz.

A speedy recovery and get well wishes to Lieutenant John Padgett, a patient at Mercy Hospital and to Police Officer Raymond (Ben) Depfer and Emergency Call Clerk Louise Zentz Wills, patients at Maryland General Hospital.

Members of this Division wish sincere sympathy to the family of Emergency Call Clerk Francis Sheets, who passed away on February 21.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Sergeant Eugene Luberecki on his recent loss.

## *In Memoriam*

**HABER, THOMAS O.**, father of Police Officer Thomas A. Haber, Western District, brother of deceased Police Officer Frank Haber, Central District and the uncle of Lieutenant Paul Bailey, Northeastern District and Communications Clerk Barbara Thompson, March 6.

**CRITES, RUTH J.**, sister of Police Officer Edward Shores, Traffic Division, March 6.

**MACK, LEROY**, brother of Police Officer William Mack, Western District, March 6.

**MARCINIAK, JOHN**, father-in-law of Sergeant Eugene Luberecki, Planning and Research Division, March 9.

**JAKELSKI, WALTER S.**, father of Police Officer Theodore Jakelski, Northeastern District, March 9.

**BOLEY, ALEXANDER H.**, father of Police Officer Alva H. Boley, Western District, March 16.

**PORT, MICHELINE B.**, mother of Police Officer William Port, Northwestern District, March 16.

**MOSER, ESTELLE I.**, mother of Sergeant Charles S. Moser, Operations Bureau, March 18.

**BLASZAK, JOSEPH**, brother of Police Officer Anthony J. Blaszak, Communications Division, March 21.

## Final Roll Call

**PLOCH, CHARLES T.**, Sergeant, retired from Criminal Investigation Division, March 10.

**SINNOTT, JOHN E., SR.**, Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District, and father of Lieutenant Charles Sinnott, Southwestern District and father-in-law of Sergeant Thomas Black, Central Records Division, March 15.

**REHAK, LOUIS C.**, Police Officer, retired from Southern District and father of retired Lieutenant Louis Rehak, Southern District, March 21.



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## Innovative Approaches To Fight Crime

*Daytime residential burglaries have become an increasing problem in many areas of the city. Under the "Flex Patrol" concept, where District Commanders have flexibility in deploying manpower on a need basis, based on changing and anticipated crime patterns, many Districts have introduced innovative approaches to this problem and others.*

### RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

One unique approach was recently introduced in a residential area that is located in the Northern and the Northwestern Districts. A coordinated team effort was begun which consists of personnel from the Tactical Section, the Northwestern District, and the Criminal Investigation Division. The Coordinated Arrest Team is designed to effect a reduction in burglaries through increased arrests of perpetrators.

Maximum lateral communications were established between assigned C.I.D. personnel and other members at joint daily roll calls. Information is exchanged regarding the identities of known area burglars and receivers of stolen goods for whom insufficient probable cause presently exists. This exchange also includes areas where possible suspects hang out, locations of all recent burglaries, known area narcotics dealers, the M.O.'s of the burglars and a run down of the previous day's activities.

All the personnel assigned operate in plainclothes. A squad from the Tactical Section patrols the segment of the residential area that is in the Northern District while a detail of Northwestern District men patrol the area within their District. The men are assigned vehicles that will enable them to avoid identification as police officers.

Arresting officers will receive full credit for all arrests made and C.I.D. personnel will conduct further investigations and endeavor to obtain multiple clearances. Although it is too soon to tell if the team effort will reduce daytime burglaries the men assigned are enthusiastic and coordinator of the effort Lieutenant John C. Lewandowski, C.I.D. Property Crimes Section believes that this new approach will not only cut the crime rate while the program is in effect, but also with the projected increase in arrests maintain the lower crime rate over an extended period.

### WANTED FELONS

Another recent innovation is the distribution, to all sworn personnel, of flyers listing suspects wanted by the Department for various felonies. The flyer includes a photograph, name, description, warrant number and other data on each suspect.

The first flyer contained a run down of forty suspects. Within a month, eighteen apprehensions were made. Most of these were as a result of the information distributed by the Criminal Investigation Division.

The Criminal Investigation Division will compile and distribute new flyers periodically as an aid to increase apprehensions of persons wanted. It will also cut down on the number of Identification Section photographs needed for distribution to officers working areas where the suspects frequent.

### BANK HOLD UPS

In an effort to decrease a rising number of bank hold-ups in the Northwestern District, Commander Harry C. Allender assigned two officers to a special shot

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## Accident Reports Go On Miracode

Over one-hundred vehicular accident reports flow into the Central Records Division daily. Prior to April 1st the personnel in the Division spent many hours typing at least three classification cards for each report in order to provide efficient retrieval service to members of the Department and the community. This time consuming procedure has been cut drastically with the introduction of the Miracode II Storage and Retrieval System.



Clerks no longer need to type a series of file cards for each accident report. The information is encoded onto microfilm and then a photograph is made of the report.

When Central Records receives an accident report the necessary information is coded into 16mm microfilm tape. The information includes the central complaint number, the names of the parties involved and the nearest intersecting streets. The complete report is then photographed and once the film is processed the information is available for quick retrieval. The maga-

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gun car under Flex Patrol. The officers are assigned to check every bank and savings and loan institution in the District at various times during banking hours. This detail is in addition to the periodic checks made by post officers.

Prior to the establishment of this special unit, there were four bank robberies within a month's time.

Since January 6th there has been only one bank robbery in which a teller surrendered money to the robber, even though she was protected by a bullet proof shield.

While checking a bank, one officer enters to insure that there are no problems inside as his partner remains outside with a shotgun. Bank managers and tellers alike have responded favorably to the new unit and many have contacted Commander Allender personally to thank him for the efforts made by his men to cut crime.

## Miracode

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zines are about the size of an eight track tape deck and on the average five of them can hold about a month's worth or over 3,000 accident reports. The new system eliminates the necessity of typing cross reference cards for the originals and takes up considerably less storage space.

The film is maintained in month order in a rack that can hold 360 magazines. Since accident reports are kept for three years and then destroyed there is ample space for other possible record keeping assignments for the system.

The reports received and filed before April 1st will not be transferred into the system. They will be manually maintained and utilized until they are due for destruction.

Operations Bureau Memorandum number 6-75 was recently issued as an aid in providing prompt service to members of the community. When issuing a citation as a result of a vehicular accident investigation officers must record the central complaint number below the space provided for the defendant's signature. When a citation is not issued officers will provide citizens with the complaint number. In either case the citizens will be informed to use this number whenever requesting copies of accident reports.



With the new Miracode II Retrieval System Senior Clerk Typist Cecelia K. Hazelwood can locate a requested accident report and make a photo copy at the press of a series of buttons.

In addition to saving numerous man-hours and storage space the system is capable of performing a number of other functions. The retriever can quickly scan a magazine and tally the number of accidents in each district. You can also manually scan the reports filed at or near an intersection during the month of occurrence.

Fast, efficient service is the primary goal of the Central Records Division. The unit has on file and maintains over a million incident and accident reports. Over a thousand additional reports flow into the system daily. Requests for copies of these documents by members of the Department and citizens average over two hundred a day. With the introduction of this new system the man-hours saved will be directed toward providing better service for the Department and the community.

## NEWS NOTES

Members of the Department are collecting contributions to aid Mr. Brenton Redmiles who for seven years has been

feeding stray dogs in the area of 29th Street. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Anna B. Horz, C.I.D. Narcotics, extension 2693.

Members of the Department are again cordially invited to attend the fourth annual Loyola Retreat at the Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland on May 12th through the 14th. For further information contact Officer Frederick A. Kestler, Jr., extension 2052.

## Arsonist Sets Seven Fires

The normally quiet midnight shift in the Central District broke suddenly on March 27th as the piercing sound of fire sirens echoed downtown. The first call was to the 1100 block St. Paul St.

It was the first of a series of seven fires set within three hours primarily in apartment buildings in the area. Central District units and later units assigned from other Districts converged on the area to search for the arsonist and to help spot the fires.

Although most of the buildings were occupied quick response by members of the Department and firefighters prevented anyone from being injured.

Officer Brian Hamer, Central District, was alerted about the W. Biddle St. fire by a citizen. After failing to gain entrance through the front door due to the heat and flames, he succeeded in rescuing several people by using the rear fire escape.

The E. Read St. fire was spotted by Officer Danny Brown, Central District. He notified Communications and rushed into the smokey building banging on apartment doors and alerting all the occupants of the danger.

As the Read St. fire was being extinguished another blaze erupted in the 800 block N. Charles St. Officer Benjamin M. Karas, Central District, spotted the flames and with firefighters, who rushed from the near-by Read St. blaze with a ladder, were able to rescue the occupants trapped on the upper floors. Sergeant Paul J. Lioi, of the C.I.D. Arson Squad, also spotted the

flames and attempted to reach the trapped occupants by the interior staircase, but was driven back by the extreme heat, smoke and flames.

An intensive investigation began immediately. Joseph G. DiCarlo, Commanding Officer of the Special Investigation Section of the Criminal Investigation Division coordinated the investigation conducted by the Arson Squad and aided by a special detail of Central District and Tactical Section officers.

Arson Detectives and members of the Fire Department's Investigation Bureau gathered information which could lead to possible suspects or witnesses. A representative of the States Attorney's Office aided with the probe and was available on a round the clock basis.

Daily joint roll calls were held with the officers on the special detail. Information was exchanged about possible suspects prior to patrolling the area where the fires were set.

By March 31st, Detective Clifford L. Thomas, joined by Detective Richard L. Ayres, who was detailed to the Arson Squad from the Fugitive Unit to aid in the case, had issued lookouts for subjects wanted for questioning to the officers on the detail. Members of the Arson Squad worked on twelve hour

## Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF 1975

TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1974	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	62	60	+ 2	+ 3.3
FORCIBLE RAPE	110	105	+ 5	+ 4.8
ROBBERY	2,521	2,088	+ 433	+ 20.7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,463	1,346	+ 117	+ 8.7
BURGLARY	4,192	4,008	+ 184	+ 4.6
LARCENY	7,051	6,785	+ 266	+ 3.9
AUTO THEFT	1,998	1,954	+ 44	+ 2.3
GRAND TOTAL	17,397	16,346	+ 1,051	+ 6.4

shifts developing the information needed and identifying the people wanted for questioning.

The intensive round the clock probe drew to a close when the last of the subjects to be questioned was brought in and the remaining leads were followed up. By mid-morning on the 31st a 22 year old suspect was charged with setting the seven fires.

## Department Does Not Solicit By Telephone

Members of the Department have received numerous inquiries and complaints concerning telephone solicitations from various organizations which are selling tickets for circuses, musical shows and the like. Most of the callers complain that the telephone solicitors represent themselves as police officers, often implying that they are calling from the Police Department. Complaints about these calls range from harassment to outright rudeness on the part of the solicitors.

The Baltimore Police Department does not solicit money over the telephone for charitable events. The only charities which directly benefit the Department are the Fallen Heroes Fund which provides assistance to the children of Police Officers and Firemen who are killed in the line of duty and Buddies Incorporated which supports the activities of the Police Boys Clubs.

Anyone receiving a telephone solicitation for an allegedly police sponsored event should be aware that the above listed activities are the only ones which have the sanction of the Police Department.

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## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF 1975

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1974	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	115	71	+ 44	+ 62.0
FORCIBLE RAPE	84	95	- 11	- 11.6
ROBBERY	1,112	738	+ 374	+ 50.7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	507	375	+ 132	+ 35.2
BURGLARY	1,216	1,054	+ 162	+ 15.4
LARCENY	2,121	1,786	+ 335	+ 18.8
AUTO THEFT	527	458	+ 69	+ 15.1
GRAND TOTAL	5,682	4,577	+ 1,105	+ 24.1

## Solicitations

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The Major Frauds Unit of the Baltimore State's Attorney's Office is presently conducting an investigation into complaints regarding current telephone solicitations.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Our deepest sympathy to Police Officer Lamar J. Campbell on his recent loss.

A speedy recovery to Lieutenant Melvin McQuay and Police Officer John Bunker who are recuperating from recent surgery.

Congratulations to Police Officer James Schuch and his wife, Regina, on the birth of their daughter, Denise Suzanne, on March 4, weighing 7 lbs.

Get well wishes to School Crossing Guard Edna Bell.

**PATROL DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Sergeant John Reintzell, Jr., formerly of the Planning and Research Division.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION** — Members of this Division bid a fond farewell to Lieutenant Robert T. Lewandowski and much success in your new assignment.

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Robert Jenkins. Traffic's loss is our gain.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Good luck to Lieutenant William Kearney on his

new assignment at the Northwestern District. We will miss you.

Congratulations to Sergeant Thomas Carrigan on his recent promotion.

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Joseph Cadden, Sergeant James Steedman and Police Officers George Potter, James Barbe, William Lupus, Jr., Robert E. Brown and Howard Simkin.

Congratulations to the "CLOWN" John Tabela on his 28th anniversary with the Department and to Police Officer John Burinsky on his 16th anniversary with the Department.

Any District or Division interested in playing softball against the Eastern District at "Bocek Park," 3000 E. Madison Street at Edison Highway, contact Police Officers W. Bertazon or W. Heilman. Team needs one week advance notice in order to reserve a field. (Eastern District ext. 2433.)

**INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish to extend congratulations to Sergeant Robert Haukdal on his recent promotion.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Al Woolridge, Latent Print Section, who is recuperating at home from a recent back injury.

## *In Memoriam*

**HENDERSON, CATHERINE**, mother-in-law of Fingerprint Technician James L. Henry, Central Records Division, Identification Section, March 18.

**WALLACE, MARY F.**, mother of Principal Telephone Operator Virginia Henrickson, Communications Division, March 18.

**BOWIE, EMORY**, step-father of Ellen Cherry, Central Records Division, Staff Review Section, March 18.

**SPURRIER, ALICE**, mother of Police Officer Joseph Spurrier, Southern District, Youth Section, March 20.

**EASTMAN, HARRY B.**, father of Police Officer David Eastman, Traffic Division, Alcohol Traffic Safety Unit, March 21.

**MALISZEWSKI, MARY**, sister of retired Police Officer Anthony H. Maliszewski, Community Services Division, Youth Section, and aunt of Police Officer Anthony E. Maliszewski, Western District, March 21.

**WEST, BESSIE H.**, mother of Police Officer William West, Southern District, March 24.

**AVERSA, IDA**, grandmother of Clerk Lou Ann Greco, Internal Investigation Division, March 25.

**LEGAMBI, MAMIE**, aunt of Sergeant Peter S. Legambi, Communications Division, March 25.

**NUTTING, EARL, SR.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Wilbert Markins, Southwestern District, March 30.

**MOSER, CHARLES H.**, father of Sergeant Charles S. Moser, Operations Bureau, March 31.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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# NEWSLETTER

## Twenty-four Officers Graduate

Twenty-four new Baltimore Police Officers, having completed eighteen weeks of academic, physical and practical law enforcement training, graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division. Three members of the Annapolis Police Department also finished the same course of police instruction and joined their classmates at the graduation ceremonies conducted on Friday, April 25.

Former Deputy Commissioner of the Administrative Bureau, Mr. Ralph G. Murdy, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Murdy is presently the Chief of Protective Security and Safety for the Social Security Administration. Excerpts of Mr. Murdy's remarks are reprinted below:

... I am extremely proud to say that I served with members of the Police Department of Baltimore City through many difficult situations and my admiration for the Department remains as high as always. Since again becoming a member of the Federal Community, I have kept my belief that there is no finer group of officers anywhere than those comprising the force of this Department. Not only in this city, but well beyond its boundaries, the image of the police officer in Baltimore has been one of service, competence, and dedication to duty...

Since crime seems eternal and is a heavy burden in America, our goal is to understand its patterns and thereby reduce the opportunity for crime as much as possible. But as far as I know, crime will never be abolished.

In the not too distant past, the problem of crime was complicated by the unconcern of the average citizen toward crime and law enforcement. The common attitude used to be that the criminal harms other people. In this last third of

the twentieth century, however, the course of public opinion has turned sharply from lack of concern to an interest which occasionally borders on hysteria.

No longer does public interest fasten on unusual crimes to the exclusion of the great volume of every day violence and thievery. Today, the public sees the enormity of general crime as well as sensational crimes...

There are at least five obvious reasons for citizen concern about crime since 1960:

1. Public awareness of Uniform Crime Reports with their frightening crime rates and various in-depth studies of the crime problem...
2. Admissions by correctional officials that to date imprisonment has failed in the task of rehabilitation.
3. Civil disorders spread general fear in the 1960's which has not yet subsided.
4. Promises by all who aspire to public office, to fight crime on the streets...
5. The impact of higher tax rates resulting from increases in police budgets made to keep pace with inflation.

Yet with all of the above, the average citizen still has some misconceptions:

1. That the average good citizen will never commit a crime or be arrested.
2. That most of our crimes are violent.
3. That most violators are caught and convicted.
4. That most of our convicted offenders are locked up.
5. That our prisons can hold all our lawbreakers.

We know better.

As is well known by now, the Baltimore Police Department was put under a

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## "Safety Cities" Begin Tours

"Safety City" East and West opened the gates recently to Baltimore's younger citizens for walk through tours. The children ranging from ages 5 to 9 come from area public and parochial elementary schools to learn the basics of pedestrian safety from members of the Traffic Safety Education Unit of the Department's Traffic Division.



Bicycle safety is an important part of the Safety City Program. Officer Thomas E. Whalen shows a student the proper method to signal when turning.

The opening marks the eighth year of the program which includes much more than the spring tours and the summer safety sessions. During the fall and winter months members of the Unit visit more than 360 city elementary school classes to discuss pedestrian safety and introduce the always popular "talking bicycle" to the students. Last year this phase of the program touched over 100,000 youngsters and has received enthusiastic support from teachers and parents alike.

The miniature cities are located in the 4900 block Eastern Avenue and in Druid Hill Park. In the spring, buses

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microscope in 1964 and again in 1965. The appointed committee of inquiry engaged a study group to make a comprehensive survey and to submit proposed remedies.

The study was concluded late in December 1965 and the printed report of some 500 pages was released the next month. In the following nine months a good deal of work was done to set the stage for the greatest change in the Baltimore Police Department since the Civil War. Since September 22, 1966, your Police Commissioner has dedicated his career and his reputation to making the Baltimore Police Department the foremost example of municipal policing in the United States.

Now once again the microscopes are out and this Department is under examination. Those of us who follow the history of local government know that such inquiries seem to run in season. The end results are often beneficial, however, as uncomfortable as they may be to experience.

Insofar as uncovering official laxity and corruption are concerned, the only thing we need insure is that all who undertake the task have a natural dislike of destruction for its own sake. As a result, those who undertake such tasks have a particularly heavy responsibility. I have seen no evidence so far that they are equal to the responsibility but I am keeping an open mind.

Don't let this interest in your Department unduly upset you, for the outcome never can lessen the need for your services. At most it might bring changes in the way those services are to be performed. And the coming years will bring many changes anyway.

We are still taken by surprise at any new example of common sense, proving once again that we continue to need education in the obvious. The world will never be changed simply by passing new laws, but it can be changed if each of us does the job entrusted to us. Keep enthusiastic in your career, for it's a real possession in the years ahead. KNOW yourself, BE yourself, and TRUST yourself.

With thanks to a famous American writer named Emerson, I'd like to close with some advice:

*Trust thyself; every heart answers to that call. Accept the role Divine Providence has found for you, or tomorrow a stranger will say with good sense and be applauded for what you thought today. Speak your hidden conviction for it could be the universal belief of tomorrow. In every work of genius we can recognize our own rejected ideas come back to us with a certain distant majesty. God will not have his work taught by cowards.*

*Do not think the inexperienced make no sense because they cannot speak to you and me in familiar phrases. Infants conform to nobody; but all conform to them. One small baby makes half a dozen infants of the adults who play with it.*

*But whoever would be a man must be a performer. A man's life is for living and not for display: It is as easy for the strong to be strong as for the weak to be weak. Don't be a boxseat onlooker; Don't pass up the battle of fate where strength is born. Do your best, but most of all . . . hold your head high."*

Following the commencement address Mr. Murdy assisted Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and members of the Command Staff in the presentation of certificates of graduation to the new officers.

Commendation ceremonies followed the graduation exercise. Twelve civilians were honored for their part in assisting law enforcement officers in the task of preserving order in the community. Seven Police Officers were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

One of the Certificates of Honor was awarded to a civilian employee of the Department. Laboratory Technician Ernest Bouyoucas responded to a call to process a burglary scene. When he arrived, he discovered a Police Officer struggling with a male subject. Mr. Bouyoucas called for assistance and went immediately to the aid of the officer. Through their joint efforts they were able to subdue the subject who was arrested and charged with the burglary.

## SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

While off-duty Detective Edward Adelhardt and Police Agent Gary T. Childs, Criminal Investigation Division, stopped to eat in a local restaurant. As they were eating they heard a disturbance in the bar area. When they entered the bar they observed several men fleeing out the door. They pursued the subjects and ordered them to stop. One of them wheeled around and fired several times at the detectives. Although one of the shots went through Detective Adelhardt's suit coat, barely missing him, they returned fire and continued the chase. Back-up units arrived as the gunman and his companions entered a dwelling. The building was quickly sealed off and a search resulted in the arrest of all three suspects and the recovery of the weapon.

On December 30, Detective Paul A. Karaskavicz, Jr., Property Crimes Section, Criminal Investigation Division and his partner, spotted two subjects wanted for burglary. One of the subjects broke and ran as they approached and Detective Karaskavicz gave chase. The pursuit zig-zagged through the alleys and as he ran the suspect fired several shots at the Detective. Although one of the shots grazed his left arm and another went through his coat, barely missing him, Detective Karaskavicz continued the foot chase to the rear of a house. As he ordered the gunman to drop his weapon, the subject began to take aim, but before he could fire, the Detective fired his service revolver wounding him. The suspect was later charged with a series of burglaries and assaulting the Detective.

## BRONZE STAR

An intensive search followed the discovery of a headless body in the Western District on November 28, 1974. The search ended on the Penn Central railroad tracks where Officer Louis Danna and other Western District Officers spotted the head lying between the tracks. As an officer began to place a plastic bag over the head, he failed to see an oncoming Metro Liner or hear a warning from a fellow officer. Officer Danna, disregarding his personal safety, raced down from the platform and pulled his fellow officer off the tracks an instant before the train passed the location.

While on routine patrol Officer Michael Coulthard, Central District, observed a male loitering in front of a credit union office. As he passed he noticed another subject join the first after a hand signal. Officer Coulthard went around the block and when he returned to the location, both males began to walk away. He ordered them to halt and when they did, he observed that one of them had a gun concealed in his coat sleeve. He drew his service revolver and ordered the subject to drop the weapon. The subject complied, dropping a fully loaded sawed-off rifle. Further investigation revealed that the other suspect was armed with a hunting knife. Both were arrested, possibly preventing an armed robbery.

As Officers Paul Hoffman and Edward Paugh, Central District, were patrolling their post on January 13, 1975, they observed flames coming from a multiple dwelling. Screams for help could be heard as they approached and forced open a door. Some of the residents were in near panic and the officers had to lead them through the fire and smoke from the upper floors. Their efforts in calming the nearly hysterical people and leading them to safety, prevented any serious injury from occurring.



Recently the Claude Profile Lodge, Order Sons of Italy in America, honored the mother and widow of Officer Claude Profile who died on February 6, 1964 as a result of gun shot wounds received while responding to a bank hold up. A certificate of appreciation was given to Mrs. Helen Diaugenio and Mrs. Clara Profile by Major Stanley Kaplaw, Maryland State Police, who represented Governor Marvin Mandel. Also in attendance was the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore.

sions that the officers bring to the childrens attention the various traffic signs and their meanings, the proper methods of crossing streets, alleys and driveways, and the safe play areas.



Officer Joseph Baranowski shows each child what to look for and how to safely cross a controlled intersection.

The summer sessions will begin on June 23rd. This phase is expanded to give each visitor four hours of instructions. The students are exposed to various problems encountered by young pedestrians and how to solve them. Miniature electric automobiles, operated by the students, add to the realism and aid in developing good habits.

The officers have also introduced bicycles at each city to demonstrate the skills needed to operate them safely and within the law. As the students operate the bikes through the streets of the miniature city, they are given helpful tips on defensive driving techniques.

Upon completion of the two day course each child receives a "Safety City Citizen" certificate and an expanded awareness of safe walking and biking habits.

The officers also have electric engravers at each location. These are used as a part of the "Operation Identification" program to mark bikes with the owner's drivers license number for quick identification in the event of theft.

Reservations and additional information concerning activities at either Safety City location may be obtained by calling 539-5095.

ing. Close ties with the community are stressed by the Council and are evidenced by the involvement of over sixty area improvement associations and a large individual membership.

The meeting, chaired by Mrs. Jane McKenrick and coordinated by Sergeant Robert J. Hall, Northeastern District, stressed the past and present ability of the Council to solve community problems. Also present at the meeting to congratulate the members were Wilbur C. Miller, Chief of the Community Services Division and Captain Richard L. Connelly, Commanding Officer of the Northeastern District.

The Athletic Department of Virginia Union University has selected Officer Harlow Fullwood, Jr., Recruitment Unit, as their "Alumnus of the Year." The award was presented to Officer Fullwood at the annual Athletic Banquet on April 21, 1975. He was presented the honor in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the Department and the community in the metropolitan area of Baltimore.

Effective May 1, 1975, no employee of the Baltimore City Jail is authorized to carry a handgun during off-duty hours without a handgun permit, as required under the provisions of Article 27 Section 36E, Maryland Annotated Code.



During the first annual Awards Banquet for members of the Police Boys Club Football Team, Wilbur C. Miller, Chief of the Community Services Division (far right) and James P. Stromberg, Youth Section Director (far left), congratulate the coaches and players for a winning session. During the ceremonies awards were presented for "Best Offensive and Defensive Players" and "Most Valuable Player." The coaches and honored players are (L to R) Officer Carroll E. James, Charles (Butch) White, Allan Patterson, Mr. Troy Thacher, Wallace Singletary, Anthony Abraham and Officer Henry Schmidt, Sr.

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filled with children arrive daily for walk through tours. It is during these ses-

## NEWS NOTES

The Northeastern Police Community Relations Council, formed on September 14, 1965, recently held its 100th meet-

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Larry Schirmbeck and his wife, Flora Virginia, on the birth of their daughter, Alicia Darlene, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Congratulations to Principal Clerk Floyd Matthews, and his wife, Alexis, on the birth of their twin sons, Robby, weighing 7 lbs. 8 oz. and Ricky, weighing 7 lbs. 2 oz.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Senior Clerk Stenographers Marian Stocktill and Linda Petrecca.

Good luck and best wishes to Lieutenant Frederick Heiderman and Sergeant Eugene Kuzyk on their recent retirements.

Best wishes to Lieutenant Robert Jenkins in your new assignment.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Administrative Unit — Members of this Unit wish to extend congratulations to Lieutenant Casper W. Klein and his lovely wife, Teresa on the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary on April 15. May they have many more to celebrate together.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION** — Community Relations Section — Congratulations to Police Officer Linda Weinstein and her husband, Walter, on the birth of their son, Adam Jacob, on April 5, weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members

of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Crime Lab Technician Bernard Magsamen on the loss of his grandfather.

Congratulations to Darkroom Technician Donald Flynn and his wife, Joyce, on the birth of their son, Brian Scott, on April 5, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.

A BIG WELCOME back to Police Officer C. Gene Higdon of the Latent Print Section.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Police Officer Robert S. Nelson was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from Chief Ellison W. Ensor, Baltimore County Police Department, for his outstanding services rendered in assisting the Baltimore County Officers.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Our deepest sympathy to Detective Lieutenant Donald E. Woods and Police Officer Henry J. Zukowski on their recent losses.

Congratulations to Sergeant Charles J. Key on his recent promotion and transfer to Tactical Section and an additional congratulation to Sergeant Key and his wife, Cindy, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, on April 2.

### *In Memoriam*

**BONHOFF, CHRISTINE**, mother of Police Officer Joseph Bonhoff, Eastern District, April 3.

**WOODS, WILLIAM J.**, brother of Detective Lieutenant Donald Woods, In-

spectional Services Division, April 5. **WALSH, ALMA**, sister of Lieutenant John L. Neussinger, retired from Traffic Division, April 1.

**NOVOTNY, MARIE M.**, wife of the late Police Officer Frank Novotny, retired from the Southeastern District and sister-in-law of retired Police Officer Edward J. Nezewski, Central District, April 7.

**KOWALCZYK, LAURA**, grandmother of Principal Clerk Stenographer Mary Bielik, Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigations Section, April 7.

**RITTER, ELIZABETH**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Henry J. Zukowski, Inspectional Services Division, April 7.

## Final Roll Call

**BAGLIONI, SAVERIO**, Laborer, retired from Motor Section, Property Division, April 3.

**SCHAMBURG, THOMAS F.**, Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, brother of Sergeant Charles F. Schamburg, Jr., retired from Northwestern District, uncle of Police Officer Douglas Schamburg and father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Schwinn, both of the Southern District, April 7.

**BUDDENBOHN, ALBERT W.**, Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District, April 11.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

# NEWSLETTER

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## Commentary:

### Commissioner Pomerleau Speaks Out On Gun Control



Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau

The issue of gun control is receiving considerable attention at the seat of government again this year. The extensive misuse of handguns, which manifests itself in the urban cities, has led to debate in the Congress which has ranged from calls for total confiscatory measures to pleas for "no controls." The problem is complex and I see little opportunity for effective "gun control" legislation which does not reflect an obvious and significant degree of compromise. We must meet in the center somewhere, and soon.

I am currently involved with the Police Foundation which is in the process of developing pertinent definitive data. I am categorically opposed to total gun control and I feel that most people share that opinion. The problems caused by guns are primarily problems of the

urban areas which do not represent the totality of the several states of this republic. There is, however, an immediate need to do something which will result in the effective control of handguns with emphasis on the "cheap gun" within the urban city-county.

Attempts to solve the urban area handgun crisis must not, in my opinion, be permitted to interfere with the right to freedom of choice exercised by residents who live in areas where the "cheap gun" problem does not exist. Citizens of these areas are sympathetic to the problem, of course, but they feel that any resolution should not be to their detriment.

Our experience tells us that "cheap guns" in the hands of youthful offenders bring about many of the assault and robberies, murders, etc., that are experienced in the urban area. It is a fact that robberies and murders are also committed by others who use weapons which cannot be categorized as "cheap guns." But the problem of the illegal use of "cheap handguns" is compartmentalized and the solutions, therefore, must be compartmentalized. "Cheap guns" must be removed from the hands of the youthful offenders. The ready availability of these weapons must cease. This can be done, but the Federal Government must be the vehicle of accomplishment.

There are a number of things which can be done in the area of compromise which would, I feel, directly affect the ready availability of the "cheap urban

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### Escape & Apprehension Squad

On Tuesday, April 1, 1975 at 5:30 a.m., activity was at a low point throughout the city. Most people were in bed including a majority of the over 600 escapees from correctional institutions and jails in Maryland. A loud rap on the door of a residence in Northwest Baltimore broke the stillness of the morning, after members of the Department's Escape and Apprehension Unit and Northwestern District officers surrounded the house. A long minute elapsed before a female answered the door and denied that the escapee that they had a warrant for was there. Previous reliable information claimed otherwise and she let the officers in to look around. The search for the suspect was brief since he only had time to crawl under a child's bed in the next room.

The arrested suspect was not only wanted for escaping in December, but also for an armed robbery. Further investigation by Robbery Unit Detectives resulted in the clearance of ten additional armed hold-ups that were committed in the downtown area during the three months he was free.

In 1971 there was an alarming increase in the number of escapees from correctional institutions and jails in Maryland. Time and time again it was discovered that a high percentage of these same individuals resorted to violent crimes to sustain themselves and avoided finding jobs which could lead to their identification.

Due to this high percentage the Escape and Apprehension Squad was formed on August 30, 1971, as a special

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## Commentary

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area gun." One move toward a realistic compromise would not require, necessarily, changes in existing federal gun statutes. It would not be absolutely necessary to prohibit the importation and subsequent assembly of parts for "cheap guns," although this might be desirable. I feel that the Congress might do well to consider legislation which would be designed to impose extensive federal taxation on "cheap guns." Handguns which are referred to as "Saturday Night Specials" (whatever that might be) could have as a requirement of purchase the payment of a federal tax ranging from three to five hundred dollars. As the purchase price of the handgun increases the amount of the federal tax could decrease.

I feel that those who enjoy sport shooting, matches registered by organizations such as the National Rifle Association, and so forth, would be willing to pay a nominal federal tax on the weapons which are purchased for that purpose. It may be well to consider a tax exemption for members of such bonafide organizations as it is certainly not those guns which are going to be used to kill, maim and rob. The reasons are obvious. Handguns of the type used by serious sport shooters are substantial weapons with six inch barrels. This is not the typical "pocket gun" of the urban area street.

Let's take a look at some of the effects of imposing a federal tax on "cheap guns." A gun which could be purchased at a local retail outlet for \$35.00 would go up in price to let's say \$335.00 including federal tax. Historical data reflects that youthful offenders use their "cheap guns" in the commission of criminal offenses which yield minimal returns. The \$35.00 gun, for example, may be used in street hold-ups which net the offender eight, ten or twenty dollars. Several of these hold-ups will cover the cost of purchasing the "cheap gun." With a federal tax included price of \$335.00 the unsophisticated youthful offender would be inhibited due to the sheer economics. His low yield crimes would not cover the purchase cost of the weapon.

This may appear to be a rather simplistic approach to a solution of the "cheap

gun" problem. But we know that it will seriously affect the youthful offender who enters a butcher shop and robs its owner of \$25.00 and then, instead of escaping onto the street, shoots and kills the elderly man. We know that the risk to an oil delivery man selling heating fuel to poor people will be greatly reduced. Therefore, we will have reached an intermediate goal and a most significant one at that. We also realize that the "professional" criminal, i. e., bank robbers and hold-up men, may use very sophisticated weaponry. But we also know they seldom, if ever, kill. The problem in the urban areas of this country is one of the "cheap gun" which finds its way into the hands of the youthful offender.

The problem of what to do with the millions of guns which are currently floating about in our urban areas remains a serious one. Experience has shown that many of them can be purchased at \$50.00 apiece. The Federal Government could well afford to subsidize local efforts in this direction. It would cost, I feel, about one million dollars per one million urban area inhabitants.

A federal "gun buying" subsidy would be tied to a requirement that local governments would have to enact model sentencing procedures for those convicted of handgun violations. Each sub-division would, therefore, be required to pass handgun legislation meeting Federal standards as a prerequisite to obtaining federal "gun bounty" funding. This would provide an additional incentive for urban residents to "sell their guns to the government."

Those weapons which remain on the streets of the urban areas would then become the targets of a concentrated effort by local law enforcement agencies.

This compartmentalized approach is not the final solution to the problem. The three ingredients, 1) Federal Taxation on "cheap guns," 2) Federal subsidies for the purchase of "cheap guns" tied to a requirement for local model sentencing statutes, and 3) Vigorous local enforcement of required handgun laws, are concrete measures which would, I am confident, drastically reduce the number of "cheap guns" which are used to kill and maim our citizens who live in the urban areas of this country.

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More than 350 residents of the city attended the open house held recently at the Headquarters building as a part of National Police Week. Members of the Community Relations Section presented crime prevention films, set up displays and conducted tours during the evening.

## Escape Squad

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detail unit of the Crimes Against Persons Section of the Criminal Investigation Division. Detailed to the Unit were two robbery detectives, five officers on loan from the Patrol Division, and a detective sergeant. Each member is carefully selected based on his investigative ability which stresses a high degree of street knowledge, effective use of informants' emotional stability and an exceptional memory for names and faces.

Prior to its formation, escapees were sought by Patrol Division officers and by C.I.D. Detectives, when they were identified as suspects in a case under investigation or spotted while performing other duties. Their high mobility, occasional successful use of false identification, and their elusiveness made it difficult for both officers and detectives to locate and apprehend them.

The Unit's responsibilities include the investigation of all information received on and the apprehension of escapees and wanted dangerous felons. To aid in this task the squad maintains an updated file with photographs on all individuals who flee from every correctional institution and jail in Maryland. However, the success of this Unit depends on the information supplied by members of the Department.

Pursuing this information supplied by informants and fellow officers, the

Unit was able to arrest 201 escapees and 130 wanted felons last year and 81 escapees and 42 wanted felons during the first four months of 1975. The wanted felons included a number of hold-up and homicide suspects. These arrests were in addition to the apprehensions made by uniform officers and detectives. Many were made during early morning raids such as the one above. Others were made by staking out favorite hang-outs and cruising the city. Occasionally, once an escapee discovers that the Unit is looking for him, a few contact the office and turn themselves in.

Long and erratic hours are a fact of life for the men. When information is received on a wanted suspect who has a history of violence, an investigation is initiated and continues until all leads are followed up or an apprehension is made.

Captain James J. Cadden, Commanding Officer of the C.I.D. Crimes Against Persons Section, believes that the Department's Escape and Apprehension Unit is unique, not only in Maryland, but in the rest of the country as well. He also points out that the members of the Unit confront and arrest wanted dangerous felons almost daily. Although an increasing number of them are armed, they very rarely are forced to use their weapons and more often than not the suspect surrenders without resistance. He believes that this fact alone attests to the expertise and professionalism displayed by those officers and detectives when apprehending a dangerous suspect.

The members when raiding a location for an escapee have an established time tested procedure to expand on or modify, based on the uniqueness of each situation. Of primary importance is a display of well coordinated and supervised manpower. Once the suspect realizes that all routes of escape are well covered and that a successful shoot-out would be impossible, many attempt to hide. The most common hiding places are under the bed, in the attic and behind furniture. Over the years members have located more ingenious individuals part way up a fire place chimney, between the mattress and box springs of a bed, in a filled bathtub, under the cushions of a sofa-bed and most recently inside a refrigerator.

A few are successful at blending into

the community and finding jobs under an assumed name. These escapees often require more time consuming investigations. One such individual was located working on a construction job at the Baltimore City Jail, another was found teaching school, a third was located at a local college working as an armed security guard and a fourth at a massage parlor.

Sergeant Richard T. Marks, Officer in Charge of the Unit states that more than 95% of the escapees are being sought on warrants from outside the city. These warrants are issued from the geographical location in Maryland of the correctional institution where the suspect was held. He maintains close contacts with all the prison systems in the state since many of the escapees are residents of Baltimore. A coordinator of escapees for the Division of Corrections, which includes every institution except for the Penitentiary and area jails, recently told Sergeant Marks that 1974 was the first year in his memory that more escapees were apprehended than escaped. He credits this turn in events to the additional apprehensions made by the Escape and Apprehension Unit since its formation in 1971.

The success of the Unit depends great-

ly on information supplied by members of the Department. Recently flyers were distributed to each District, containing photographs, descriptions, warrant numbers and other necessary information on wanted escapees. One set is being maintained on each District bulletin board by members of the Unit.

Whenever an escapee from a correctional institution or jail in Maryland is apprehended, the arresting officer gets full credit. He should notify the Unit, which is on call twenty-four hours a day, extension 2472 or 2273, about the arrest. This information enables members of the Unit to interview the suspects about other escapees and possible involvement in other crimes before they are returned.

## NEWS NOTES

Any member of the Department who was recently promoted, commended or recently graduated from the Academy and posed for photographs after the ceremonies should stop by the Public Information Division. The color photographs are kept on file for distribution and are destroyed after one year. For further information call Ext. 2012.



During the month of April members of the Department's Helicopter Unit assisted ground units in more arrests than during any other month since its formation in 1970. The seventy-eight arrests included twenty-eight for burglary, two for assault and robbery, one escapee and numerous other violations.

Members of the Unit attribute the increase to effective coordination between ground personnel and aircraft when responding to in progress and emergency calls. Many officers are now transmitting quick, brief descriptions of suspects before obtaining a more detailed run down from victims and witnesses. A number of officers are also requesting "Foxtro's" aid on other calls whenever an aerial view might help in making an apprehension or in furthering an investigation.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION —

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Herbert Armstrong, Sergeants Norman Anderson, Thomas Marks and Police Officers Gordon Amey, Joseph Dunn, Arlan Winterbottom and Cadet Bernard Ralph and to Emergency Call Clerk Carol Ann Wilkerson.

Congratulations to Police Officers Richard Arnold, Albert Stuikis and Richard Wojtek, who will be completing 20 years each, service with the Department this month.

Welcome back to Lieutenant John R. Padgett after his long stay in Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Congratulations to Lieutenant LeRoy H. Williams who became a grandfather again on March 28. His granddaughter, Terra Lynn weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION —** Applicant Investigation Section — Members of this Section extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Andrew F. Sotaski on his recent loss.

Members of this Section wish to extend congratulations and best wishes to Sergeant Joseph R. Riha on his recent promotion.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT —** Congratulations to Police Officer Dennis Wise and his wife, Sharon, on the birth of their son, Dennis, Jr., and also to Administrative Assistant Alice Baumgartner, Central District, this is her first grandchild.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to

Policewoman Erma Stevens and Police Officer John Sturgeon; Mrs. Stevens is recuperating from surgery and Officer Sturgeon is recuperating from an accident.

**PROPERTY DIVISION —** Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Lieutenant John J. Brennan, recuperating at home from recent surgery.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION —** Congratulations to Police Officer Norman Stamp and his wife, Sherri, Fiscal Affairs Division, on the birth of their daughter, Tanya Lynn, on April 21.

Good luck and best wishes to Police Officer Eugene Crane on his recent retirement.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Richard Brechtel, William Jones, John Pflueger and Junious Woodson recently assigned to this Division.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT —** Congratulations to Police Officer Ronald Roof and his wife, Linda, on the birth of their son, Aaron Kenneth, on April 16, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz.

### *In Memoriam*

**MACKENZIE, RALPH,** brother-in-law of Police Officer Leonard Broseker, Southern District, April 8.

**KLIENSKI, ALEXANDER,** father-in-law of Police Officer Andrew Sotaski, Personnel Division, Applicant Investigation Section, April 12.

**CLARK, HENDERSON,** father-in-law of District Commander Calvin Lewis, Western District, April 17.

**WATKINS, DOROTHY,** mother of Em-

ergency Call Clerk Mary L. Watkins, Communications Division, April 21.

**LONG, JOHN,** brother of Police Officer Justus J. Long, retired from Eastern District and brother-in-law of Head Clerk Mrs. Marge Long, Planning and Research Division, April 22.

**BARKER, GRACE M.,** mother of Lieutenant Bernard Barker, Western District, April 25.

**CYMEK, CASMIR,** uncle of Police Officer Donald Cymek, Northwestern District, April 25.

**BROWNAWELL, EDWARD,** father of Detective Jack E. Brownawell, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Unit, April 26.

**JOHNSON, JOHNNY M.,** brother-in-law of Lieutenant Herbert F. Armstrong, Communications Division, April 27.

**LEISURE, ANNA,** grandmother of Police Officer John Leisure, Northwestern District, April 29.

## Final Roll Call

**WILLIAMS, RAYMOND E.,** Police Officer, retired from Central District, April 26.

**COLLINS, JAMES H.,** Police Officer, Active Duty, Services Bureau, Office of Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes, April 26.

**BEASLEY, ANNA M.,** School Crossing Guard, Active Duty, Southeastern District, May 2.

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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

May 28, 1975

## Deputy Commissioner Battaglia Receives Dr. F. C. Marino Award

Every year the Awards Committee of the Associated Italian-American Charities of Maryland selects an individual who exemplifies the qualities of charity, generosity and unselfishness toward his fellow men. This year they chose Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia as the recipient of the Dr. Frank C. Marino Award.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer presents an engraved plaque to Deputy Battaglia during ceremonies held at Martin's West.

The Associated Italian-American Charities was established in 1945 to aid orphan boys who lost their parents during World War II through the Boys Town of Italy. The Association has since expanded and currently contributes funds raised to other charitable organizations including the Heart Fund, Cancer Research, area hospitals, churches and orphanages. Since its formation the members have collected and contributed more than \$300,000.00. Those in the Association donate all their time and effort and receive no remuneration in return.

The Marino Award was established in

memory of Dr. Frank C. Marino, one of the founders of the Association and one of the most active members until his death in 1965. His leadership and dedication is the example by which the committee selects recipients of the Award. The past recipients are Ralph DeChiaro, Board Chairman of the Association; the Honorable Thomas J. D'Alesandro, Jr., former Mayor of Baltimore; Cavaliere T. Julio and Frank Cuccia, General Chairman of the Awards banquet.

Deputy Battaglia was honored at the 30th annual banquet held by the Association at Martin's West on May 18th. He not only received the Marino Award from Carl T. Julio, President of the Association, but also received awards for his outstanding service to the City and State from William Donald Schaefer, Mayor of Baltimore, Ted G. Venetoulis, Baltimore County Executive and Frank Cuccia who made a presentation on behalf of Marvin Mandel, Governor of the State of Maryland.

His career with the Department began as a patrolman in 1940. After honorable service in the United States Navy for three years during World War II he returned to the Department. Through the years he advanced through the ranks and became a Sergeant in 1947, a Lieutenant in 1954, and a Captain in 1957 and assumed command of the Southwestern District. In 1962 he advanced to the former rank of Inspector and in 1966 was appointed Chief of the Patrol Division. On March 19, 1971 he was appointed by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau to his present

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## Blood Assurance Program

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the War Memorial between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 29 to accept donations from members of the Department who belong to the Blood Assurance Program. Those planning to give while working should notify their supervisors.

Donations have totaled almost 700 pints as of the end of April, which is about 160 pints short of the 1974-75 quota. Those members who are due to donate and cannot give on the 29th can give at the Red Cross Donation Center, 2701 North Charles Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, on Saturday and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Assistant Accountant James W. Korona, Chairman of the Blood Assurance Program has discovered that some mem-

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Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau addresses those gathered during the second annual tribute to the members of the Department who gave their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony, held during National Police Week, was sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police.

## Marino Award

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position of the Deputy Commissioner of the Operations Bureau and is responsible for the management and smooth operation of the Patrol Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, the Traffic Division and the Community Services Division.



Among those who honored Deputy Battaglia were Dr. Otto Felluca, Vice Council of Italy, County Executive Ted Venetoulis, Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Deputy Battaglia's wife Ruth and Carl T. Julio, President of the Association.

During his long and rewarding career he gained national recognition when he instituted a systematic stop and inspection of young motorists which was credited with reducing the incidents of auto theft by 50% or more in Baltimore. While Chief of Patrol he was acclaimed as an "expert" and has been described as one of the country's foremost authorities on civil disturbances.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, who also paid tribute to the Deputy at the banquet has repeatedly stated that "Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia possesses the keenest of sensitivity. He is particularly outstanding in the resolution of problems involving confrontations in an urban area. He always has a most sobering impact on all participants. His wisdom, judgment, demeanor and understanding of problems experienced by both parties has benefited immeasurably all the citizens of this great urban area . . ."

Deputy Commissioner Battaglia is an active member of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the American Legion, the Southern Police Institute Alumni Association, Buddies, Inc., and is currently the Supreme Delegate of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

Also among the more than 1300 guests and members at the affair were the Master of Ceremonies S. Eric Di Nenna, Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, the Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, Dr. Otto Felluca, Vice Council of Italy, Thomas J. D'Alessandro, III, former Mayor of Baltimore and Monsignor John P. Carroll - Abbing, Director, Boys Town, Italy.

## Preakness Parade



## Promotional Ceremonies

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded certificates of Promotion to three new Lieutenants and eighteen new Sergeants on Wednesday, May 14, 1975.

During the reception which followed the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their best wishes to the Officers in this new phase of their law enforcement career.

The Lieutenants and their new assignments are as follows:

Southern District — Lieutenant Melvin P. Freeman

Central District — Lieutenants Ronald L. Billingsley and Edward J. Tilghman

The Sergeants and their new assign-

ments are as follows:

Eastern District — Sergeants Richard F. Bednarski and Norman Gooden

Property Division — Sergeant Joel M. Weiner

Public Information Division — Sergeant Lawrence E. Leeson

Education and Training Division — Sergeant John F. Meeks

Western District — Sergeants Gerard F. Busnuk, Eugene Tanzymore, Jr. and Robert D. Edwards

Central District — Sergeants Walter R. Clements, Jr. and Galen D. Harrison

Northern District — Sergeants Dominic J. Mastromatteo and Douglas T. Kress

Southeastern District — Sergeants Wesley R. Wise and Alan J. Williams

Northwestern District — Sergeant John H. Haase, Jr.

Southern District — Sergeant Edward V. O'Halloran

Tactical Section — Sergeant Joseph S. Johnson

Traffic Division — Sergeant Charles G. Miller

## Blood Program

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bers of the Department believe that blood needs are covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield. This belief is totally incorrect, if a blood requirement arises an individual must either produce donors to replace the blood used or pay for it if he is not a member of the program.

Under the agreement made with the Red Cross in return for a donation once every three years, members receive, when needed, a limitless supply of blood for himself, his spouse, his children and also the member's and spouse's parents.

All personnel of the Department, both active and retired, who are members of the program and who have not contributed are urged to do so. Failure to respond after two notices, which causes your name to be withdrawn from the program, is not worth the risk to your family. Those who wish to join can obtain a pledge card from their respective Administrative Lieutenant. Anyone requesting additional information may call extension 2650.

## Police Agents Appointed

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Appointment to three new Police Agents on May 12, 1975. To be eligible for appointment an officer must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, serve in the Patrol Division for a minimum of one year and successfully complete a selection process and a performance evaluation.

During the ceremonies it was noted that more than 500 members of the Department are currently pursuing higher education in area colleges during their spare time.

The Police Agents and their assignments are as follows: James K. Anderson, Northern District; David T. Fair Eastern District; Alexander W. Klosek Eastern District.

## Captain Cunningham Retires

Captain John J. Cunningham recently concluded his law enforcement career which spanned more than twenty-seven years. The former Captain of the Vice Control Section of the Criminal Investigation Division retired from the Department on May 22, 1975.



JOHN J. CUNNINGHAM

Captain Cunningham joined the Department in December, 1947 and was assigned to the Eastern District. After brief assignment in Criminal Investigation Division he was promoted to Sergeant in 1955 and served in the Central District. Before being promoted to Lieutenant he also worked in the

Eastern and Southeastern Districts. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1965 and served in the Southern District, the Tactical Section and the Youth Section.

On September 24, 1969 he was promoted to Captain and assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. He assumed command of the Vice Control Section until his retirement.

Recently Captain Cunningham's friends and colleagues gathered at a noon luncheon to bid him farewell and to wish him well on his new job as Chief of Security of the Baltimore Campus at the University of Maryland. During the affair Colonel Joseph F. Carroll presented Captain Cunningham his certificate of retirement. In addition his friends and co-workers presented him a gift and offered their best wishes for a well earned retirement.

### *"Always A Pleasure"*

Officers James P. Carnes, Jr. and thirty other Eastern District Officers and supervisors sent a commendatory letter to Cadet Daniel L. Shanahan of the Communications Division. Also attached to the letter was a note from Major McNeal Brockington, Commanding Officer of the Eastern District which states in part . . . "I think it's worthy to note, patrol recognizes and appreciates quality supportive service and I join them in expressing my thanks to Cadet Shanahan for his splendid contribution to making the job a 'little easier'."

Sir, I respectfully report that while working the streets during our respective tour of duty, there are times when situations and pressures of the job can get you depressed. I would like to report that in lieu of the depressing conditions that an Officer gets in, whenever Cadet Shanahan is dispatching, he really helps make the time pass. I would like to report that this dispatcher is a very pleasant one to work with. He has a very pleasant consistent, attitude at all times and always looks out for the Officers in the Patrol Division. I feel very strongly that he should be congratulated and encouraged to continue with his efforts in dispatching. No one can really explain how a pleasant dispatcher can encourage an Officer while they are on erratic patrol. Again, I would like to

congratulate and encourage Cadet Shanahan on his efforts as a dispatcher.

"You're doing a great job, keep it up!"

Respectfully,

/s/ Officer James P. Carnes, Jr.  
Eastern District

## NEWS NOTES

Captain Jerry Sutton, Marine Corps Recruiting, Baltimore, Md. relates the following: Recall of Baltimore's own 11th Engineer Battalion USMCR. All former employees interested in a reunion to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Battalion's activation during August, 1950, please contact the committee at Post Office Box 125, Churchville, Md., 21018 (Tel. 301-879-5457). Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your telephone number.

The Department's baseball team will play the members of the Baltimore Fire Department on Friday, June 27, 1975, 5:30 p.m., at Memorial Stadium. The proceeds will be for the benefit of the St. Jude Hospital and the event will precede the Oriole vs Detroit game. Tickets are available for members of the Department at \$2.50 each, in the Districts.

### *Post Scripts*

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

We are pleased to advise you that our Department Executive Committee voted to send a letter of commendation to you and to the Baltimore City Police Department for your outstanding activities, both past and present.

Legionnaires in the Baltimore area particularly realize the great handicap under which your Department operates and extends compliments and appreciation to you and your Department.

If there is anything we can do to assist you at any time, you have only to let us know.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel H. Burkhardt  
Department Adjutant

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Anita L. Kern and Mobile Unit Technician William R. Hamilton, III, who were married on April 20. Best wishes from all of your friends.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Administrative Unit — Congratulations and good luck to Lieutenant Austin B. Callahan, Crimes Against Persons Section, who retired on April 17, after being with the Department 26 years.

Best wishes to Principal Clerk Stenographer Marlene G. Callahan, Administrative Unit, who resigned May 7, after 17 years with the Department. She and her husband, the recently retired Lieutenant Callahan, are moving to Florida. May they both enjoy many years of retirement together.

Vice Section — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Frances S. Fody, who is in Nashville, Tennessee for the graduation of her son, Dr. Edward P. Fody, Jr., from the Vanderbilt Medical School. Dr. Fody will be a Resident in Pathology at the Vanderbilt Medical Center for four years.

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Sergeant George Wockenfuss and his wife, on the birth of a grandson, Scott Thomas Harris, on April 12, weighing 9 lbs. 10 oz.

Our deepest sympathy to District

Commander Calvin Lewis and his family on their recent loss.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Principal Clerk Stenographer Lucy M. Gontasz, who is recuperating at home from recent foot surgery.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend deep sympathy to Head Clerk, Marge Long and her husband, retired Police Officer Justus J. Long, Eastern District, on their recent loss.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Speedy recovery wishes to Police Officers John L. Shriver, Francis L. Stewart, Edward A. Wade and Clerk Angela M. Connelly.

Welcome aboard to Police Agent Philip G. Gonyo, Police Officers Thomas G. Faither, Irvin C. Miles, George P. Parsons, Jr., Ronald D. Peterson, Gaetano Tumminello, Alfred Michael, Kelly Allen, Daniel E. Chapman, Stephen J. F. Grenfell, James F. Siebor and Police Agent Michael Hurm.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Sergeant John McLaughlin, Police Records Section Supervisor Margaret Kaiser, Police Officer Robert Brandenburger, Senior Clerk Typists Rosalie Beal and Denise Jenkins and Clerk Lillie Dabney. Get well soon.

Congratulations to Police Officer James McMasters who completed twenty years service with the Department, in April, 1975.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Louis J. Patti and his wife, Peggy, on the birth of their daughter, Angela Gabriella, on May 8, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Lawrence D. Merrifield, Sr., on the arrival of their first grandchild, Michael Ross Womer, on April 24, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers James Possidente and Donald Peach.

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Frances R. Streett who celebrated her 24th Anniversary with the Department on May 10, 1975.

A speedy recovery is extended to Police Officers William Spradbrow and Ronald Neff, recently released from the hospital.

### *In Memoriam*

**D'ARCIPRETE, MICHAEL**, father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Ross, Community Services Division, Youth Section, April 17.

**SCARDINA, PAUL J.**, uncle of Police Officers Samuel Scardina, Southern District, Paul M. Scardina, Education and Training Division and Frederick Koch, Southeastern District, May 1.

**STIEMLY, GEORGE J.**, father of Detective E. Stiemly, Criminal Investigation Division, Check Squad, May 6.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

June 11, 1975

## "Good Guys Night" June 27th At Memorial Stadium

Several members of the Baltimore Police Department were reported to have committed thefts one evening last week in the vicinity of Patterson Park. Not only were they able to get away with it but they committed these thefts in the presence of at least one high ranking member of the Department. The victims, most of whom live in Baltimore County, protested but apparently to no avail. Heartened by this success these officers are presently plotting additional thefts to be perpetrated upon selected members of the community and eventually, they say they will attempt to rip off the

Baltimore Fire Department.

Stolen at Patterson Park were several bases including home plate as the Department's baseball team hammered out an 11 to 7 win over the Woodlawn Baseball club. A week before that the Department's squad edged Pikesville 6 to 5. These games and several to follow are part of the Department's Spring Training for a feature game to be played at Memorial Stadium on June 27th prior to the Oriole/Detroit game.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau

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## Operation Save-A-Life

Recently the Baltimore Fire Department, in an effort to cut the number of injuries and deaths caused by fires in the home, initiated a public awareness program called "Operation Save-A-Life". The program includes many proven techniques that could save your life or that of a member of your family.

So far this year more than 70 people have been injured and more than 40 killed in fires in Baltimore. The main cause of house fires is careless smoking and most of the victims are either very young or very old. Most fatal fires occur between midnight and 6:00 a.m. and start in the bedroom after everyone is asleep.

Of primary importance, is alerting everyone in the house as soon as the fire is discovered. This can be accomplished most effectively with a smoke detector or by manually sounding a loud bell or other noise making devices.

A well rehearsed family escape plan is especially important for households with children. Alternate exits from bedrooms should be emphasized and these should be used during drills. All bedroom doors should be kept closed at night and felt for heat before opening. When there are small children or handicapped individuals in a household, responsible adults should be designated to aid them. The plan should also include a pre-arranged meeting place after everyone is out to insure that no member of the household is missing.

Other tips included keeping the telephone number of your local fire department available at all times (Baltimore City is 658-1313) and know the location

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THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GANGBUSTERS: Front Row: Robert Ackerman, SWD; Raymond Gillespie, WD; Richard Boronyak, NWD; Thomas Heathcoate, IID; William Hausner, NED; Michael Andrew, SWD; Martin Hanna, SWD; Leonard Willis, CID; Second Row: Robert Dapp, NED; Anthony Collini, ND; Lawrence Banks, Youth; Gary Childs, CID; Anthony Rinaldi, CD; Clayton Wright, SED; James Griffin, WD; Charles Cichon, NED; Back Row: Colonel Wilbur C. Miller; George Seltzer, WD; William Arnett, Youth; Daniel Markowski, CD; Donald Farley, Youth; Joseph Powell, CID; Robert Thomas, Tac.; Fred Oster, Youth; James Gilbert, CID; Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau.

## "Good Guys Night"

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erleau, an avid baseball fan, has attended several of the Department's games and is predicting an exciting contest at the stadium.

Thousands of spectators are expected at the baseball double header on June 27th which is being called "Good Guys Night." Action starts at 5:30 with the Baltimore Police Department's team, dubbed the "Gangbusters" taking on the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smokeaters". Proceeds from the sale of the upper reserved seats, which are \$2.50 each, will benefit the St. Jude Alcoholism Hospital. Tickets will be good for both ball games.

The coach of the "Gangbusters" is WFBR's Charlie Eckman. He's already told WBAL-TV's Vince Bagli, coach of the "Smokeaters" to "call a cab." Eckman says, "there ain't no way the Fire Department's going to win this one."

The "Gangbusters" sport a roster which includes 18 players representing more than a dozen Districts and Units of the Department. Obviously we don't want to give a free scouting report to the Fire Department but suffice it to say that the team is training hard. Some members are running two to three miles a day which will make the trip along the base paths a speedy one.

At this point we're even keeping batting averages secret but it is reported that K-9s had to be sent to track down a recent home run. Pitching is important of course and our pitchers have been working for weeks in preparation for the big game. The other night one of the local announcers was commenting on the velocity of one of the Orioles' hurlers fast-balls pointing out that the speed approached 100 mile per hour. The Traffic Division's radar has been unable, so far to clock the velocities of two of our "Gangbuster" hurlers.

Tickets for the "Good Guys Night" double header are available at all Districts and Divisions and will be available at the stadium on the evening of the game. Tickets are also available at the advanced sales window at the stadium.

During the next few weeks you'll be hearing a lot about "Good Guys Night."

Although much of this publicity will be in a light hearted vein the game is being played in a professional manner. Both teams, their coaches and sponsors are predicting a victory and it's certain to be a hard fought contest.

Trophies will be awarded to the winning team and a panel of stars will award trophies to the most valuable player on both clubs. "Good Guys Night" may well be the highlight of the baseball month at the stadium. Make plans now to root for the "Gangbusters." This is one game you won't want to miss.

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## Save-A-Life

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of the nearest fire alarm box. When you sound an alarm, stay at the box to direct fire fighters to the scene.

A family which is fire-conscious and has prepared a well planned evacuation procedure will increase the probability of a safe exit in the event of an emergency.

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## Police Spouse Orientation Program

A Police Officer is a 24-hour a day person. Even when "off-duty" his lifestyle is altered by the profession he has chosen. When a man or woman selects a law enforcement career the entire family is affected to some degree. This change, sometimes drastic, in the way we live has, historically, caused major family problems.

Studies of the family relationships of Police Officers have established a direct correlation between poor job performance and poor marital relations. It is also a fact that members of the law enforcement profession suffer one of the highest divorce rates in the nation.

Many of these problems can be laid to the fact that the non-Police Officer member of the family finds it extremely difficult to understand the changes which begin to take place. The Police Officer just doesn't live the same kind of life as others in the community.

In an effort to promote understanding and increase awareness of what the Police Officer does and what is expected

of him the Baltimore Police Department's Education and Training Division has initiated a program designed to introduce the spouse of newly recruited officers to the law enforcement profession.

The two day orientation program stresses involvement in the Police Officer's career and attempts to foster an understanding of what the individual officer faces in his training and eventual work in the field.

The first orientation, held recently, stressed several major areas: Police Service; Personnel Policies; Wages and Work Benefits and the Sociology of the Police Family.

During the Police Service session, experienced officers lectured on what policing is really like as opposed to the image generated through movies, television and the press. They answered questions about the dangers of police work and revealed the routine involved in responding to calls for service.

The Sociology session was conducted by Professor Franklin C. Hochreiter who explained the personality changes which occur when an individual chooses a career in law enforcement. He also explained various methods which can be utilized to assist the family and the Police Officer in coping with these changes.

In addition to the classroom instruction, the orientation included a tour of the Education and Training Center which included the monitoring of entrance level instruction being given to the new recruits. This was designed to demonstrate to the spouse just how extensive the training regimen is.

The second day of the orientation was devoted to Problem Solving and a tour of the Headquarters Building. During the Problem Solving Session, discussions were held with members of the Police Wives Association. The spouses of experienced Police Officers were able to explain, first-hand, about how the family life is affected by the presence of a Police Officer within the family unit. Their experience, it is hoped, will serve as an example to newer police families who learned that understanding and cooperation is a two way street which can actually enhance relationships.

The Orientation Program will continue at entrance level.

## Thirty Complete Entrance Training

Thirty new Baltimore Police Officers, having completed eighteen weeks of academic, physical and practical law enforcement training have graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division. Four members of the Annapolis Police Department also completed the intensive training with Class 75-1 and joined their classmates at ceremonies conducted on Friday, June 6.

Mr. Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, delivered the commencement address to the new officers. After his remarks, Mr. Friedman assisted Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in distributing the certificates to the graduates.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed. Six Civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community and twelve Officers were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

Among the recipients of the Citizen Award was Mr. Robert Sroka, a civilian evidence technician with the Laboratory Division. On March 28, while processing a burglary scene, Mr. Sroka heard a noise coming from inside a closet. Upon investigation he found the burglar hiding inside. He placed the suspect under citizens arrest and detained him for the officers who were summoned back to the scene.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATION

For nearly six years a major criminal ring has been plaguing areas of Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, several Maryland counties and Baltimore City. Through an intensive effort under the direction of Lieutenant John Lewandowski, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Detectives Frank Trcka and James Gilbert were able to eliminate this highly organized operation, which has been responsible for the theft of loot that totaled over one and one-half million dollars.

As soon as Officer Milton Spell was shot on August 15, 1974 an intensive effort to identify and locate the suspect began. Within an hour and one-

half a name and description was broadcast. Officer Robert Franklin, Central District, knew the suspect and immediately notified his superiors and volunteered to enter the dwelling where the suspect had taken refuge. Without the use of force, and alone with an armed suspect, who had just murdered a Police Officer, Officer Franklin convinced him to surrender.

### BRONZE STAR

On August 24, 1974 Sergeant Jerry Heyn, Western District, responded to a call for a man armed with a shotgun. When he arrived he observed a suspect in an auto menacing the crowd that had gathered with a sawed-off shotgun. Sergeant Heyn rushed the gunman, grabbed the barrel of the weapon and held it pointed in the air, while struggling with the man, until help arrived.

While working plainclothes, Officer George Mitchell and Officer Tyrone Stith, Western District, observed a man approach a parked car containing four others, draw two handguns and start shooting. They immediately called out to the gunman and he leveled both guns at the officers. Unable to fire, due to the children in the area, they began approaching from two different directions and were able to confuse him as they both talked at the same time. Once close enough, they rushed the gunman and disarmed him. The arrested suspect was found to have been convicted previously of ten counts of assault and robbery and two separate homicides.

Officer Jerome Wilkins spotted a suspect wanted for the robbery of a restaurant on Reisterstown Road, and ordered him to halt. The suspect fled and a lengthy foot chase through back yards and alleys followed. As the suspect ran, he wheeled around and pointed his arm, covered with a coat, looking as if he was pointing a weapon at the officer. Officer Wilkins was able to affect the arrest without the use of deadly force.

On February 9, 1975, Officer David J. Brown, Northeastern District, responded to a call for an armed robbery and shooting at a 7-Eleven store. He immediately administered emergency

first aid to the clerk's chest wound until medical help arrived. He then joined the search for the suspect and located him in a nearby wooded area. Officer Brown was able to arrest and subdue the gunman after a furious struggle.

Officers Kenneth Kight and Paul J. White, Southeastern District, after arresting two suspects wanted for armed robbery, began an intensive investigation after they discovered possible links of the suspects to other pending cases. Their efforts resulted in the clearance of another armed robbery and a homicide.

An intensive search for the gunman began after the triple shooting of three Hecht Company Store detectives. Officer Francis E. Fretwell, Traffic Division, was able to locate, disarm and affect the arrest of the suspect almost immediately after the incident without the use of deadly force.

## NEWS NOTES

Tickets are now on sale for Colt Nite to be held at Memorial Stadium on Saturday, July 26, 1975 at 7:00 p.m. The game between the Baltimore Colts and the Washington Redskins will benefit the Baltimore Police Boys Club. Admission will be \$2.00 and there are no reserved seats.



Two Patrol Division Sergeants recently completed six weeks of intensive training at the U.S. Marine Corps Noncommissioned Officers Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Both Sergeants Kenneth R. Warzyniak (L) and John R. Wagner (R) were joined at the graduation ceremonies by their Commanding Officers, Captain Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. Tactical Section and Northern District Commander Francis X. Hayes. Sergeant Warzyniak received a 100 mile certificate and Sergeant Wagner was added to the Commanding General's Honor Roll for placing 8th in a class of 112 men.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Kenneth Hyman and his wife, Katherine, on the birth of their son, Kenneth Dale, on May 12, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Welcome back to the Western District, Police Officer Lawrence Yinger.

A speedy recovery extended to School Crossing Guard Rachel Johnson.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Dominic Mastromatteo on his recent promotion and best wishes on your new assignment at the Northern District.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Congratulations and good luck to Lieutenant Edward J. Tilghman, Sergeants Norman Gooden, Charles G. Miller and Eugene Tanzymore, Jr. on their recent promotions and new assignments.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Anthony Smith and his wife, Donna, on the birth of their daughter, Meredith Ann, on May 11, weighing 7 lbs. 5 oz.

Congratulations to Agents Martin Hanna and Michael Andrew and Police Officer Robert Ackerman, who will be playing in the Police Department's baseball game against the Fire Department on June 27 at Memorial Stadium.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Our congratulations to Police Officer Robert Atkinson and his wife, Judith, on the birth of their first child - a son, Mat-

thew Joseph Atkinson, born May 21 and weighing in at 4 lbs. 9 oz. Mother and son are doing fine.

Congratulations to Police Officer Kenneth Lucas and his wife, Mayo, on the birth of their son, Kenneth Andrew on 11 April 1975, weighing 10 lbs. 2 oz.

**PROPERTY DIVISION** — Evidence Control Unit — Congratulations to Officer James Farley and his wife Rosalie on the birth of their son Christopher Farley, on April 24, 1975.

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## *In Memoriam*

**O'CONNOR, ANNA C.**, mother-in-law of Police Officer George A. Savard, Northwestern District, May 7.

**SCHMITZ, MARY C.**, mother of Police Officer Frank M. Schmitz, Jr., Southwestern District and grandmother of Police Officers Frank M. Schmitz, III, Southeastern District and David Custer, Northern District, May 9.

**STALEY, IRENE**, mother of Sergeant William Staley, Southeastern District, May 12.

**SPRUILL, CARL**, brother of Police Officer Roy K. Spruill, Community Services Division, Youth Section, Boys Club, May 15.

**YEAGER, WILLIAM**, father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Weimer, Central District, May 15.

**DESVERREAUX, JOHN N., JR.**, brother-in-law of Senior Administrative Assistant Joseph K. Walker, Fiscal

Affairs Division, May 15.

**MOORE, MILDRED**, mother-in-law of Sergeant Robert Dean, Southern District May 20.

**BRICE, SHIRLEY**, sister of Detective David Brice, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Squad, May 21.

**BARRON, MARY C.**, wife of Lieutenant John S. Barron, retired from Southern District, May 21.

**LOVETT, SAMUEL J.**, nephew of Detective Sergeant Joseph Lovett, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Squad, May 22.

**VITO, FRANCES A.**, sister of Police Officer Frank J. Centineo, retired from Traffic Division, May 22.

**BEERE, CATHERINE A.**, mother of Police Officer Michael J. Beere, Central District, May 23.

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## Final Roll Call

**FISCHBACH, CHARLES A.**, Detective, retired from Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit, May 6.

**BEDSWORTH, TRACEY**, Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, Mounted Section, May 11.

**KUES, LEROY J.**, Captain, retired from the Services Division, May 14.

**WOLSKI, FRANK**, Police Officer, Active Duty, Central District, May 29.

**DUNGAN, BURNHARDT**, Police Officer, retired from K-9 Unit, June 2.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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# NEWSLETTER

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

June 25, 1975

## Good Guys Night, Friday

Tickets are selling briskly for "Good Guys Night" which will feature a special double header baseball program at the Stadium Friday. At 5:30 P.M. the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" will take on the "Smokeaters" of the Baltimore Fire Department. That game will be followed by the Baltimore Orioles and Detroit Tigers contest.

The manager of the "Gangbusters" is WFBR's Charley Eckman. He's made a "wager" with the manager of the "Smokeaters", Vince Bagli of WBAL T.V. on the outcome of the contest. If the "Gangbusters" are the winners Mr. Bagli has agreed to clean a stall at the Mounted Unit's stables. If, and this is inconceivable, the "Smokeaters" are victorious Mr. Eckman has agreed to polish the brass fire pole at Engine House Number Six.

Charley Eckman and Vince Bagli have been involved in a running dialogue concerning the game for about two weeks and the polemics should peak at game time.

Both teams, meanwhile, have been training in earnest for the contest. Strategies for both teams are deeply held secrets, at this point. The Fire Department hasn't even released their roster of players. The "Gangbusters" have compiled a winning record during their "spring training" games with several area ball clubs.

It is reported that both squads have some "surprises" up their sleeves and that the game should be an exciting one.

One of the surprises comes in the form of the guest umpire for the Good Guys game. Obviously with two teams like the Gangbusters and the Smokeaters emotions will run high. Managers and coaches have searched out and located the man who may be the only umpire truly capable of rendering fair service to both sides. His appearance

alone, may be well worth the price of admission. Because of the sensitive nature of the umpiring assignment the identity of the personality who will assume this great responsibility cannot be made known until game time.

Tickets, \$2.50 for an upper reserved seat, for the "Good Guys Night" double header are available at the stadium box office until game time. A limited number are still available at all nine districts. They can also be purchased at the advance sales window at the stadium.

The winning team will receive an attractive trophy for Departmental display. Additionally, trophies will be awarded to the individuals who are judged the "most valuable players" on both squads.

The Public Information Division has received a number of inquiries regarding the game. In answer to one of the most frequently asked questions . . . yes the concession stands will be open shortly after the beginning of the first ball game.

Make your plans now to bring the entire family to Memorial Stadium, Friday, June 27, 1975.



Charley Eckman

## Class

### 75-2 Graduates

Twenty nine police officers reported to their Commanding Officers Monday following graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 20, 1975. Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau welcomed the new officers to the Department during the exercises which were conducted in the Headquarters auditorium.

The graduation address was delivered by the Honorable Edward F. Borgerding, Administrative Judge for the District Court of Maryland, District One.

Following the graduation exercises the Police Commissioner presented commendations to members of the Department who were being recognized for outstanding performance of their duties.

Receiving the Department's Special Commendation were Officer Theodore Staab of the Central District and Officer Alric Moore of the Western District.

The Bronze Star was awarded to Officer Frederick Lane of the Southeastern District, Officer David Hollingsworth of the Northwestern District, Officers George Boston and Eugene Baker of the Northeastern District, Officer Gary Mitchell of the Eastern District and Officer William Skopp of the Traffic Division.

A reception was held in the canteen following the graduation and commendation exercises. At this time the newly graduated officers had an opportunity to meet the Commanders of the various districts. Many also posed for graduation day photographs with friends and families.

The next graduation exercises are set for 9:30 a.m. on Friday July 25, 1975.

## Officer Friendly Host Open House

The Officer Friendly Program, financed by the Sears Roebuck Foundation has, since its inception in 1970, become a viable supplement to the Baltimore City Public School system. Officer Friendly visits all elementary school children in grades one through three and in grade seven. Officer Friendly (there are actually several different Officers Friendly) contributes to a better understanding on the part of youngsters of the role of police in the community.

At the conclusion of the 1974-75 Officer Friendly visitation program, members of the Community Relations Section of the Community Services Division conducted an Open House at Police Headquarters. The evening's program was designed to attract parents and to increase their involvement and awareness of the Officer Friendly concept.



Third Grade students from School #64 presented a skit entitled "What it means to be a Good Citizen," during the Open House conducted by members of the Community Relations Section's Officer Friendly Program.

More than 600 residents of the community visited with Officer Friendly, viewed special displays, toured the Headquarters facilities and attended a program in the auditorium, which included a specially created skit presented by the third grade students of School #64. The youngsters' presentation reflected their ideas on what it means to be a Good Citizen.

In addition to members of the Department, representatives of the Department of Education and the Sears Roebuck Foundation participated in the Open House activities.

## Memorial Day Observance



A wreath was placed at the Baltimore Police Department's Memorial Shrine during Memorial Day Ceremonies May 31, 1975. The wreath was presented by the Claude Profili Lodge of the Order of the Sons of Italy. Officer Claude Profili died in the line of duty while responding to a bank holdup in Northwest Baltimore on February 6, 1964.

A memorial service was also conducted at Holy Redeemer Cemetery on Sunday, June 1, 1975.

Present at the Headquarters Building ceremony were: (l. to rt.) Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia; Officer William Stuckrath; Mrs. Marie Profili; Mrs. Eunice Profili; Officer Horace Comegna, Venerable of the Claude Profili Lodge; Sergeant Stelman Smith; Mrs. Clara Profili; Mrs. Helen Diaugenio; Colonel Joseph Carroll and Officer Robert Welr.

### Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner:

I would like to thank you and the men of the Baltimore City Police Department for the courtesy shown to Cub Pack 110 when it toured Headquarters on April 12, 1975. I would especially like to thank Major Burritt, Sergeant Kusak, and the officers of the Central District who drove the bus, for the arrangements and interest in the boys and their families.

Our aim was to demonstrate to the Cubs that Police Officers are friends. With men like Sergeant Kusak, the drivers, and others that we met, that

was, indeed, not a difficult task. Baltimore's "Finest" are in our estimation the finest in the country.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

/s/ James W. Kight  
Cub Master

## NEWS NOTES

A special Recognition Ceremony will be held in conjunction with the graduation exercise of Entrance Level Class 75-3. It will be held in recognition of those members of the Department who have received college degrees or certificates between June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975.

## Elections Set

Elections for positions on the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Police Department's Death Relief Fund and for four positions on the Department's Personnel Service Board will be conducted on July 9, 1975.

The Death Relief Fund, established in 1948, authorizes payment of \$5,000 in the event of death in the line of duty or \$1,000 for members who pass away for reasons not connected with their duty.

Members of the Death Relief Fund will vote for members of the following grades: Captain (1), Lieutenant (1), Police Officer or Police Agent (1), Civilian (1).

The Personnel Service Board, which handles grievances and suggestions from members of the Department was authorized by law in 1966.

Members of the Department will vote for four members to fill terms which are expiring. Votes will be accepted for the following grades: Sergeant (1), Police Officers (2), School Crossing Guard (1).

## Safety City Sun Shades

Parents of youngsters who visit Safety City East or West will now be able to observe the instruction of their children in comfort as the result of a project funded by the Maryland Petroleum Association. The Maryland Petroleum Association donated \$4,000 to cover the cost of construction of attractively designed sun shelters at both Safety City locations.

Safety City East is located on the grounds of Baltimore City Hospitals. Druid Hill Park is the site of Safety City West.

Sponsored jointly by the Traffic Safety Education Unit of the Baltimore Police Department and the Mayor's Traffic Safety Commission, the Safety Cities have trained more than sixty thousand children since 1970.

Each Safety City is a complete training area in which children in the five to ten year old age group, are taught safe walking practices by actually participating and visually observing the hazards which exist for pedestrians.

The miniature cities have been designed to include virtually every type of intersectional situation which could be experienced by a pedestrian.

The children are also permitted to operate miniature electric automobiles. Each car is equipped with a safety belt which assists in the instruction on the proper use of seat belts.

Upon completion of the class each youngster receives a certificate signed by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of the Traffic Division.



Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of the Traffic Division looks on as E.M. Pfabe, Chairman of the Maryland Petroleum Association, presents a plaque at the dedication of sun shelters to the Safety City Program. Baltimore Comptroller Hyman A. Pressman represented Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer at the ceremony.

## Departmental Salary Increases Outlined

Below is listed the salary increases for the sworn members of the Department.

	First Year	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
POLICE OFFICER	\$10,000	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500	13,500
POLICE AGENT	14,100	Flat Salary				
SERGEANT	14,400	15,000	15,720			
LIEUTENANT	16,271	17,009	17,900			
CAPTAIN	18,697	19,623	20,600			

2½% Longevity increment after 15 years service. An additional 2½% longevity increment after 20 years service will be effective January 1, 1976.

**CIVILIAN SCALE** (Grade 21 through 44 AY Grade Series)

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES:** Flat increase of \$936 per year; Flat increase of \$23 (2½% of \$936) in longevity increment; 2½% longevity increment after 15 years continuous service; addition 2½% per cent longevity increment after 25 years service; both longevity increments now in effect.

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS:** Flat increase of \$468 per year (\$3,068 per year annual salary); Flat increase of \$12 in longevity increment (\$77 longevity increment); payment of longevity increments after 15 and 25 years continuous service as above.

## — Notice —

The number of articles being submitted to the News In Brief section of the NEWSLETTER has increased greatly in the past few months. Due to space limitations the NEWSLETTER has been unable to include all of the articles as submitted.

Beginning with the next edition of the NEWSLETTER the fourth page, which includes News In Brief, will feature a new format and a new type face which will enable publication of nearly twice as much information.

Information to be included in the News In Brief section of the NEWSLETTER should be received by the Public Information Division a week prior to the publication date.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Congratulations and good luck to Detective Edward J. Buck, Intelligence Section, who retired on 1 June. Ed was presented a gift from his friends and co-workers at a luncheon on 29 May as a token of best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — The Northwestern Softball Team is looking for new competition. They have played and defeated GINO's Managers three (3) times in a row. Anyone interested, please contact Police Officer George Henneman of the NWD, and he'll be happy to sign you up.

Bon Voyage to Lieutenant Ron Billingsley, recently promoted, and good luck in your new assignment.

Congratulations to Police Officer Leonard Johnson and his wife, Charlotte, on the birth of their new son, Richard Leonard, 8 lbs. 5 oz., 26 March.

Get well messages to School Crossing Edith Pecker, a patient in Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Welcome aboard to Sergeants John Haase, Jr., and Kenneth J. Anderson.

Bon Voyage to Police Officer Edward Litzinger, and good luck in CID.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Good luck and congratulations to Police Officer Albert Warfield who retired from the Department on June 12.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Officer John Burns, of Northern District, and his wife, Seva on the birth of their "Bambino" Nicholas John, who arrived on 2 May, weighing in at 6 lbs.

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## *In Memoriam*

**UTTENREITHER, MARY**, mother of Patricia Karabaich and mother-in-law of Thomas J. Karabaich, Computer Programmers, Planning and Research Division, May 24.

**BARTELS, EMMA**, grandmother of Police Officer Wilbur C. Bartels, Central District, May 26.

**MUHL, DELMAH E.**, wife of Howard Muhl, retired Supervisor of Construction and Repair, May 28.

**CHRISTIAN, JOHN E., JR.**, brother of Detective Sergeant George Christian, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit, May 28.

**RAMSEY, FRANK P.**, father of Emergency Call Clerk Victoria Carrigan, Communications Division, May 30.

**GUERASSIO, CATHERINE**, mother-in-law of Principal Clerk Paulette Biondo, Southwestern District, June 2.

**MATTHEWS, JAMES**, father of Principal Clerk Floyd Matthews, assigned to the Northern District, June 3.

**WRIGHT, LUKE BARNARD**, husband of School Crossing Guard Mary Wright of the Northern District, June 11.

**RIVERS, ADELIN**, mother of Police Officer Vincent Rivers of the Eastern

District, June 11.

**GROWN, DAVID**, brother of Detective Sergeant John Grown, Area I, Property Crimes Section, C.I.D., June 13.

**WINTERMYER, PAUL A.**, step-father of Police Officer Lawrence Merrifield assigned to the Mounted Unit of the Traffic Division, June 14.

**LOWINSKI, SOPHIE**, mother of Police Officer Eugene Wysocki, Eastern District, June 14.

**CARLISLE, MURIEL**, mother-in-law of Police Officer John Lanasa, assigned to the Communications Division, June 15.

**TAYLOR, JOHN A.**, grandfather of Detective Harry McDonald, C.I.D., Property Crimes Section and grandfather of Police Officer Isiah Pressey, Eastern District, June 15.

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## Final Roll Call

**STARKEY, MURREL**, retired Sergeant, formerly of the Southwest District, April 24.

**KLINE, JEROME E.**, retired Police Officer, formerly of Southwest District, brother-in-law of Sergeant William Buttner, Youth Section, and father-in-law of Police Officer James Larkin, Eastern District, June 6.

**STOWER, EDWARD J.**, retired Police Officer, formerly of the Rackets Division C.I.D., June 8.

The Department extends its deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of those recently deceased.



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## Rain And Time Force A Draw At 33rd Street



Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau throws out the first ball as Colonel Wilbur C. Miller, Mrs. Pomerleau and Officer George Seltzer watch.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer and Charlie Eckman intently watch the "Gangbusters" from the dug-out.



Robert Thomas helped keep the "Smokeaters" busy.

Nearly one thousand sworn and civilian members of the Department and their families were on hand June 27th to see the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" take on the "Smokeaters" of the Baltimore Fire Department.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau threw out the first ball for a contest which ended in a draw and under a falling rain. The rain, however, didn't dampen the enthusiasm of either the players or the spectators.

The one to one score belied the evenness of play. Each team contributed three hits during the 5½ innings which were completed before the rains came.

Officer Daniel Markowski, who struck out nine men, also contributed a triple in the 4th inning. Officer Michael Andrew drove Markowski home with a single. The other "Gangbusters" hit came in the second inning off the bat of Officer Raymond Gillespie.

The "Smokeaters" run came in the first inning after a disputed call. The play involved the batter being struck by the ball while attempting to bunt. Misplays by the "Gangbusters" enabled the Fire Department to score in that inning.

Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer was on hand and he visited the manager of the "Gangbusters", WFBR's Charley Eckman and WBAL TV's Vince Bagli, manager of the "Smokeaters" in their respective dugouts.

Chief of the Fire Department Thomas Burke and members of the Command Staffs of both the Police and Fire Departments were on hand to root for their teams.

In the nightcap to the two-night double header the Baltimore Orioles downed the Detroit Tigers 3 to 2.



Charles Cichon slides toward third.



Chief Thomas A. Burke and Commissioner Pomerleau congratulate Louis Anderson, pitcher, who was chosen as the most valuable player on the "Smokeaters" team.



Commissioner Pomerleau congratulates Daniel Markowski, pitcher, who was chosen as the most valuable player on the "Gangbusters" team.

## Pistol Team Standings

The final standings of the Indoor Police Pistol League's 1974-75 season revealed that the teams fielded by members of the Department, fared well in the three divisions and in individual competition. A total of four units participated which included Baltimore Police Team #1 and #2, the Eastern District and the Southern District.

The competitors included teams from the Maryland State Police, Federal Officers, the United States Marine Corps, Anne Arundel County Police and others. In Division "A", Teams #1 and #2 placed second and third respectively against the five best teams in the Maryland area.

Awards were also given for individual effort. Of the five classifications, members of the Department placed first in four of them. Officer Daniel J. Sobolewski, Education and Training Division, placed first in the High Aggregate Average (289.65), the High Rapid Fire Average (95.26) and the best Single High Score (296). First place honors for High Time Fire Average (97.22) went to Officer Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division, who also was part of a three-way tie for second place in the Single High Score category.

The second annual Sergeant N.J.W. Lloyd Memorial Trophy was presented to Baltimore Police Team #2 for being the most improved team in the competition.

During their spare time members of these teams participate in events of this nature year round. The team members are as follows:

### CITY EASTERN DISTRICT

Officer Don W. Helms, Eastern District  
Officer John E. Zartman, Northeastern District  
Officer Leon H. Slaght, Eastern District  
Officer Dorothy J. Charles, Youth Division  
Officer William B. Jones, Traffic Division  
Officer Edward P. O'Byrne, Jr., Eastern District

### CITY SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Sergeant Salvador S. Torres, Southern District

Officer Earl J. Kurth, Southern District  
Officer Dennis P. Stagi, Tactical Section  
Officer James D. Wallace, Southern District

Officer Frank Cuirca, Southern District

### BALTIMORE CITY POLICE #1

Officer Daniel J. Sobolewski, Education and Training Division

Officer Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division

Sergeant John W. Laufert, Southern District

Officer Van D. Deanes, Jr., Central District

Officer Robert E. Myers, Services Bureau  
Sergeant Kenneth S. Peach, Inspectional Services Division

### BALTIMORE CITY POLICE #2

Officer Lawrence A. Tawney, Northeastern District

Officer William F. Markwordt, Jr., Eastern District

Officer Herman J. Bullinger, Communications Division

Officer Alexander J. Pelsinky, Jr., Southern District

Officer Harry L. Twigg, Eastern District  
Officer Leonard D. Rummo, Tactical Section

## Twenty-Two New Police Agents

Twenty-two Police Agents received their certificates of appointment during ceremonies June 25, 1975, at the Headquarters Auditorium. Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented the certificates to the college graduates who were recommended for appointment.

Included among the new Police Agents is the first woman to attain that designation, Lynn A. Allison of the Northern District. The other new Police Agents are: Edward E. Ambrose, III of the Eastern District; Arthur M. Amey of the Planning and Research Division; Richard K. Boronyak, Northwestern District; James A. Brennan, Western District; Harold D. Clouse, Northwestern District; Craig A. Grossman, Western District; Glenn W. Grymes, Southeastern District; Charles W. Hedrick, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division; Jere R. Hoffert, Central District; Michael W. Hood, Southeastern District; John C. Keavney, Southwestern

District; Gary P. Levon, Western District; Jerry T. Lynch, Eastern District; Gary C. Maratta, Tactical Section; Richard M. Mosquera, Western District; Eugene T. O'Sullivan, Central District; Phillip B. Reid, Education and Training Division; Arthur R. Smith, Northern District; Stanley A. Spencer, Northern District; Louis A. Tomaschko, Jr., Planning and Research Division; Michael F. Wallace, Central District.

The newly appointed Police Agents and their families attended a reception in the Canteen immediately following the appointment ceremonies.

## Post Scripts

Open Letter to the Baltimore Police Department

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Department whose whole-hearted support made the "Good Guys" night baseball game, at Memorial Stadium, a reality.

To District Commanders and Supervisory Personnel a very special "thank you" for your cooperation in allowing members of the "Gangbusters" to participate on the team.

To the nearly 1,000 members of the Department and their families who attended the game the entire team values your support.

We feel that "Good Guys" night presented tangible evidence of the pride which we know exists within the Baltimore Police Department. Because of your enthusiasm, we plan to move forward by fielding teams in other sports in the future.

Once again, thank you for being part of the team.

Wilbur C. Miller  
Chief  
Community Services Division

## Promotional Ceremonies

On Wednesday, July 2, 1975 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded Certificates of Promotion to two new Lieutenants. The Ceremonies were conducted in the Commissioner's Conference Room and attended by the families

and friends of the newly promoted Lieutenants.

The new Lieutenants and their assignments are as follows:

Tactical Section — Lieutenant Philip C. Farace

Eastern District — Lieutenant Dennis M. Ortman

Also on hand were members of the Command Staff who extended their best wishes to the Lieutenants and their families in this new phase of their law enforcement career.

## MTA Police: A Crime Deterrent

In an effort to reduce crime and to enhance safety for citizens who utilize public transportation in Baltimore the Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation has created a Police Department with a primary mission of policing the bus routes and the vehicles which operate along them.

The Director of Security and Investigation for the Mass Transit Administration, Mr. T. J. Hynes, Jr. has provided a brief summary tracing the history of his department.

"The Mass Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation is one of five agencies under the jurisdiction of the Department. The other four agencies are: The Motor Vehicle Administration, The State Highway Administration, the State Aviation Administration and the Port Administration.

"In 1969, the Metropolitan Transit Authority was formed and purchased the Baltimore Transit Company. On May 1, 1970, its name was changed to the Mass Transit Administration. It now operates about 900 buses in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. The developing Rapid Transit System is also a part of the Mass Transit Administration.

"Article 640B of the Annotated Code of Maryland outlines the duties and responsibilities of the MTA's Security force. This section of the Annotated Code constitutes the creation of a Police Department and its officers have full police powers. This force is known as the MTA Police Department.

"The MTA Police Department is charged with the security of MTA property, equipment, personnel and passengers.

"The MTA depends largely on local police agencies, within its jurisdiction to answer emergency calls on its vehicles involving serious crimes especially, but also other offenses. The MTA police try to handle the type of complaints on a bus which are of a continuous or repeat nature. They also handle emergency calls on the buses when they are in the immediate vicinity. When not handling complaints, they ride buses and patrol various MTA routes, in both plain clothes and in uniform.

"Education and training for MTA police officers is administered by the Maryland Police Training Commission, usually through the Baltimore City or Baltimore County Police Academies.

"MTA police are stationed at 1515 Washington Boulevard. Their office will assist members of the Baltimore Police Department on request."

Mr. Hynes said that his officers have been pleased with cooperation afforded them by members of the Baltimore Police Department. He also said that members of the MTA Police Department look forward to continuing cooperation to reach a mutual goal of continuing professional services to the citizens of the community.

## Sergeant Graduates From Northwestern

Sergeant James A. Durner of the Traffic Division was one of seventy-eight law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the United States and Canada who graduated from the college-accredited Traffic Police Administration Training Program at the Traffic Institute of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, June 14, 1975.

The graduates were honored at a dinner Friday, June 13, in Evanston. Director James M. Slavin presented each with a gold Traffic Institute Key commemorating the student's successful completion of the management-level program. Franklin M. Kreml, founder and former director of the Traffic Institute, was the principal speaker at the dinner.



Sergeant James A. Durner of the Baltimore Police Department's Traffic Division (left) and First Sergeant Morris Krome of the Maryland State Police receive graduation certificates from Director James M. Slavin after completing the nine month Traffic Police Administration Training Program at Northwestern University.

The officers and their families were addressed by Chicago Police Superintendent James Rochford, who represented the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Also included in the program were Dean William C. Bradword, Associate Provost of Northwestern University; Staff Sergeant Mervyn Markell, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Class Speaker and Lieutenant Mark Kroeker, Los Angeles Police Department, Class President.

## Operation PASS

Effective June 28, 1975, the Department has stopped paying a bounty of one hundred dollars for information leading to the confiscation of an illegally possessed handgun.

Police Commissioner's Memorandum 63-74 amended June 25, 1975 states in part.

"Present budgetary constraints dictate the termination of this part of the program. Overview of expenditures will however continue in the hope funding sources can be identified which will allow the reinstatement of the bounty payment.

Members of the force shall continue to encourage our citizens to provide on a voluntary basis information which may lead to the confiscation of an illegally possessed handgun. This agency will continue to provide a safe method of disposing of unwanted firearms by accepting without payment any firearm under guidelines delineated in this memorandum."

The program generated the combined turn-in and seizure of 13,792 weapons.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PROPERTY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Sergeants Joel Weiner, William Clark and Arnold Bedsworth.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Property Crimes — Congratulations to Ronald M. Weintraub, son of Captain Theodore I. Weintraub for receiving a Math Scholarship to the University of Maryland.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Officer Leslie Collins who celebrated his 25th year Anniversary with the Department on June 1, 1975.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — The Tactical Section wishes a Happy Birthday to its Emergency Vehicle Unit which has been in operation since June of 1963.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Albert Bleakley, William A. Burton, Matthew Gobach, Edward Kalmbacker, Francis R. Laws, Michael Mulligan, Burchard Schwabline, John Swedo and Byron Williams.

Best wishes and congratulations to Sergeant Robert D. Edwards on his recent promotion and new assignment. Our loss and Western's gain.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to Sergeant Joseph Johnson.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to the following: Lieutenant Joseph Cadden, Sergeants Norman Gooden and Richard Bednarski, Officers Andrew Leso, Russell Merritt, Michael Mastras, Anthony Petralia, Jerry Waddell, Gary May, Joseph Fulton, Johnny Fisher, George Glick, Jr., and Jeremiah Daley, also School Crossing Guard Shirley Stith.

Farewell to Police Officers Louise Carapico and John Fletcher.

Get well wishes to Police Officer Edward Yanchoris.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Criminalists John H. Miller, Gene V. Tracey and Robert J. Verderamo, Senior Criminalists Jeane Hostetler, Marvin L. Mullen, Donald Thain and Fuad Jarjoura, and Criminalist Irvin B. Litofsky on their recent promotions.

Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician Michael G. Hohleder.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Talmadge who was reclassified from Latent Fingerprint Technician to Latent Print Expert.

Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician Blair Laughlin assigned to the Mobile Unit.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Get well wishes to Police Officer Raymond Depfer, a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital and also E.C.C. Cornelia Rogers, a patient at Franklin Square Hospital.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer Walter Ambrose, who received a plaque of appreciation from the Morrell Park Community, in recognition of his impressive community service on May 22.

**PLANNING & RESEARCH DIVISION** — Congratulations to Police Agents Joel Weiner and John Meeks on their recent promotions to Sergeants. We also offer good luck to them on their new assignments.

Welcome aboard to Police Agent Timothy Almon.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Northwest Softball Team did it again, defeated the News Post Team - 16 to 7, on June 18 at the Woodlawn Junior High School.

School Crossing Guard Edna Bell is now recuperating at home and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Lieutenant George Tiburzi as his son, Robert completed basic training in the U.S.N. Also, we wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Margaret Tiburzi, wife of Lieutenant Tiburzi, who is recuperating at home from recent minor surgery.

Farewell and good luck to Police Officer James Cantrell on his new assignment.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Ronald Lizotte and Joseph Sacco.

Central District's Softball Team known as "Blonde's Blunders" will oppose the WCAO

"Good Guys", in a charity softball game on Wednesday, July 23, at 7:00 P.M. at Utz Twardowicz field in Patterson Park. Proceeds of the game will be donated to the Fallen Heroes Fund of Baltimore City.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BARRICK, MICHELE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John Barrick, Southwestern District, May 17, 7 lbs. 13 oz.

**JOHNSON, JASON**, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph Johnson, Tactical Section, May 28, 2 lbs. 8 oz.

**HAUKDAL, AMY KRISTIN**, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Robert A. Haukdal, Northern District, June 10, 6 lbs. 15 oz.

**PUGH, BRYAN ALEXANDER**, son of Detective Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph W. Pugh, Inspectional Services Division, June 17, 7 lbs. 15 oz.

**LEWIS, JENNIFER LISA**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Larry Lewis, Communications Division, June 26, 8 lbs. 15 oz.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GONYO, VERNA**, mother of Police Officer Phillip Gonyo, K-9 Unit, June 20.

**URSPRUCH, HELEN**, mother of S.C.G. Helen C. Farley, Southwestern District, mother-in-law of Sergeant Donald M. Farley, Community Services Division, Youth Section, Police Boys Club and District Court Judge James J. Welsh, June 23.

**SLOAN, JOSEPH**, father of Police Officer Donald Sloan, Southeastern District, June 23.

**NOLAN, RANDOLPH E.**, father of Police Officer Roger Nolan, Northwestern District, June 23.

**GRIMME, ETHEL I.**, mother of Police Officer Leonard Houck, Traffic Division, Foot Section, June 29.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**LECHLITER, (SCOTT), IMMA E.**, School Crossing Guard, retired from Southeastern District, June 1.

**MULLIGAN, HOWARD**, Police Officer, retired from Western District, June 19.



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## Index Crime Drops 0.5 Percent

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1975

TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	136	136	0	0.0
FORCIBLE RAPE	215	232	+ 17	+ 7.9
ROBBERY	4,406	4,612	+ 206	+ 4.7
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3,034	3,168	+ 134	+ 4.4
BURGLARY	8,399	8,055	- 344	- 4.1
LARCENY	14,434	14,530	+ 96	+ 0.7
AUTO THEFT	3,952	3,664	- 288	- 7.3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>34,576</b>	<b>34,397</b>	<b>- 179</b>	<b>- 0.5</b>

## Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1975

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	186	231	+ 45	+ 24.2
FORCIBLE RAPE	182	200	+ 18	+ 9.9
ROBBERY	1,724	2,143	+ 419	+ 24.3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	904	1,127	+ 223	+ 24.7
BURGLARY	2,478	2,594	+ 116	+ 4.7
LARCENY	3,706	4,378	+ 672	+ 18.1
AUTO THEFT	924	1,010	+ 86	+ 9.3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>10,104</b>	<b>11,683</b>	<b>+ 1,579</b>	<b>+ 15.6</b>

## Recognition Ceremonies

On Friday, July 25, 1975 a special ceremony will be held to recognize the below listed members of the Department who have received college degrees during this past academic year. Those who received Masters and Bachelors Degrees are listed on pages 2 and 3. Those who were awarded Associate in Arts Degrees are listed below:

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Lieutenant John A. Barnes  
Sergeant Kenneth Anderson  
Sergeant Clifton Rinehart  
Officer Ralph Hudson  
Officer David Sweet

### NORTHERN DISTRICT

Lieutenant Charles Hellams  
Sergeant Gary D'Addario  
Sergeant Ronald Davis  
Sergeant Elmer Dennis  
Officer Frederick Glee  
Officer Michael G. Heaps  
Officer James Henderson  
Officer Larry Jones  
Officer John Slawinski  
Officer John Burns

### CENTRAL DISTRICT

Lieutenant Edward Tilghman  
Sergeant Walter Clements  
Officer Robert Franklin  
Officer Clinton Stewart

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Sergeant Earl Gillespie  
Officer Robert Domneys  
Officer Victor A. Santiago

### SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Officer Paul Blair  
Officer Cesar Lazo  
Officer Thomas Moreland

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1975  
MASTERS  
DEGREE



Lt. Michael Zotos  
Administrative



Lt. Stephen B. Tabeling  
C. I. D.



P/A Francis K. Melcavage  
C. I. D.



Criminalistics Supervisor  
John D. Ellis  
Laboratory Div.

BACHELORS DEGREE



Major Ronald J. Mullen  
Planning & Research



Lt. John C. Lewandowski  
C. I. D.



Lt. Herbert F. Armstrong  
Communications



Lt. Robert H. Jenkins  
Fiscal Affairs



Lt. Eugene M. O'Hara  
Administrative



Lt. Howard Parrott  
C. I. D.



Lt. Grover C. Sharp, III  
C. I. D.



Lt. Edward V. Woods  
Commissioner's Office



Sgt. John Haase  
Northwestern



Sgt. William O. Gossman  
C. I. D.



Sgt. Michael Kuriny  
Western



Sgt. Scottie McDonald, Sr.  
Central



P/A Phillip B. Reid  
E and T



Off. John Keavney  
Southwestern



Off. Morris Allen  
Western



Criminalistics Supervisor  
Joseph V. Lanzetta  
Laboratory Div.



Criminalist  
Irvin B. Litofsky  
Laboratory Div.



Principal Criminalist  
Robert J. Verderamo  
Laboratory Div.

Officer Charles E. Smith

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
Sergeant Thomas Fischer  
Detective Edward M. Boyle  
Detective Richard Hite  
Detective Stanley Mezewski

TRAFFIC DIVISION  
Sergeant Sidney R. Hyatt

PERSONNEL DIVISION  
Sergeant Bessie R. Norris

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION  
Officer Gordon Amey, Jr.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
Officer Raymond J. Butler

PLANNING AND RESEARCH  
Officer Walter G. Heuer

CATONSVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT  
Lieutenant John Papier  
Officer Bert Ricasa

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT  
Sergeant Frank Reitterer

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT  
Officer Joseph Lettau

NORTHERN DISTRICT  
Sergeant John Marshall

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
Detective Hart Kerlin

ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TACTICAL SECTION  
Lieutenant Herbert F. Tscheulin, Jr.  
Officer Thomas A. Brett

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES  
Sergeant Joseph J. Palmere, Jr.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
Sergeant Clarence Hundley  
Detective John Grimes

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT  
Officer Bryce L. Widdowson, Jr.

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT  
Officer Leonard Podgorski

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION  
Cadet John A. Brazil, Jr.

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
Det. Sergeant John R. Cunningham  
Detective Billie Hedgepeth

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT  
Sergeant James Freeman

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
Det. Sergeant Ralph G. Clements  
Detective Thomas Douglas  
Cadet Donald Ossmus, Jr.



Agent Arthur M. Amey  
Planning & Research



Off. Andrew Gerakaris  
Tactical



Det. Thomas Maly  
C. I. D.



Off. Eugene O'Sullivan  
Central



Off. William Wielechowski  
Northern



Printing Press Operator  
Donte E. Bowler  
Central Records Div.

### Associate Degrees

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Officer Prenterald Price

#### SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Officer Jerry Crute

#### WESTERN DISTRICT

Officer James P. Klein  
Officer Frank Robertson  
Officer Fred Wallace

#### NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Officer John Parker  
Officer Edward Schmitt  
Officer Joseph Shaw

#### TACTICAL SECTION

Sergeant Joseph S. Johnson  
Sergeant John P. Rorke  
Officer Gerry McCall  
Officer Robert F. Smith  
Officer Alvin A. Winkler  
Officer Michael Miller  
Officer Tobe Morrow

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to Mr. Joseph H. Cooke, Sr., father of Lieutenant Joseph Cooke, recuperating in South Baltimore General Hospital.

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — A speedy recovery is extended to Police Officer Martin Pettersen, a patient at Children's Hospital.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Leonard Houck of the Intersection Control Section, on his recent loss.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Best wishes and congratulations to Lieutenant Dennis Ortman on his recent promotion. Good Luck on your new assignment to the Eastern District.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Lawrence E. Leason, Jr. on his recent promotion.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Special Investigations Section — Members of this Section wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Margaret McGill, Senior Clerk Typist.

Mrs. McGill wishes to extend her thanks to the members of this Section for their many cards and prayers while recuperating in the hospital.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Police Agent Earl Roberts.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to Police Agent Louis Tomaschko. Agent Tomaschko was recently appointed to the position of Police Agent.

Congratulations to Police Agent Arthur Amey on his recent appointment.

Members of this Division wish to extend deepest sympathy to Senior Clerk June Voight on her recent losses.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Computer Programmer Thomas J. Karabraich on his recent loss.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Congratulations and best wishes are extended to School Crossing Guard Bernice V. White on her recent retirement after 20 years and 3 months service. At a Luncheon given by the School Crossing Guards and held at the State Office Building, Major Harwood Burritt presented her Certificate of Retirement. Mrs. White was also honored at a Luncheon held at the Federal Office Building. She received many presents and well wishes from the parents of the school children.

The Baltimore District Council, Inc., of the American Legion chose Police Officer Paul Hoffman as the recipient of their award as "Outstanding Officer of the Year 1974-1975". He was given the award at a special ceremony held at the War Memorial on June 26. Officer Hoffman is a five year veteran with the Department and was singled out for his outstanding performance with the Department.

On May 27, the Optimist Club of Midtown Baltimore honored Officer Hoffman at its annual "Respect for Law Day." The affair is conducted to express the Club's appreciation of that law enforcement officer who, in their judgment, excelled in the performance of his duties. The Officer was selected for his outstanding record with the Department.

## WEDDINGS

**TIBURZI, DOMINIC**, son of Lieutenant George Tiburzi, Central District, and the former Miss Theresa Fallon.

**MEYER, JOHN C.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section and the former Miss Mary Renee Kaller, May 10.

**ZMIJESKI, PAUL**, Cadet, Central Records Division and the former Miss Kathy Ann Grabowski, May 17.

**WRIGHT, ROBERT**, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Miss Carol Diane, May 23.

**CAPLAN, HOWARD**, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Miss Marsha Ansel, May

31.

**MATARAZZO, THOMAS**, Police Officer, Tactical Section and the former Miss Angela Freeman, June 7.

**McENTEE, JOHN**, Cadet, Central Records Division and the former Miss Rosemary Birmingham, June 7.

## RETIREMENTS

**WHITE, BERNICE V.**, School Crossing Guard, Central District, 20 years and 3 months.

**PICKUS, CORDELIA P.M.**, School Crossing Guard, Northwestern District, 21 years, June 21.

**ERDMAN, WALTER A.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 27 years, July 1.

**DOTSON, BESSIE L.N.**, School Crossing Guard, Northwestern District, 16 years, July 7.

**DREXEL, JOHN C.**, Lieutenant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years, July 10.

**HUGHES, WILLIAM C.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 26 years, July 10.

**REMEIKIS, ANTHONY J.**, Police Officer, Northern District, 26 years, July 10.

**MACKALL, HELEN E.**, School Crossing Guard, Western District, 22 years, July 10.

**DERRENBARGER, GILBERT O.**, Sergeant, Office of the Chief of Patrol, 21 years, July 17.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GILLIAM, ROBERT E., SR.**, father of Police Officer Robert E. Gilliam, Jr., Southwestern District, June 29.

**BRYANT, PAUL J.**, father-in-law of Telephone Operator Lutherene Bryant, Communications Division, July 2.

**STANTON, ANNIE**, grandmother of Cadet Leroy Stanton, Jr., Communications Division, July 3.

**COBURN, MARGARET**, grandmother of Police Officer John Barton, Central District, July 4.

**BOUGOURD, JOHN N.**, father of Radio Technician Frederick A. Bougourd, Radio Repair Section, Communications Division, July 6.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## Police Role Outlined For Graduates

The following comments were made by Mr. Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice concerning the Baltimore Police Department and the Criminal Justice System during the graduation exercises on July 25, 1975.

The attitudes of Baltimoreans toward our police services are no different from that reflected in major areas across the country — inconsistent, confusing, and critical to understand. The police are appreciated when they are needed but are often feared because they represent the front-line of authority. They are ridiculed on *Car-54. Where Are You?* and idealized on *Hawaii-Five-O*. In some other cities, there is continual tension between executives, the judiciary, and police services. Only rarely is the real nature of police work understood by the general public and rarely is the person inside the uniform known as a human being, with strengths and weaknesses, biases and concerns like everyone else.

However, there is no confusion about one basic point. When threatened or faced with trouble, all Baltimoreans expect quick police response; when victimized, we want — and demand — the services of a professional.

This inconsistency in public support for the Baltimore Police Department often causes feelings of discouragement among those of us in the criminal justice system, and especially among civilians and sworn officers of the Department. Yet, rest assured, many of your vocal and least informed critics are those who rely heavily on their police to provide security and safety on the streets.

Crime is one of the nations most

pressing domestic problems. Finding a solution for the crime problem should be the highest priority for all of us. We taxpayers must decide what crime we will tolerate, what measures we will use to reduce crime, and the amount of resources we are willing to allocate to alleviate it. Crime is also a much misunderstood issue — distorted by myth, often inflamed by popular emotion, and desperately in need of careful, well-planned solutions. Lessening citizen fear of crime, fear of becoming a victim, is a fundamental problem requiring careful analysis and positive response.

I am not going to recite recent crime statistics. You are quite familiar with the rising rate of reported crimes and the fact that many more crimes are committed than are reported. Whether we are talking about violent crime, crime against property, fraud or embezzlement, or governmental corruption, crime is an expensive proposition.

In 1973, Americans lost \$856 million in burglaries — \$543 million from residences and \$313 million from non-residential burglaries. Automobile thefts accounted for losses in excess of \$1 billion, even though 82% of the stolen vehicles were eventually returned to their owners. Robberies resulted in \$1000 million in losses, not counting the significance of personal injury or death that may accompany an armed attack. Larceny-thefts re-

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## Graduation Ceremonies

Thirty-four new Baltimore Police Officers having completed eighteen weeks of academic, physical and practical law enforcement training have graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division. One member of the Maryland Department of Transportation, one member of the Department of the Navy and one member of the Annapolis Police Department also completed the intensive training with Class 75-3 on Friday, July 25.

Mr. Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, delivered the commencement address.

Following the Graduation Exercises, Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Honor to two civilians for their outstanding service to the community and presented Bronze Stars to ten officers for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

Also during the Commendation Ceremonies, Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Wilbur C. Miller, Chief of the Community Services Division made a special presentation to Benjamin Rosenberg, President of Insurance Inc., Bruce Dunham, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Doner Advertising Company and Herb Fried, Vice-President of the Doner Advertising Company for their efforts in promoting "Good Guys Night."

### BRONZE STAR

While off duty and driving in his personal car Officer Gregory Eads, Northern District heard gunshots in the area. As he turned the corner he saw

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# Criminal Justice

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sulted in \$603 million in losses.

The impact of crime goes beyond the rate of Index Crimes reported quarterly by the FBI. Petty offenses, such as vandalism, disorderly conduct, false fire alarms, glue sniffing, and many "victimless" crimes cause hundreds of our residents to be afraid to live and work in the City. Many persons arrested for these lesser crimes progress through our system and escalate their illegal and potentially dangerous actions into violent crimes. Over half of all those arrested for serious crime are under 18 years of age. So crime statistics present only one dimension of the problem. The fear of crime limits our daily activities, erodes our spirits, and affects the quality of life throughout the City.

All of this presents a formidable task for the Baltimore Police Department and our criminal justice system. It is critical for all of us to appreciate the limitations of police services to control crime and its resultant fear. Police are only one component of an often fragmented, isolated and disorganized non-system — a system the general public does not understand. Investigation, detection, and apprehension are primary police responsibilities — as are traffic control, rescue activities, control of civil disorders, improvement of police-community relations, and basic crime prevention. Too often in the past the police have been blamed for rises in crime without the public understanding that police services are only one piece of a system. The tide is changing, however, and I would like to briefly highlight this important happening.

Increases in reported crimes and arrest rates force more persons into the juvenile court and criminal court process. What the courts and their supportive services are able to do is also greatly affected by public attitudes, understanding, and willingness to commit tax dollars in a total crime control effort. Long delays from arrest to trial, inadequate pre-trial release services, limited prosecutor and public

defender capabilities, too few criminal courts, ineffective court-docketing and scheduling processes, cursory juror education, untimely witness summoning, poor physical facilities for victims awaiting court appearances, unnecessary trial postponements, and ineffective sentencing alternatives all contribute to our inefficient criminal justice system.

In addition, correctional facilities and services must be expanded and must become responsive to the range of needs confronting each person in their care and custody. Baltimore City Jail has begun to develop a variety of security and custody programs aimed at maintaining control of the 1600 persons in their care while developing some limited medical, legal, social and psychological services. Our constitutional principles insist that persons are innocent until proven guilty and 90% of the Jail's prisoners are awaiting trial. In addition, the State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Juvenile Services Administration under the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene must have public support to expand their community-based services to non-violent law-violators while devising creative new ways to deal with others in their institutions. It is important for us to also recognize that 80% of convicted law-violators, juveniles and adults, are supervised in the community. Only 20% are in institutions. Unfortunately, 80% of corrections expenditures are in the institutions, our least productive resource in the entire criminal justice system. It becomes evident that all of the correction systems strengths and weaknesses also impact on crime rates and directly upon police services.

Sometimes it appears that crime prevention and control, basic law enforcement, and rehabilitative motives of legislation and community resources cannot live in harmony. The different professional disciplines within the criminal and juvenile justice system often debate this issue. It is also a source of heated discussions by key policy-makers, such as the members of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice and the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice. The

community-at-large, however, needs to educate itself about crime, see its personal and collective role in the process, and actively participate in strengthening our criminal justice system.

All of us must be more conscious of not buying stolen property, educating ourselves and our neighborhoods in crime prevention techniques, learning the strengths and weaknesses of our laws and the agencies established for crime control by our tax dollars, and make a personal commitment to reduce crime. Without this personal investment on the part of the general public, your job as police will continue to be frustrating, fear will increase with each day's newspapers, and our quality of life becomes less meaningful. It is also important to recognize the critical role of employment and recreational programs, alcohol and drug addiction treatment services, a flexible educational system, and a substantial range of family services to offer assistance to those in need. In Baltimore, approximately 65% of all homicides are between people who know each other. Police are also subject to abuse or assault in responding to domestic crises and family problems should not be the primary responsibility of the criminal justice system. We must support more adequately basic family services, adequate food and housing for all, and restore the dignity of family responsibility.

I am confident that the professionalization exhibited in the Baltimore Police Department in the past under Commissioner Pomerleau will be increased by the skills and expertise of this graduating class. Many of you have college degrees, have attended night school, or will advance your formal education in the future. You are to be commended for these efforts for they have required time, energy, and perseverance — all vital qualifications for effective police work. Keep enthusiastic about your career. Recognize how critical you are to the life of our City. Understand your profession's capabilities but recognize its place within our constitutional process and its relationship to the other parts of our criminal justice system. The coming years will undoubtedly bring

many changes in your personal and professional lives. I promise you Mayor Schaefer's support for your efforts and my personal commitment to our common objectives of a just, orderly and humane society.

## Graduation

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the gunman shoot his intended victim. The Officer gave immediate chase after telling bystanders to call for an ambulance and back-up units. He chased the gunman into a nearby residence and when he knocked, shots rang out striking the officer. Officers Robert Manley and Edward Burns, Western District, arrived and also came under fire. Both officers urged the gunman to surrender and convinced him to throw out his weapon.

After hearing a broadcast describing the get-away-car and a suspect wanted for a bank robbery Officers Herman Spert and Harry Van Cleef, Central District, spotted a suspect vehicle. They affected a traffic stop and while approaching the suspect spotted the driver sitting on a coat similar to the one described. They placed him under arrest and after further investigation they not only found the money taken in the hold-up, but also that the car was stolen and that the suspect was wanted on a federal escape warrant.

Officer James R. Schmidt, Eastern District, after entering a residence on an assault in progress call was confronted with a man armed with a steak knife standing over a woman bleeding profusely from stab wounds. The Officer was able to draw the suspect's attention and after persistent demands convinced him to drop the knife and surrender.

The development of potential sources of information while routinely patrolling his post paid off for Officer Michael Lasky, Southeastern District. After developing the necessary information through his contacts and in company with robbery detectives, he proceeded to a residence and arrested a suspect bank robber. Investigation revealed a large sum of money taken in the robbery, a large quantity of suspected narcotics and clothing worn by the suspect in the commission of the crime. Further investigation by the Officer led to the arrest of

two other suspects wanted in the bank robbery.

A silent alarm enabled Officer Darryl Blankman, Northern District, to surprise two suspects in the act of committing a robbery of a business establishment. As one of them was leaving the establishment, Officer Blankman ordered him to halt. The suspect wheeled around with a shotgun and the Officer fired as the gunman jumped into a waiting car containing a second suspect. Sergeant John Marshall arrived and immediately gave chase followed by Officer Blankman. A short time later the suspects bailed out of the car and Sergeant Marshall pursued the gunman on foot. The chase ended when the suspect turned to fire and the Sergeant shot him and took him into custody. The second suspect was also successfully apprehended by Officer Blankman after a short foot chase.

Responding as a secondary unit to a shooting, Officer Horace Comegna, Southeastern District, began to canvas the area for the suspects. He spotted three youths running from the scene, overtook them and arrested all three. He found one of the youths carrying a revolver that was used in the shooting.

## Special Leave

Special leave of absence for death in the family has been amended in keeping with the policy of the City of Baltimore under Police Commissioner's Memorandum 41-75.

The immediate family consists of: Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Spouse, Children, Mother-in-law, Father-in-law, Step or half-blood relative, and any relative residing in the same household as the employee.

Employees will be granted four (4) consecutive work days of leave of absence with pay for the death of any member of the employee's immediately family. These four (4) days of leave will be granted beginning either on the day of death or the work day immediately following the day of death, whichever the employee chooses.

Employees will be granted one (1) day of leave of absence with pay for the death of: Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles.

This one (1) day of leave must be taken within four (4) calendar days of the date of death.

## Direct Deposit Payroll Plan

The Direct Deposit Payroll Plan is a unique method of depositing your paycheck directly into your checking account. This no cost commercial banking service is being provided by the First National Bank of Maryland under a contractual agreement with the City of Baltimore.

Your pay is sent directly to the First National Bank which funnels it directly to the bank of your choice. The money is available for withdrawal at 9:00 a.m. on payday.

Some of the advantages of such a system are obvious. The plan guarantees that you get paid on time. Those working shifts will no longer need to make special trips back to work for their checks. When on leave your pay is still deposited and your money is in your account.

On payday you receive your pay stub, which is proof that the money has been deposited.

The Fiscal Affairs Division has sent to all Districts and Units, a listing that must be completed and returned by 10:00 a.m., August 7. Participation in the program is voluntary and those who do not wish to join will continue receiving their pay as in the past.

## Colt Nite

The sale of Colt Nite tickets are the primary source of funds for the Baltimore Police Boys' Clubs. Since its formation in 1944 over 57,000 inner city youths have taken advantage of the many activities offered.

This year members of the Department sold more than 32,000 tickets to the game held on the 26th of July at Memorial Stadium. It featured a regulation game between the first and second year members of the Baltimore Colts and the Washington Redskins.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician Robert Houston recently assigned to the Mobile Unit.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Clifton F. White on his recent loss.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend best wishes to Sergeant Charles Siford on his recent retirement.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — A very speedy recovery to Lieutenant Herbert Tschulin (assigned to Tactical Section, detailed to this District), who was seriously injured in an auto accident and is presently confined to the hospital.

Sincere sympathy to Police Officer and Mrs. Frank Baker on their recent losses.

Congratulations to Paul Egbert, age 11, son of Lieutenant Glenn Egbert who won the bronze medal in the National Age Group Weight Lifting Championship (bantam weight). Paul was the youngest lifter in the contest and was competing against the best 15 year old lifters in the country. This meet was sanctioned by the A.A.U. and was part of their Olympic development program.

## WEDDINGS

**WILLIS, LEONARD**, Detective, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide and the former Miss Debrah Swedenburg, June 14.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOFFMAN, DANA ELIZABETH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul Hoffman, Central District, 9 lbs. 3 oz.

**KOCH, KATHERINE MARIE**, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. John Koch, Central District, 7 lbs. 7 oz.

**WOLFE, JASON DAVID**, son of Senior Clerk Typist

and Mr. Michael Wolfe, Personnel Division, Medical Section, 8 lbs. 12 oz., June 13.

**PARLETT, BRIAN FRANCIS**, grandson of Police Officer Cora January, Southeastern District, 8 lbs. 12 oz., July 2.

**MEALEY, KAREN DEANNA**, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Dale Mealey, Southwestern District, 7 lbs. 7 oz., July 4.

**DOWNING, SHELDON JEROME**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. William Downing, Southeastern District, 7 lbs. 15 oz., July 4.

**COLE, BRANDEN SCOTT**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Vincent Cole, Central District, 8 lbs. 14 oz. July 6.

**ROGERS, JONATHAN D.**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Daniel Rogers, Northern District, 8 lbs. 8 oz., July 24.

**DARCHICOURT, MICHAEL JOSEPH**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph Darchicourt, Southeastern District, 8 lbs. 8 oz., July 28.

## IN MEMORIAM

**MON, JOSEPH M.**, father of Police Officer Joseph M. Mon, Eastern District, July 4.

**HAY, GEORGE**, father of Police Officer Jean Holmes, Central District, July 7.

**WHITE, CLIFTON P.**, father of Police Officer Clifton White, Laboratory Division, July 7.

**TERRY, ROBERT**, brother of Cadet Robert McKenstry, Central Records, July 12.

**MELTON, WILLARD**, father of Police Officer Joann Maguire, Northeastern District and father-in-law of Sergeant David Maguire, Central District, July 13.

**RUDOLPH, MINNIE**, wife of retired Police Officer George Rudolph, Traffic Division and mother of Sergeant Matthew Rudolph, Central Records Division, July 14.

**SCHMIDT, JOHN E.**, father of Police Officer Henry W. Schmidt, Jr., Community Services Division, Youth Section, Police Boys Club, July 14.

**BRADFORD, WALTER**, uncle of School Crossing Guard Delores Day, Western District, July 16.

**HUTSON, MARGARET E.**, grandmother of Lieutenant Francis Hutson, Communications Division, July 18.

**WALTERS, ELIZABETH**, mother of Police Officer John Walters, Northern District, July 19.

**LOSS, JOHN**, father-in-law of Police Officer Charles Johnson, Southeastern District, July 19.

**WEINTRAUB, BENJAMIN**, father of Captain Theodore I. Weintraub, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, July 22.

**LEONARD, CORA**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Charles Eyley, Southern District, July 24.

**THOMPSON, THOMAS L.**, father of Police Officer Richard Thompson, Western District, July 24.

**SCHUSTER, JOHN A., SR.**, father of Detective Sergeant John A. Schuster, Jr., Internal Investigation Division, July 24.

**ROBINSON, CORWIN**, brother of Police Officer Richard Robinson, Tactical Section, July 27.

**BISSON, JOSEPH F.**, father of Police Officer Joseph B. Bisson, Commissioner's Office, July 28.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**DONEGAN, ALICE G.**, Administrative Assistant, retired from the Police Commissioner's Office, July 5.

**HAWKINS, WILLIAM**, Police Officer, retired from Central District and father-in-law of Police Officer Richard Wojtek, Communications Division, July 12.

**KARASKAVICZ, PAUL A., SR.**, civilian employee, active duty, Property Division and father of Detective Paul A. Karaskavicz, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area III, July 15.

**FISCHER, ANDREW H.**, Police Officer, retired from Central District, July 15.

**GAENG, G. GORDON**, Captain, retired from Office of the Chief of Patrol Division, July 24.



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# NEWSLETTER

## Members Of The Department Recognized For Achievement

*"Your educational achievement, whether an advanced degree or a certificate, was the result of much personal sacrifice. It was gained at the expense of time which could have been spent with family and friends. Its cost was your time for relaxation and recreation. It is, however, a tangible asset which must be treasured. I wish to commend you for your efforts."*

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On Friday, August 15, 1975, a unique ceremony was conducted in the Department's auditorium. Those present were being honored for their academic achievement, for degrees or certificates earned in the past twelve months.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau structured the ceremony in such a way that each of the 110 members who were being recognized, received praise for their accomplishments.



Retired Deputy Commissioner Ralph G. Murdy addresses those gathered at the Recognition Ceremonies.

In addition to the Command Staff, guests included former Deputy Com-

missioner Ralph G. Murdy, now Chief of Protective Security and Safety for the Social Security Administration and Mr. Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice.



Mr. Richard W. Friedman pointed out the importance of increased professionalism within law enforcement.

Commissioner Pomerleau, in his remarks, traced the history of higher education among members of the Department. He pointed out that in the mid '60's the number of members of the Department who were attending classes in area colleges and universities was miniscule. In contrast he reviewed figures indicating the large percentage of members who either hold academic degrees or who are actively completing the requirements.

The Commissioner recognized the fact that higher education exacts a lot of time and energy for members of the Department who must work shift work

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## Major Larkin Retires

District Commander Robert L. Larkin is concluding his law enforcement career, which spanned more than twenty-seven years with the Baltimore Police Department. The Commander of the Southeastern District will retire from the Department on August 23, 1975.

Major Larkin began his career in December, 1947 in the Northern District as a patrolman. He remained in the Northern until he was promoted to Sergeant in November, 1955. As a Sergeant he was assigned to the Southwestern District where he remained until he was promoted to Lieutenant in May, 1964.

He spent less than five years as Lieutenant in the Southeastern District where he later returned as the Captain and then as the District Commander. After being promoted to Captain in April, 1967 he was assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

As a Captain he also served in the Northern District and in the Traffic Division before being appointed to the



ROBERT L. LARKIN

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## Ceremonies

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and also attend a heavy schedule of classes. This he pointed out adds to the burden placed on the entire family.



Commissioner Pomerleau congratulated Lieutenant Michael Zotos, one of the seven members of the Department who received a Masters degree.

He told relatives of the recent graduates, who were in attendance, that a lot of credit for the academic achievements of their loved ones must go to families whose interest and understanding has contributed to success.

Former Deputy Commissioner Murdy congratulated the graduates for their accomplishments. He cited the history of the Department's educational program and expressed special pride in the fact that the amount of educational involvement, by members of the Department, is constantly increasing.



Commissioner Pomerleau and Mr. Ralph G. Murdy congratulated Lieutenant John C. Lewandowski, one of the twenty-four members of the Department who received a Bachelors degree.

Mr. Friedman, who was representing Mayor William Donald Schaefer, praised those being recognized for their achievement. He pointed to education as a major factor in the evident profes-

sionalism of the Baltimore Police Department.

Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes, a member of the Department for 40 years, reviewed the history of attitudes about higher education within the Department. He said that 40 years ago a high school diploma was the highest achievement of members of the Department. The emphasis, he noted, was placed on just about anything, except education. Over the years, he said that education has played a leading part in changing the role of the law enforcement officer in the community. He too congratulated those assembled for their accomplishment.

Following the ceremonies those being honored adjourned to the Department Canteen for refreshments and informal conversations with the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff.

The following were not included in the list of graduates printed in the NEWSLETTER on July 23, 1975:

### BACHELOR DEGREES

Sergeant Marcellus Boles, Southern District — University of Baltimore

Sergeant Frederick Neubauer, Education & Training — University of Baltimore

Officer Glen Miller, Eastern District — York College of Pa.

### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

Officer Ervin Boulware, Southwestern District, Community College of Baltimore

Officer James Hill, Central District — Catonsville Community College

Officer Charles Leonard, Eastern District — Essex Community College

Officer Frederick Miller, Southern District — Community College of Baltimore

Officer Thomas D. Nevin, Southwestern District — Essex Community College

Officer William Ritmiller, Eastern District — Essex Community College

Lieutenant Francis M. Gutierrez, Sr., Property Division — Essex Community College

Officer Bernard Hartlove, Eastern District — Community College of Baltimore

Officer Gary Mitchell, Eastern District — Essex Community College

## Retirement

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exempt position of District Commander in February, 1975.

When Major Larkin retires from the Department he is not ending his career in law enforcement. He is taking his extensive experience to Johns Hopkins University where he has accepted a position as Chief of Security.

## Save-A-Life

Recently the Baltimore Fire Department introduced a program that could save your life or that of a member of your family. The program called Operation Save-A-Life lists nine safety checks and precautions for your home.

These possible sources of fire have caused more than 40 deaths, 70 injuries and untold grief to the citizens of Baltimore. Make the below checks at your home and Save-A-Life.

1. Never leave children unattended
2. Check entire heating system from basement to roof. For free inspection of oil burners call 396-4429.
3. Check all electrical wiring and appliances. Look for too many extensions and frayed cords especially under carpets or drapes.
4. Check all cooking equipment. Make sure that there is no grease and that curtains, towels, pot-holders etc. are removed from stove tops.
5. Store all flammables away from sources of ignition.
6. TV sets give off heat, check the rear of the set for ample ventilation and fire hazards.
7. Keep the home neat with proper ash trays for cigarettes and matches and place refuse in proper receptacles.
8. Special occasions can present special fire dangers. Be careful with candles, costumes and decorations.
9. If you extinguish a fire yourself, call the Fire Department to make sure it is out, especially sofa, pillow or mattress fires.

## F & P Retirement System Changes

Section 34 of the "Fire and Police Employee's Retirement System" has been amended and includes increased benefits effective July 1, 1975.

Members with 25 years or more of service, who have been receiving less than \$4,400.00 will now receive an increase of up to \$400.00 to a maximum of \$4,400.00. The beneficiaries of deceased members with the same amount of service will receive a new minimum of \$2,200.00, an increase of \$200.00 per year.

These benefits also apply to retired civilian employees with 30 years or more of service.

## Blood Program

The Blood Assurance Program Committee announced that members of the Blood Program again exceeded the donation quota this year, established by the American Red Cross for the Department. Based on the number of members, the Red Cross requested 860 pints of blood for the fiscal year 1974-75. Total donations through June amounted to 916.

The quota requires an average donation of once every three years. Committee members attribute the excess to those in the Department who donate "the gift of life" every year and to an increased awareness of the Program's benefits in a time of need.

Since the program was established in April 1971 members have successfully filled their annual obligation. Prior to this year although the obligation has been met, needs by those in the program and their families have exceeded donations. This marks the first year that the Red Cross has received a surplus.

The Blood Committee hope that members will again exceed the quota which is based on the number enrolled. Individual notification is made when a donation is due. Anyone requesting additional information may call extension 2650.



One of the main events during the Italian Festival held recently in the Inner Harbor was the beauty contest. Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, one of the judges, aided Peter B. Gay, President of the National Organization of the Sons of Italy of America along with the other judges Mr. James R. White, Mrs. Morris Mechanic and Judge Mary Arabian, in the presentation to Miss Italian Festival 1975, Miss Patti Raffo.

## NEWS NOTES

Members of the Department and their families are invited to attend the Loyola Retreat Family Picnic on Sunday, August 31, 1975 from 1 to 6 P.M. on the grounds at Faulkner, Maryland. The Retreat plans many games for the entire family and beer and soda will be for sale on the grounds. For further information contact Officer Frederick A. Kestler, Property Division, extension 2052.



The Hot Desk of the Central Records Division is strictly an operational services unit which is manned 24 hours a day to provide services to patrol officers and detectives, while conducting an investigation. The desk is manned by at least 8 Cadets on each shift who provide more than 21,000 warrant and record checks on individuals and stolen checks on property a month.

This effort by these Police Officers of the future enable them to become more familiar with the functions of their chosen career.

## Elections

The following members of the Department were elected on July 9, 1975 as representatives of the Personnel Service Board and the Board of Trustees of the Death Relief Fund:

### PERSONNEL SERVICE BOARD

#### Police Officers

Pol. Off. Billie Hedgepeth (Elected)  
 Pol. Off. Harlow Fullwood, Jr. (Elected)  
 Pol. Off. Ronald Kapp (Alternate)  
 Pol. Off. Claude Lamb (Alternate)

#### Sergeants

Sgt. John Wagner (Elected)  
 Sgt. Robert Plaine (Alternate)

#### School Crossing Guards

SchCrsGd. Eugenia Johnson (Elected)  
 SchCrsGd. Carole Hildebrand (Alternate)

### DEATH RELIEF FUND

#### Captains

Capt. Joseph Bolesta (Elected)  
 Capt. Theodore Weintraub (Alternate)

#### Lieutenants

Lieut. Francis J. Riedy (Elected)  
 Lieut. John W. Ryan (Alternate)

#### Police Officers

Pol. Off. Richard Ayres (Elected)  
 Pol. Off. Claude Lamb (Alternate)

#### Civilian

Matr. Proc. Crdr. Keene Gooding (Elected)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — On August 6, 1975, Cadden's Nickel and Dimers beat Carroll's Klinkers 11 to 3 in softball and offered a rematch with a nickel spot.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy and condolences to Darkroom Technician Donald Flynn on his recent loss.

**NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — On July 19th, Sergeant Charles Siford, was given a "Roll-Call" send-off on his retirement after 30 years with the Department. His sector, represented by Police Officers Milton Kryzstofiak and Walter Price, presented him with a "TO REMEMBER US BY" memo to hang on his wall and other gifts. Sergeant Siford immediately began his long awaited retirement on the ocean. Members of this District wish him the best on his retirement.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish to extend deepest sympathy to Principal Clerk Mary Marmen on her recent loss.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations are extended to Policewomen Helen Cook and Erma Stevens of this District and to Mary Stout, Southern District and Roberta DeHuff, retired from Southern District, who on June 26, received plaques of appreciation for outstanding service to the Community. The plaques were presented by Mrs. Mildred Woody, President of the Concerned Citizens Group, Southwestern District. The ceremony was attended by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia and a group of the Southwestern District Concerned Citizens.

## WEDDINGS

**HARRISON, STEPHEN K.**, son of Police Officer Douglas Harrison, Sr., Central District, and the

former Miss Patricia D. Mooney, daughter of Lieutenant Edward Mooney, Anne Arundel County Police Department.

**FISHER, RAYMOND J.**, Police Agent, Planning and Research Division and the former Marlies Bieber, August 3.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GERBES, CHRISTOPHER JAMES**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Gerbes, Central District, 8Tbs.

**HENNESSEY, AMY BETH**, granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John H. Hennessey, Sr., Southern District, and niece of Senior Clerk Typist Eileen E. Kozmarek, Public Information Division, 7Tbs. 9 oz., July 31.

**PALMISANO, KIMBERLY ANN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Richard Palmisano, Southern District, 7Tbs. 7 oz., August 1.

**JENKINS, KRISTIN LYNN**, daughter of Criminalist and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Laboratory Division, 8Tbs., August 2.

**HABERKORN, YVONNE ARLYNNE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. William Haberkorn, Southern District, August 3.

**HENDERSON, JOHN ERIC**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Henderson, Northern District, 7Tbs. 2 oz., August 4.

## RETIREMENTS

**MICHNO, EDWARD J.**, Police Officer, Northeastern District, 30 years, August 14.

**RIGGIN, JOHN A.**, Lieutenant, Community Services Division, 27 years, August 14.

**GROSSMAN, JOSEPH S.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years, August 14.

## IN MEMORIAM

**WERNING, WILLIAM C., SR.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Charles T. Mulligan, Jr., Western

District, July 28.

**BRADSHAW, EUGENE A.**, brother of Sergeant Waldemar S. Bradshaw, Communications Division and retired Sergeant Everett M. Bradshaw, Northern District, July 31.

**COLEMAN, LOUIE**, father-in-law of Police Officer Samuel Furrow, Eastern District, July 31.

**ELLISION, MAXIE**, father of Senior Clerk Typist Rosalie Ellision, Central Records Division, August 1.

**WATERS, JOSEPH T.**, grandfather of Supervisor Stephen Campbell, Central Records Division, Staff Review Section, August 2.

**RODEY, ALLEN V., SR.**, father-in-law of Police Officer Gerald DeManns, Tactical Section, August 2.

**FINKELSTEIN, MEYER**, father-in-law of Captain Theodore I. Weintraub, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, August 3.

**LANG, KENNARD G.**, father of Sergeant James Lang, Southwestern District, August 3.

**FLYNN, MARY**, mother of Dark Room Technician Donald Flynn, Laboratory Division, August 4.

**SEYBOLD, GRACE**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Lloyd Emery, Northern District, August 4.

**RAMSEY, ANNA L.**, aunt of Police Officer William Benda, Eastern District, August 6.

**ANGELONGA, PIETRO**, grandfather of Police Officer Michael Franchetti, Communications Division, August 6.

**HAZELWOOD, ROSE**, aunt of Cadet Delvin Banks, Central Records Division, August 7.

**ENGLES, JOSEPH**, uncle of Police Officer Leroy M. Smith Jr., Southern District, August 10.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**FLYNN, WILLIAM J.**, Lieutenant, retired from Criminal Investigation Division, Bureau of Identification, August 4.

**ADAMS, WILLIAM G.**, Sergeant, retired from Eastern District, August 15.



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## Unusual Toolmark Evidence Solidifies Homicide Case

During the course of a robbery of a doctor's office, the masked gunman beat both the doctor and his female receptionist with his sawed-off shot-gun. Although the doctor recovered, the receptionist died from the injuries she sustained.

Mobil unit technicians of the Laboratory Division responded and processed the scene as Homicide Detectives began an intensive investigation. Among the items of evidence recovered was a three inch portion of a metal bolt.

The bolt was sent to the Firearms Identification Unit, whose members are experts not only in firearms identification but in toolmarks as well. Mr. Joseph A. Reitz, Supervisor of the Unit examined the bolt and found that it was of the type used to hold the stock of a shotgun to its frame. After further examination he found a partially drilled cavity that would be suitable for comparison should a suspect drill be recovered.

He passed this information to the detectives working the case and began to check for the type and model of gun, based upon the bolt design and size.

It was theorized that the suspect encountered the metal rod when sawing off the shotgun stock. He then attempted to use a drill to cut the rod. After the hole was only partially drilled he used force to break the rod. It was also theorized that when the weapon was being used to beat both victims the recovered bolt was broken off.

After developing information from their investigation, Homicide Detectives arrested a suspect and recovered a quarter inch electric drill and an assortment

of drill bits.

The drill and the bits were then turned over to Mr. Reitz. He then made test samples for examination. A microscopic comparison revealed identical distinguishing traits of one of the test samples to the recovered metal rod. A subsequent inquiry found that although a few drill toolmark identifications have been made in the past, these efforts had never been validated through research.



Mr. Joseph A. Reitz drills a test sample for microscopic comparison to verify that drill bits leave individual strata. He conducted hundreds of these tests to verify that the marks left by each bit are different and identifiable.

Mr. Reitz contacted a local drill manufacturing plant who supplied him with various bits for experimental purposes. The lab tests conducted revealed that each bit produced unique circular strata within the drilled material.

He then requested and received sample bits from drill manufacturers in West Germany, Massachusetts, Illinois and

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## New Range Completed

On Tuesday August 26, 1975 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and members of the Command Staff inspected the newly completed Practical Police Pistol Course located on the Maryland National Guard Gunpowder Military Reservation. The range features forty-five firing positions, a fifty seat sheltered grandstand, macadam firing lanes at 7, 15, 25, 50 and 60 yards, barricades and a Range Officer's Tower.

The design of the course and the tower was based on the range at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. After the inspection those members present who were National Academy Graduates fired first with Commissioner Pomerleau acting as Range Officer.

The construction of the course was an in house effort completed with the cooperation and assistance of the Maryland National Guard. Under the direction of Major John G. Kollmann, Jr. Director of the Property Division and Lieutenant Francis M. Gutierrez, the skills of various members of the Depart-



Commissioner Pomerleau is given an inspection tour of the new P.P.C. range at Gunpowder by Major Kollmann, Director of the Property Division.

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# Unusual Toolmark

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Ohio. After spending many hours drilling hundreds of test samples and subsequent microscopic comparison he concluded that the marks left by a drill bit leave unique identifiable individual strata in the drilled material.

Documentation and photographs were made on each experimental segment. His efforts came under the scrutiny of a nationally known consulting criminalist who was hired, prior to the trial, by the defendant's attorney. This expert has been involved in the review of numerous prominent cases for the defense including the Robert Kennedy assassination and the Joan Little trial. The consultant never testified at the trial making it apparent that he agreed with the identification based on the extensive research conducted by Mr. Reitz and members of his Unit.



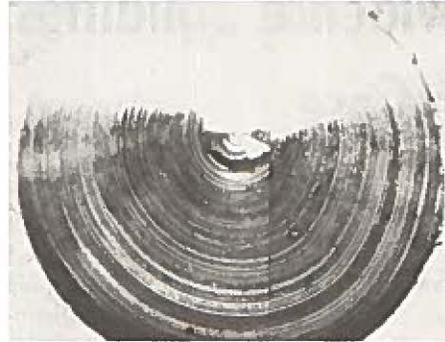
Many hours were spent by Mr. Reitz looking through the comparison microscope comparing and documenting one partially drilled test sample with another.

The evidence was presented in Criminal Court where the defendant was found guilty and sentenced to life plus 40 years. The nature of the identification was unprecedented in Maryland Courts.

Captain James J. Cadden, Commanding Officer of the Crimes Against Persons Section of the Criminal Investigation Division stated the following when he recommended Mr. Reitz for a com-

mendation:

"Mr Reitz's persistence and diligence has established a precedent in police science that adds still further capability to one of the finest Laboratory Divisions in the nation. Perseverance of this nature -not only for its accomplishment in this particular case - deserves high commendation, but the new dimension will have an impact in the future on all Law Enforcement across the country."



Under a comparison microscope one test sample is matched-up with the other by lining up the tool marks left by the drill bit. The match in the split image photo above shows the many strata left when the same bit is partially drilled into two metal samples.

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## Class 75-4 Graduates

Thirty-three new Baltimore Police Officers, having completed eighteen weeks of academic, physical and practical law enforcement training, graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division. The ceremonies conducted for Class 75-4 were held at the Headquarters auditorium on Friday, August 22.

Mr. Quinn Tamm, retired Executive Director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, delivered the commencement address to the new officers. After his remarks, Mr. Tamm assisted Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in distributing the certificates to the graduates.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed. Five Civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community and five officers, including one member of the Baltimore County

Police Department, were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

### BRONZE STAR

On May 20th Officers Michael Miller and Michael Jackson, Tactical Section, responded as a back-up unit to a bank hold-up. The officers gathered what information was available at the scene and began the painstaking work of tracing the route of the suspect. After an intensive investigation which included canvassing neighborhoods and interviewing taxi drivers, they were able to identify the suspect and locate his address. Accompanied by F.B.I. Agents, they obtained permission to search the premises and uncovered several bags of cash totaling \$158,000.00. As a result of their highly successful investigative efforts the F.B.I. staked out the house and later arrested the suspect, after a gun battle and charged him with the hold-up.

While off duty, Officer Timothy Shannon, Northwestern District, came upon an altercation between two men. During the fight one of the men was knocked unconscious. The assailant fled as the officer approached. Rather than pursue the suspect, Officer Shannon immediately administered life saving first aid to the victim who was choking on his tongue. After the ambulance arrived, the officer began canvassing the area for the suspect and was able to apprehend him.

While off-duty and in civilian attire, Police Agent Peter Schraml, Southern District, observed a large altercation develop in a bar. As he was approaching, he observed a male violently strike another, then produce a revolver and fatally wound the victim in the neck. After he identified himself as a police officer Agent Schraml worked his way through the hysterical and violent mob and was forced to subdue the assailant before the weapon was recovered. At this point friends of the deceased attempted to attack the suspect while the suspect's friends attempted to free him. In order to protect himself and secure his prisoner, Agent Schraml had to draw his weapon to restrain the mob until back-up units arrived.

Corporal Edward Smith, Baltimore County Police Department, was off-duty and driving east in Baltimore City, on Patapsco Avenue when he observed

the brutal slaying of a cab driver during a hold-up. Without hesitation he pursued the armed bandit on foot. During the chase he was fired on by the suspect, but he continued the chase forcing the gunman to hide in a wooded area. Upon the arrival of back-up units from this Department they were able to locate and arrest the suspect.

## New Range

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ment were utilized. Officer John W. Clarke and members of his Construction and Repair Unit were involved in most of the work including construction of the grandstand and the Range Officer's Tower. The skills of Lineman Edward W. Stocker, Communications Division, were used to hook-up the public address system in the tower and the lights to be used during night firing. Also deeply involved were members of Training Class 75-6 who spent three full days preparing the grounds.

The agreement with the Maryland National Guard provides that the Department has use of the range Monday through Friday. Accommodations to other agencies will be made by the Scheduling Coordinator, Major Charles G. Vanderbosch, Director of the Educa-



F.B.I. National Academy graduates received tips on double action firing from Commissioner Pomerleau and were the first members of the Department to shoot on the new range.

tion and Training Division.

As guests of the Guard the responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of the range and facilities lies with every member of the Department under the direction of Major Kollmann, who is designated as Liaison Officer with the Military on these matters.

Schedules will be drawn up every two months by the Education and Training Division which also has range officers assigned to the facilities under the supervision of Sergeant Robert F. Fischer.

Accommodations have been made for members of the Department who wish to fire on their own time. The following is the schedule for the next two months:

### SEPTEMBER, 1975

9th Area I (SWD, SD, & CD)

16th Area II (ND, NWD, & WD)  
23rd Area III (NED, ED, & SED)  
30th C.I.D. and Traffic

OCTOBER, 1975

3rd Tactical  
20th Services and Admin. Bureaus  
21st Area I  
27th Area II  
28th Area III

At each practice the Department will supply the participants with 50 rounds of ammunition each. Those who wish to bring more with them may do so. Members who are off and wish to attend their designated session should contact their Administrative Lieutenant in advance who will in turn notify the Education and Training Division so that accommodations can be made. The range will be open from 0900 to 1500 hours on the above dates.



Firearms proficiency is gained through knowledgeable instruction and practice. In addition to the re-training sessions every member will now have an opportunity to increase their proficiency on their own.

After the inspection and practice session Commissioner Pomerleau congratulated those members of the Department whose efforts made this outstanding facility possible.

## NEWS NOTES

The Board of Estimates approved a Deferred Compensation plan that provides a tax shelter and an opportunity for City employees to defer part of their income now in return for an annuity at time of retirement. The Board of Estimates hired the Public Employees Benefit Company (PEBSCO) and the Variable Life Insurance Company (VALIC) to provide the detailed administration of the plan, including soliciting and advising City employees about the details of the plan.



The new range features macadam firing lanes, a Range Officer's Tower, barricades and a fifty seat sheltered grandstand. It is located next to the former range (upper right side behind grandstand) at the Gunpowder Military Reservation and can accommodate 45 officers.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish to extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Bryn R. Joyce on his recent loss.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District wish to congratulate Police Officer Frank S. Bell upon his completion of 24 years service with the Department as of August 23.

**CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Linda Murray, Central Records Division, Identification Section, on her re-classification to Fingerprint Technician.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer Billy Booker, who is recuperating from recent surgery.

Anyone interested in forming or joining a Maryland Law Enforcement Bowling League from the present 8 x 4 shift, should contact Police Officer Yankowski, Northeastern District, as soon as possible. The league will begin on September 8.

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Duckpin Bowlers are needed for the Baltimore Police Department (Retired and Active Members) Red Division League. Anyone interested please contact Sergeant Joseph Riha, Northern District, extension 2455 or Police Officer Stan Grant, Northwestern District, extension 2466. Four bowlers are needed to make a Team, and Members of the Department either Retired or Active, are welcome. Further information can be obtained by calling the aforementioned officers.

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Get well wishes are extended to Police Officer Henry J. Zukowski, Staff Inspections Sections, recuperating at home from a recent illness.

## WEDDINGS

O'BRIEN, PHILLIP C., son of Detective Charles J. O'Brien, Internal Investigation Division, and the former Miss Donna Sampson, August 16.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CURTS, ADAM MATTHEW, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Carl M. Curts, Central District, 6lbs. 14 oz.

BARTELS, HEATHER MARIE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Wilbur C. Bartels, Central District, 7lbs. 14 oz.

SHORMANN, JOSEPH MICHAEL, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Shormann, Central District, 6lbs. 3 oz.

GERALD, DAMON DANTE, son of Senior Clerk Typist Shirley A. and Bennie J. Gerald, Personnel Division, 7lbs., June 28.

BROWN, BRIAN ROBERT, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert L. Brown, Eastern District, 7lbs. 7 oz., July 23.

MENCKEN, CHRISTINE RENEE, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Calvin R. Mencken, Southern District, August 12.

STONE, JENNY ANN, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. William F. Stone, Inspectional Services Division, 7lbs. 9 oz., August 24.

## RETIREMENTS

MCCRORY, THOMAS V., Police Officer, Southern District, 17 years, August 21.

LARKIN, ROBERT L., Major, Southeastern District, 27 years, August 23.

FORD, MICHAEL A., Lieutenant, Eastern District, 28 years, August 23.

## IN MEMORIAM

BRYANT, SOPHIE, mother-in-law of Senior Telephone Operator Lutherene Bryant, Communications Division, August 14.

BURGESS, SALTERS, Reverend, father of Principal Clerk Lillian Fletcher, Northwestern District, August 14.

CONWAY, DESI, grandmother of Detective Clifford Thomas, Criminal Investigation Division, Special Investigations Section, August 15.

MUNK, LEOLA B., grandmother of Senior Clerk Typist Loretta Schmidt, Personnel Division, August 15.

JOYCE, VERNA C., grandmother of Police Officer Bryn R. Joyce, Public Information Division, August 16.

PINKNEY, DORIS, aunt of Principal Clerk Stenographer Francis T. Evans, Western District, August 16.

NEUBAUER, JOHN J., uncle of Police Officers John J. Neubauer, Eastern District and John Scheckells, Traffic Division, August 17.

MIKOVICK, ESTER, mother-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Bretzik, Traffic Division, Mounted Unit, August 17.

KRAUSCH, ERNEST, father-in-law of Police Officer John Perdue, Southwestern District, August 17.

SMITH, THOMAS H., father of Sergeant Gene Smith, Northeastern District, August 18.

SCARDINA, SALVATORE M., father of Police Officers Salvatore S. Scardina, Southern District and Paul Scardina, Education and Training Division, August 18.

BOYCE, HARRY, grandfather of Police Officer Robert Bittinger, Traffic Division, Motorcycle Section, August 18.

WINN, MARY E., mother-in-law of Emergency Call Clerk Mary M. Winn, Communications Division, August 20.

FISCHER, ESTELL, mother-in-law of Police Officer Clifton M. Cavey, Southern District, August 21.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

HAGEN, JAMES J., JR., Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, Foot Traffic Section, August 23.

MURPHY, JOHN B., Police Officer, retired from Central District, August 23.

NEILL, CHARLES, Police Officer, Active Duty, Western District, August 25.

HOLTHAUS, JOHN E., Emergency Call Clerk, Active Duty, Communications Division, August 26.



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## Primary Election Tally Runs Smoothly

The weather, on Tuesday, September 9, 1975, was ideal for an election. Skies were clear with temperatures reaching only the low 80's, a perfect day for a huge turnout. However, this year's primary election drew only one-third of the voters who are registered in Baltimore City.

For the Baltimore Police Department the light voter turnout meant that the unofficial counting of ballots would begin a little earlier than usual since long lines at the polling places at the 8:00 o'clock closing time were not in evidence.

From every voting machine election judges transferred numbers, representing votes cast, to a master ballot sheet. These were double checked for accuracy, then signed by judges for both parties. The large tally sheets were then sealed in color coded envelopes which were designated for delivery to the Board of Election Supervisors, for the official vote count, with a color coded copy delivered to the War Memorial Building for the all important unofficial count.

The Department's copies of the vote totals were delivered by police officers, stationed at each polling place throughout the voting time, to employees of the Department at the War Memorial.

As each envelope arrived it was checked against a master list. At this time it was distributed to a table at which other members of the Department, under supervision, transferred the numbers to specially printed working sheets. These were then broken down and distributed to an area where an adding machine, which had been designated for each candidate, recorded the tabulation.

Even with the lighter voter turnout this procedure had to be followed closely.

On the floor below the area where the tabulation was taking place members of the various news media had gathered to give progress reports of the election tally to their listeners, watchers and readers. Vote counts for each candidate were flashed onto a wall while reporters made up their own reports and telephoned them to newspapers city desks, wire services or radio or television news rooms.

As has been the case in previous elections there were a few relatively minor problems. Trouble shooters quickly solved those and the vote count for the Primary Election progressed smoothly.



The unofficial tally ran smoothly at the War Memorial after the votes were cast for the Primary Election.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomereleau commented that the orderly completion of the vote count was evidence of the expertise and professionalism of those members of the Department who participated in the tabulation. The Commissioner expressed his appreciation not only to those at the War Memorial but also to the hundreds of police officers, stationed at the various polling places, who assisted election officials and members of the public throughout the day.

## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

Twenty-nine Police Officers reported to their Commanding Officers Monday following graduation ceremonies on Thursday, September 11, 1975. Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes welcomed the new officers to the Department during the exercises which were conducted in the Headquarters auditorium.

Mr. Ralph G. Murdy, Chief of Protective Security and Safety for the Social Security Administration, delivered the commencement address to the new officers. After his remarks, Mr. Murdy assisted Deputy Commissioner Keyes in distributing the certificates to the graduates.

Commendation Ceremonies immediately followed. Eight Officers were commended for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

*The Special Commendation is awarded for a display of exceptional courage, intelligence, alertness or skill in the performance of a highly creditable and unusual police accomplishment, resulting in the prevention or solution of a crime and the arrest of those responsible.*

On October 31, 1974, Officer Joseph Hlafka, Western District, responded to a Signal 13. Upon his arrival he saw a man firing an automatic rifle from a house, wounding a fellow officer. Officer Hlafka accompanied by another officer attempted to bring the wounded officer to safety. As they did another series

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## Graduation

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of shots was fired and struck Officer Hlaska in the face, the neck, the shoulder and arm. He fell to the ground badly wounded, and remained in the line of fire until additional assistance arrived and subdued the assailant. Officer Hlaska was hospitalized for several weeks before recovering from his wounds.

While on routine patrol, Officer David Hollingsworth, Northwestern District, was summoned into a restaurant on his post. An elderly gentleman collapsed on the floor and stopped breathing as the officer entered. Officer Hollingsworth immediately cleared the man's windpipe, removing a large portion of food and applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and closed chest cardiac massage until the victim was able to resume normal breathing. The incident is best described by a witness who wrote: "Believe, when I say that in looking at Officer Hollingsworth's face, he was a man pre-occupied with saving a life. He could not have been more emotionally involved had the life been his own. I was and still am deeply touched at man's concern for the value of life in another human being. It is an episode I will never forget. I am sure that if it had not been for the heroic effort of this Police Officer the elderly gentleman would have never left the restaurant alive."

Lieutenant Charles DiPino, Southeastern District, responded as a back up to a call for an armed man. At the scene he found a man threatening suicide, holding a gun to his chest. After stationing the officers out of view, Lieutenant DiPino attempted to talk the man into dropping the weapon and surrendering. He made every effort to dissuade the would-be suicide and enlisted several friends of the man who also talked with him. After more than three hours, Lieutenant DiPino called upon a sharp shooter, Officer Stephen Neuman, Tactical Section, to attempt to knock the weapon from the subject's hand. Acting on these instructions Officer Neuman fired one round from his rifle striking the subject's right hand, knocking the weapon loose. He was then

apprehended and taken to a hospital for treatment.

### BRONZE STAR

*The Bronze Star is awarded when the circumstances involved in the police action exceed those set forth for the Regular Commendation Award, but do not fully meet the requirements of the Special Commendation.*

Detective Robert Jansen, Criminal Investigation Division, had no idea why the occupants of a station wagon were driving at a high rate of speed when he began pursuing the vehicle. Using a parallel street he was able to get ahead of the vehicle and blocked the roadway causing the driver to run off the road. The three occupants bailed out as the Detective radioed for assistance. Their descriptions matched that of the robbery suspects who just held-up a nearby bank and Southern District Officers Michael Cuffley, Donald Waltemeyer and Philip Rossetti joined Detective Jansen in the search. Officer Waltemeyer spotted one of the suspects in an alley, followed and apprehended him. At the same time Officer Rossetti spotted a second suspect attempting to change into different clothes. During the chase Detective Jansen and Officer Cuffley apprehended the suspect without incident. Both men, when arrested, were armed with revolvers. The stolen money was recovered.

## Northeastern District Officer Honored

The Armistead Gardens Post #1529 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars honored a Northeastern District Officer at ceremonies held at the Northeastern District station during roll call on August 29, 1975. Officer James R. Bocklage, a five year veteran, was the recipient of the V.F.W.'s "Policeman of the Year Award."

The presentation was made to express their appreciation of the officer who, in their judgment, excelled in the performance of his duties. Officer Bocklage was selected for his outstanding work during

the past five years in the Armistead Gardens area.



JAMES R. BOCKLAGE

Commander of Post #1529 Charles Lumpkin in making the presentation, cited the reasons for selecting the officer. These included his excellent rapport and personal concern for the citizens living on his post, his ability to investigate and apprehend suspects in numerous felony cases, his rapid response to calls for service and his personal interest in the Armistead Gardens community.

## Bank Hold-up Suspect Nabbed

Bank checks are an important part of every officer's and detective's daily routine. Detective Wilbert L. Sisco, a 21 year veteran and a member of the Crimes Against Property Section of the Criminal Investigation Division has made thousands of such checks at varying times of the day during his career.

He is a welcomed visitor to the employees of the banks he checks and is well known by many of them.

After a teller was given a hold-up note at a bank in the 2000 block Linden Avenue announcing he was armed, she quickly gave the suspect money from her cash drawer. She then looked up and saw Detective Sisco standing by the window intently looking at the suspect and

her. As the suspect began walking away she pressed the alarm and signaled to the Detective.

Detective Sisco entered the bank seconds before the suspect who drew the Detective's immediate attention due to his nervousness. When he saw the 22 year old male pass a folded note and receive a large amount of money he looked for and received a signal from the teller. When he approached the suspect and identified himself the male surrendered without resistance, near the door.

Of the twenty-six bank hold-ups in Baltimore this year, twenty-four have been cleared by arrest through the efforts of Patrol Division Officers, Robbery Unit detectives and Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Eleven of the 24 hold-up apprehensions were made the same day and many of them by officers immediately after the alarm was sounded. This success is attributed to the safe, rapid response of primary units to the hold-up scene, the secondary units to the general area, as well as the numerous periodic bank checks made by members of the Department.

## NEWS NOTES

The Baltimore Police Department is hosting the 13th Training Conference of the International Association of Women Police from October 12th through the 17th. The theme of the Conference will be "Sixty Years of Progress" and will be held at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

For further information contact Sergeant Bessie R. Norris, Chairman, extension 2340 or Sergeant Marian L. Crawford, Co-Chairman, extension 2711.

### *Physical Fitness*

The need to be physically fit and to maintain this fitness is an important consideration for every member of the Department. Police Officers should at all times be prepared for sudden stress situations and physical confrontations that sometime occur in law enforcement work.

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## Northwestern District Officer Wounded

When a citizen flagged down Northwestern District Officers Jerome Wilkins and Joseph Dobrosielsky both believed him when he stated that he had just been robbed by 2 armed subjects. They broadcast a description of the suspects and, believing that they might still be nearby, the officers requested the alleged victim to accompany them to aid in identification while they cruised the area.



JEROME WILKINS

As they drove, the passenger said he recognized one of the hold-up men and directed the officers to an alley where he pointed out a house. As they looked, Officer Dobrosielsky felt a hard object against his neck. The subject then told Officer Wilkins to give up his revolver or his partner would die. The assailant reached over the seat for the Officer's weapon and a struggle for possession followed. In an effort to distract the man's attention, Officer Wilkins hit the accelerator and drove into a telephone pole.

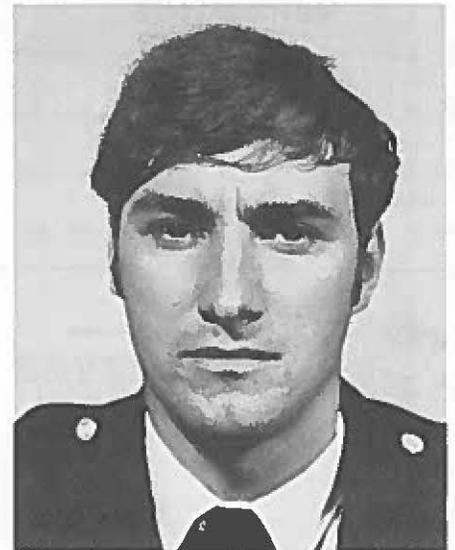
At the point of impact, three shots were fired from the Officer's service revolver. The first went through Officer Wilkins' holster and struck his thumb. The other two shots were fired at such close range that they caused powder burns on Officer Dobrosielsky's back as they barely missed both officers and went through the windshield of the vehicle.

Both officers immediately exited the radio car as the shots rang out. While

Officer Dobrosielsky was recovering from a fall, he saw the suspect fire another shot at Officer Wilkins. He drew his own service revolver and fired a round at the gunman who then began running down the alley. The Officer gave chase exchanging shots with him until the gunman fell to the ground.

Officer Wilkins called for assistance on the radio and then rushed to his partner's aid. As back-up units arrived Officer Dobrosielsky removed the gun from the suspect's control and Officer Wilkins was rushed to an area hospital where he was treated for his wounds and released. The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

Further investigation revealed that the object placed against Officer Dobrosielsky's neck to obtain Officer Wilkins' gun was a toy pistol. A check of Officer Dobrosielsky's damaged Walkie-Talkie revealed it had apparently deflected one of the shots fired at the Officer by the suspect. Officer Wilkins' service revolver revealed that the assailant had fired all six rounds at the officers.



JOSEPH DOBROSIELSKY

It has not been determined why the suspect was so intent upon obtaining the officers revolvers nor if his alleged hold-up story was true.

A fingerprint check on the deceased suspect revealed an extensive arrest history and an outstanding armed assault and robbery warrant.

## NOTICE

With the introduction of a new format and typeface, space has been increased considerably on page four of the NEWSLETTER. The change was made to accommodate more News In Brief from all Districts and Divisions within the Department.

Those members who wish to have information included should submit it in writing through their designated District or Division Clerk. All such requests must be received by the Public Information Division a week prior to the publication date.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. John H. Hennessey, Sr., who recently celebrated 33 years of wedded bliss.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mildred Meyers, wife of Police Officer Raymond Meyers and Mary Cutsail, wife of Police Officer Norman Cutsail, both of whom are recuperating from recent surgery.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TOWERS, JESSICA ANN**, daughter of Cadet and Mrs. Lee Towers, Communications Division, 9 lbs. 15 oz., August 28.

## RETIREMENTS

**BUCCOLA, JEROME V.**, Police Officer, Southern District, 23 years.

**CLARK, HOWARD J.**, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 22 years, August 21.

**SWARTZ, EDWARD S.**, Sergeant, Internal Investigation Division, 18 years, September 4.

**OCHS, KENNETH E.**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 18 years, September 4.

**SANTIVASCI, LEONARD V.**, Police Officer, Eastern District, 18 years, September 4.

**LUKAS, FRANK W.**, Medical Services Administrator, Personnel Division, 5 years, September 11.

**HALL, GEORGE J.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years, September 11.

**PREISS, JOHN, JR.**, Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 26 years, September 11.

**PHILLIPS, ANDREW C.**, Police Officer, Western District, 10 years, September 11.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HANNAN, ARTHUR T.**, brother of Police Officer Charles Hannan, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, August 21.

**WOREN, CLARA M.**, wife of retired Sergeant Nicholas Woren, Central Records Division, August 23.

**OATES, RUBERT**, step-father of Police Officer Charles F. Kreiner, Sr., Communications Division, August 23.

**SOLOMON, MARGARET**, mother of retired Sergeant John Leitz, Tactical Section, August 24.

**LAMDIN, JAMES S. (MRS.)**, grandmother of Police Officer Eugene Lamdin, Northern District, August 24.

**HARRIS, PATRICIA**, mother of Police Officer William Lansey, Western District and sister-in-law of Detective John Lansey, Internal Investigation Division, August 27.

**SMITH, GEORGE E.**, grandfather of Police Officer John L. Swedo, Tactical Section, August 30.

**WAGNER, MARIE**, sister of Police Officer John Crogan, Southeastern District, August 26.

**REZNOK, ROSE**, mother of Sergeant Charles Zeunges, Community Services Division, Youth Section, August 31.

**ROBINSON, LUTHER**, husband of School Cross-

ing Guard Anya Robinson, Western District, and brother-in-law of Detective Charles Porter, Internal Investigation Division and Police Officer Joseph J. Porter, Eastern District, August 31.

**MATUSAK, VICTOR**, father-in-law of Sergeant John L. Sipes, Tactical Section, September 4.

**MORAN, PETER C.**, father of Police Officers Ray Moran, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Squad and John Moran, Traffic Division, Mounted Section, September 7.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**FISHER, JOSEPH M., JR.**, Sergeant, retired from Northeastern District, August 27.

**WADDILL, CLAUDE F.**, Police Officer, retired from the Eastern District, September 2.

## Y.M.C.A.

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The Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) is offering a 30% reduction in yearly membership to those in the Department who wish to join. The only requirement is that at least forty individuals register under the program.

In addition the participating Y.M.C.A.'s which include Black Rock, Druid Hill, Dundalk, Franklin (Downtown), Howard County and Western, are offering one week free trial passes to those who are interested in joining.

The Y.M.C.A.'s all offer year round recreation, physical fitness programs and many have indoor pools and saunas.

Anyone interested should contact the Y.M.C.A. and state you are a member of this agency and are interested in the reduced rate membership.



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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## Baltimore City Fair 1975: A Success

For the sixth time in as many years, Baltimore placed itself on parade at the annual City Fair. Nearly 2 million visitors passed through the turnstiles at the Inner Harbor, from September 18th through the 20th and were met by a kaleidoscope of activities.

Fairgoers of all shapes and sizes, young and old were drawn to the varied neighborhood booths where they met friendly people who enthusiastically gave the visitor a glimpse of their community.



For those who came with an appetite, foods from the many international cultures that make up Baltimore, gave the visitor a rare treat, from exotic pastries to the popular hot dog.

Many agencies located in and around Baltimore had displays which provided information concerning the services that they offer. Entertainment abounded at the Fair, whether it be the amusement rides for children of all ages, to sky diving, to famous entertainers.

Members of the Department participated in the three day affair in a variety of roles. In addition to providing direction and control of the massive influx of pedestrians and vehicles, several Units provided displays and equipment peculiar to their role in law enforcement.

Strategically spaced throughout the Fairgrounds were officers on elevated platforms who provided security and

information from their highly visible positions.

During the Fair hundreds of people visited the various displays that the Department provided. The Community Services Division supplied information about the Officer Friendly Program and Operation Identification. Members of the Tactical Section, Helicopter Unit outlined the duties of "Foxtrot" and displayed a unique model of a Hughes "300-C" Helicopter. In addition to maintaining the traffic flow around the Fairgrounds, members of the Traffic Division exhibited many of the tools they employ including a Reacta machine that allowed visitors to test their reaction time during emergency braking situations.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau extended his compliments to the members of the Department for their outstanding performance during the Baltimore City Fair. "Your efforts", he said, "contributed greatly to the overall success of this unique event."

## Training Conference

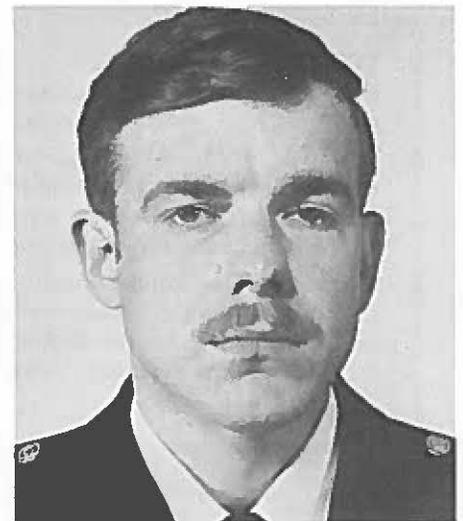
"The Thirteenth Training Conference of the International Association of Women Police" will be hosted by the Baltimore Police Department October 12 through October 17 at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The theme for the Conference will be "Sixty Years of Progress" because Baltimore was the site of the first meeting.

Workshops will be conducted on such topics as Juvenile Crime, Minorities, Community Relations and Rape Investigation with each Workshop consisting of panel members having expertise in these fields.

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## Officer Succumbs To Exhaust Fumes

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, September 17, 1975 for Southwestern District Officer Edward S. Sherman who died September 13 as the result of a unique and tragic set of circumstances.



EDWARD S. SHERMAN

Officer Sherman, 28, a 5 year veteran of the Baltimore Police Department was found unconscious in his patrol car by two fellow officers who were on routine patrol.

The following excerpts from investigative reports shed light on what caused the officer to succumb to carbon monoxide poisoning:

"At about 0718 hours this date, Officer Gary Martin and Officer R. Gooden, working 812 car, responded to the rear of Edgewood Elementary School . . . to try up same. Upon arrival they found 811 car . . . on the rear lot with the motor running and all of the win-

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## Officer Sherman

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dows rolled up tight.

"The car was butted against a chain link fence with a deep undergrowth (of weeds) . . . After attempting to arouse the officer by beating on the windows . . . Officer Martin broke the right front window and pulled Officer Sherman from the vehicle. While on the scene Officer Martin checked Officer Sherman's vital signs and could find none . . ."

Extensive tests were made using the same automobile in an effort to ascertain exactly what caused carbon monoxide, in amounts sufficient to cause a fatality, to accumulate in the passenger area. Results of these tests pointed to three factors, which in the opinion of the experts, caused the high carbon monoxide level:

1. The patrol unit was backed to a chain link fence which was covered by a high growth of weeds.
2. The engine of the vehicle was left running for an extended period of time. All of the windows were closed. The heater was not in use.
3. A small strip of rubber molding (weather stripping) underneath the trunk door near the locking mechanism was missing. (See photograph below.)



Subsequent tests made on 1973, 1974 and 1975 model marked patrol units indicated that the absence of any of the above listed circumstances would not have caused fatal levels of carbon monoxide to accumulate in the passenger section of these vehicles.

Commanding officers subsequently caused an inspection of all vehicles in all districts and divisions in order to determine if the rubber molding was intact and that the rubber grommets (where appropriate) on the trunk floor

were in place. On going checks will continue. The rubber molding or rubber grommets can be repaired or replaced quickly in any defective Departmental vehicles.

In order to prevent similar tragedies in the future all motor vehicle operators are to make certain that the rear of the vehicle is clear of any obstruction when it is to be parked with the engine running. Additionally windows should be opened as far as comfort permits whenever heaters are in use.

## Promotional Ceremonies

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented a Certificate of Promotion to Daniel O. Caulk on September 10, 1975.

During his seventeen years of service with the Department, Captain Caulk has been assigned to the Northeastern District, the Eastern District, the Southern District, Tactical Section and the Southwestern District, and the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, of the Operations Bureau.

Captain Caulk was promoted to Ser-

geant in 1967, to Lieutenant in 1972 and has received two official commendations. He will command the Southeastern District.



DANIEL O. CAULK

## Training Conference

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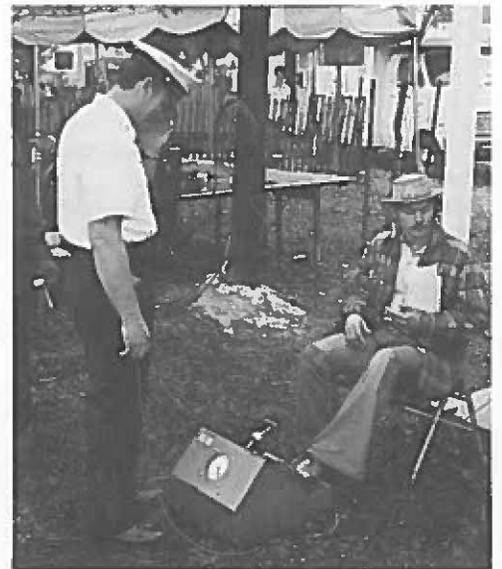
The keynote speaker of the Conference will be Mrs. Sandra O'Connor States Attorney, Baltimore County, who will present "The Status of Women in Law Enforcement." Other guest speakers will feature topics concerning "The Role of Women Police in Today's Society", "Drug Enforcement" and "Drug Treatment."



Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser congratulates members of the Helicopter Unit which received the Helicopter Association of America's Safety Award for logging 13,500 accident free flight hours. The Helicopter Association, which is composed of both civilian and law enforcement agencies, considered more than 300 member helicopter units before presenting 60 awards to those with the most outstanding safety records.



# Baltimore City Fair 1975



## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Alison B. Esler, daughter of Police Officer Charles J. Esler, Mounted Unit, rode off with most of the awards at the Harford County 4-H Fair held recently. Miss Esler and her pony, Love Jay, won first prize at the Equestrian Center in the all breeds gelding class and won the reserve champion halter gelding honors. The combination went on to win first place in the following: The Horsemanship, Stock Saddle Seat, and Cloverleaf Barrels Class as well as in reining and western riding. These winning efforts brought with it the Senior Performance Championship and the Senior Reserve Championship.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Our deepest sympathy to Police Officers Charles Tolson, Gerald Malona and Thomas Marr; also to Administrative Assistant Ruby Warner on their recent losses.

Congratulations to Police Officer Frank H. Mills, whose son, John, recently enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and is presently in training at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Members of the Helicopter Unit wish a speedy recovery to Lieutenant Regis Raffensberger who is "Down in the Dumps" with fractured ribs.

**PATROL DIVISION** — Members of this Division wish to express condolences to Police Officer Willie Cheeks on his recent loss.

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Applicant Investigation Section — Members of this Section wish to express condolences to retired Police Officer William Kowalski on his recent loss.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to Police Officers Daniel Hipsley, Harold Dent, Stephen Jones, James Lampson, Charles Welsh and Paul Zang recently assigned to this District.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to the Northwestern District's Softball Team, who defeated the News Post in a close contest, 17 to 16.

Members of this District wish to extend

deepest sympathy to Principal Clerk Lillian Fletcher on her recent loss.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BEWLEY, ELIZABETH ANNE**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. George E. Bewley, Northwestern District, 8 lbs. 9 oz.

**LAWRENCE, JENNIFER LYNN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Lawrence, Jr., and granddaughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Edwin L. Lawrence, Area III, 6 lbs. 4 oz.

**ROGERS, CHAD ASHLEY**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Dennis M. Rogers, Northwestern District, 7 lbs. 7 oz., August 13.

**GAINES, KENYA NAILAH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. James L. Gaines, Tactical Section, 6 lbs. 4 oz., September 5.

**LANDSMAN, JAY CHARLES**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Jay Landsman, Southwestern District, September 11.

**KUTCHEY, KENNETH BERNARD**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. John Kutchev, Northern District, 10 lbs. 5 oz., September 14.

**CARNES, JAMES P., III**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James P. Carnes, Jr., Eastern District, 7 lbs., 11 oz. September 16.

**FERGUSON, ANDREW C.**, grandson of Senior Telephone Operator Bette Linn, 8 lbs., 15 oz., September 16.

## RETIREMENTS

**MYERS, JAMES A.**, Police Officer, Central District, 5 years, September 17.

**ELZA, DELMAR H.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 19 years, September 18.

## IN MEMORIAM

**RICE, HELEN**, aunt of Sergeant John C. Brown, Communications Division, September 7.

**WALTERS, CHARLES J.**, father of Detective Jan Walters, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Unit, September 9.

**MANN, FREDERICK T. (MRS.)**, grandmother of

Police Officer Robert Hall, Northern District, September 9.

**SMITH, WILLIAM J.**, father of Police Officer William J. Smith, Jr., Southwestern District, September 10.

**SKOPINSKI, EDWARD R.**, brother of Police Officer William P. Skopp, Traffic Division, September 11.

**CHEEKS, WILLIE, SR.**, father of Police Officer Willie Cheeks, Chief of Patrol Office, September 13.

**LORENZ, MADELINE E.**, aunt of Police Officer Thomas Marr, Tactical Section, September 14.

**HARZARI, WILLIAM J.**, father of School Crossing Guard Ruth Messina, Northern District, September 15.

**EBLE, THERESA**, mother of Police Officer George Eble, Southern District, September 16.

**SZETHMARA, ELLA**, grandmother of Detective Edward Kuper, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Unit, September 16.

**KOWALSKI, JOHN**, father of Police Officer William Kowalski, retired from Personnel Division, Applicant Investigation Section, September 16.

**SHIMER, KATHERINE**, sister of Sergeant Edward Connor, retired from Criminal Investigation Division and aunt of Sergeant Joseph Goddard, retired from Community Services Division and Police Officers Marvin March, Southern District and Robert Brandenberger, Central Records Division, Staff Review, September 16.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**KOLODNER, LOUIS J., DOCTOR**, Police Physician, Active Duty, September 9.

**COOK, EDWARD J.**, Sergeant, retired from Eastern District, September 11.

**BUTNER, JOHN P.**, Sergeant, retired from Southern District, September 12.

**SHERMAN, EDWARD S.**, Police Officer, Southwestern District, Active Duty, September 13.

**MCDONALD, ALEX J.**, Police Officer, retired from Northwestern District, September 15.



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## United Fund - CICHA Campaign

When the heavy rains began last month members of the American Red Cross were setting up aid stations and were ready with warm food, shelters and the clothing necessary for those who had to be evacuated. When someone traveling through Baltimore needs help, Travelers Aid is always ready to lend a helping hand. These are but two of the 95 voluntary and service agencies that are supported by your contributions to the United Fund-CICHA Campaign.

**Thanks to you  
it's working**



**The United Way**

This Joint Appeal to the Citizens of Central Maryland encompasses Baltimore City, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County and Howard County, making it a local effort benefitting the communities in which almost all of us live and work.

In years past, members of the Department have contributed generously through payroll deduction to the United Fund-CICHA Campaign. No specific goal has been set for the Department this year, however, it should be remembered that, in an ever-tightening economy, costs for quality health and social services have also risen. We are depending on the individual's generosity

and his interest in keeping Central Maryland a good place in which to live. Through the bi-weekly payroll deduction plan, the support of these worthwhile agencies is evenly distributed throughout the year to insure that funding is uniformly available. This plan also works to the benefit of the contributor, in that his total contribution is spread evenly in relatively small amounts over the entire year.

Pledges for the current United Fund-CICHA Campaign will not be effective until January 1976; all past pledges will end in December 1975.

This year, each contributor to the United Fund-CICHA Campaign will receive a receipt for the full year's value of his pledge, and also a sticker which may be displayed on the front door or in a window at home to illustrate that they are participating in the effort to upgrade the quality of life in their community. Since this campaign is designed as a one-time effort to support these 95 agencies, it is intended and expected that this evidence of participation in the Police Department campaign will be good and sufficient reason to decline any other solicitation on their behalf.

Many of the agencies supported by the United Fund-CICHA Campaign are very familiar to members of the Department in both their professional and private lives. Officers often are confronted with people who are in need of aid or advice. Many are referred by them to one or more of the 95 United Fund-CICHA Agencies. These agencies work for us all in health and rehabilitation, child care, family services, the aging, community services and research.

When you meet with your District

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## Pistol Teams Complete Season

The Baltimore Police Pistol Teams #1 and #2 recently concluded the 1975 Outdoor season at the Harrisburg Hunter and Anglers Range, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The 17th Annual Outdoor Pistol match drew more than 350 teams including representatives of law enforcement agencies from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut and Indiana, in addition to teams from many Federal Agencies.

The Baltimore Police Department teams have a history of outstanding marksmanship in past tournaments and this year was no exception. The Baltimore Police #1 Team won the "First Place Center-Fire" 5 man team trophy in A-Division with a score of 1484 points out of a possible 1500. This score enabled the #1 team to defeat their perennial rival, the Maryland State Police by 7 points.

The #2 Team won the "Second Place .22 Calibre" 5 man team trophy in B-Division with a score of 1458 points out of a possible 1500. In addition to the team competition, members of the Department won individual awards of First, Second and Third Places in .22 calibre and center fire matches.

The members of this year's Baltimore Outdoor Pistol Teams are as follows: Sergeant John W. Laufert (Team Captain) Southern District; Sergeant Kenneth S. Peach, Inspectional Services Division; Officer Van D. Deanes, Jr., Central District; Officer William F. Markwordt, Jr., Eastern District; Officer Harry D. Twigg, Eastern District; Officer Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division; Officer Robert E. Myers, Services Bureau; Officer Alexander J. Pelsinsky,

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## United Fund And CICHA

or Division campaign representative during the month of October, won't you be as generous as you possibly can? Remember that more than 90% of your contribution goes to direct services. Remember, too, that the full amount contributed is deductible from your income tax.

Your voluntary pledge is for all — young and old, all races and creeds. So much work is still left to do; your contribution will make a difference.

Thanks to you, it works for all of us . . . The United Way.

## Thirty-One Officers Graduate

Thirty-one Baltimore Probationary Police Officers graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on October 10, 1975. The ceremonies marked the end of an intensive training program designed to prepare the new officers for their law enforcement careers. The commencement address was given by Mr. Edwin R. Tully, Deputy Secretary for Public Safety, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Following his address, Mr. Tully assisted in presenting the officers their Certificates of Graduation. During the ceremonies Officer Thomas C. Wade, Jr. received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence. The Award goes to that member of the graduating class who, in the judgment of his classmates best exhibits those characteristics which comprise a Professional Police Officer.

### SPECIAL COMMENDATION

In August, 1974, Officer John G. Berger of the Central District responded to back-up Officer Milton Spell who had stopped an intoxicated driver. Approaching the scene, Officer Berger heard shots. He arrived to find a large crowd standing near Officer Spell while another Officer was administering emergency

first aid to him. Officer Berger transported the stricken officer to the hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries. Shortly thereafter, a suspect was located and Officer Berger volunteered to enter the suspect's house, even though he was believed to be armed. The Officer gained entrance to the house without force and convinced the suspect to give himself up without further incident.

### BRONZE STAR

On March 27, 1975, the Central District was plagued by a series of arsons. Officers working that evening were kept busy responding to the various fire locations. Officer Danny D. Brown, of the Central District was solely responsible for the evacuation of 30 persons from the upper floors of a building whose basement was in flames. He went from door to door in the smoke filled building arousing sleeping occupants and leading them to safety.

A short time later Officers Elmo O. Griffin, Brian P. Hamer and William M. Hodgkin responded to another burning building. They were prevented from entering the front by intense heat and heavy smoke. Officer Hamer went around to the rear fire escape where he climbed through a second floor window and led four people on the third floor to safety. When he found that he was unable to reach two other occupants due to the flames, Officer Hamer directed the responding fire equipment to them and they were safely evacuated.

In the meantime, Officers Griffin and Hodgkin were evacuating six elderly occupants from the building next door who had been overcome by heavy smoke.

Officer Robert McCulley was the Sector Supervisor and responded to all six arson scenes that night where he supervised the preliminary investigations, recovery of evidence and in the evacuation of many residents of the burning buildings. Their teamwork and individual efforts prevented certain tragedy.

After an armed woman threatened a deputy sheriff with a rifle, Northwestern District Officers Peter W. Katich and David R. Sweet secured the area to protect bystanders and began talking to an apparent mentally disturbed woman. The woman was running from window to window threatening to shoot anyone who came near, including police

officers. The officers were able to enter the house by a basement window and once inside removed their shoes. They quietly went up the basement stairs and were able to approach the woman from behind, grabbing the rifle as she turned towards them. Doctors at Springfield State Hospital diagnosed her as a violent psychotic.

In May, 1974 an 11 year old girl was raped and beaten on her way home from school by four teenage males. Almost 3 months later, Officer John E. Burns of the Northern District observed a male on York Road fitting the description of one of the suspects. The boy admitted being at the scene but denied taking part in the attack and refused to name the others present. Officer Burns checked arrest records and other sources for possible accomplices, then had the victim view photographs. A positive identification of 4 suspects was made and all were arrested and charged with this offense.

While making a routine bank check of the Union Trust Bank at North and Linden Avenues, Detective Wilbert L. Sisco, C.I.D. observed an apparent customer acting suspiciously. Detective Sisco watched as the man handed the teller a note and was given a large sack of money. As Detective Sisco approached, the teller whispered "Hold-up." The Detective waited until bystanders were clear and then arrested the suspect as he approached the exit, without further incident. When uniformed officers responded to the hold-up alarm they found a handcuffed suspect waiting for them and all the money recovered.

## NEWS NOTES

The Commission on Aging and Retirement Education in cooperation with the Adult and Community Education Division of the Baltimore City Schools are co-sponsoring an eight week pre-retirement education series.

The program began on Tuesday, October 7 and will run for eight consecutive weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Waxter Center, 861 Park Avenue. Experts are being brought in to discuss such topics

as pension, income planning, social security and other benefits.

The program is open to all city employees and community residents, regardless of age. For further information call Myer Schlein at 396-4932.

## Pistol Teams

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Jr., Southern District; Officer Lawrence A. Tawney, Northeastern District and Officer Daniel J. Sobolewski, Education and Training Division.

The pistol team welcomes any member of the Department who wishes to participate in team tryouts. These will be conducted at the Gunpowder Range on October 20, 21, 27 and 28 in conjunction with the regularly scheduled practice sessions. Additional tryout dates will be set. Each interested member will fire a total of 90 rounds at a competition type bullseye target. The Camp Perry Course requires a 30 round series to be shot in increments of 10 rounds from 5 yards. Three series must be shot and it is recommended that in order to maintain full concentration the officer not shoot the full 90 rounds in one day.



Sergeant John W. Laufert, the Team Captain, along with Officers Edward S. McCarthy and Robert E. Myers presented the trophies won by the Teams to Colonel Maurice M. Guerrasio who accepted them on behalf of Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau.

## Bat Bite Prevention

So far this year two rabid bats have been found within the city. "Although confirmed cases of rabies in humans and domesticated animals have been reported, as long as there are rabid bats in the vicinity there is still a possibility of contracting this serious disease," according to Dr. David R. Berzon, Acting

Director of the City Health Department's Bureau of Animal Control.

The Health Department recommends that everyone try to avoid contact with bats. They normally avoid animals and people, so if one attacks, it is apt to be rabid.

When a bat is found lying on the ground apparently sick or dead, don't take chances because it may be rabid. Use heavy gloves or other protection to prevent bites if the bat must be removed or confined until the arrival of the animal shelter.

Areas where bats roost such as caves, warehouses and abandoned dwellings are particularly dangerous. Recent research has shown that rabies virus might be airborne and can cause infection without a bite. Various types of fungus can also be found in these areas thriving in bat droppings. They can affect the respiratory system and cause ringworm.

Other recommendations include bat-proofing your home and insuring that all pets have rabies shots as required by law. All openings in walls, roofs and floors should be no larger than 1/4 inch. Dampers in fireplaces should be kept closed when not in use or the chimney top should be screened.

If a bat is inside a home or building and there is no indication of any human or animal bites the Health Department suggests the following procedure. First - isolate the bat. After dark, a window should be opened, the lights in the room should be turned out and crushed moth balls or flakes should be put in the room. Moth flakes and repellents for birds and rodents are effective in driving out these unwelcome intruders. Under these conditions the bat will fly out the window within an hour and the chances of a bite will be reduced.

If a confirmed bat bite occurs every effort should be made to capture or kill the bat for laboratory examination. The proper procedure for members of the Department is to have the Emergency Vehicle Unit of the Tactical Section respond, who will secure the animal.

Once a bat is captured or killed the Animal Shelter is then notified to respond. Upon their arrival the operator should be advised that there was a bite and that the bat must be held for examination.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for providing me and my party with the fine police detail for our visit to the Baltimore City Fair last Saturday. As you know, it was my first appearance as a Presidential candidate, and the assistance of your men made it that much more successful and enjoyable.

Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to each of the men in the detail. They were great to help out.

My thanks again.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sargent Shriver

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

... I want to extend on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Steering Committee of the Baltimore City Fair our sincere appreciation for the outstanding performance and cooperation of the officers and men of the Baltimore City Police Department for this year's Fair.

Major Francis Hayes with his usual professionalism contributed greatly to this year's Fair with his sound advice and timely assistance. I want also to thank Captain Joseph Bolesta, Lieutenant Gil Karner, and Lieutenant Michael Rachuba for their able assistance. Your traffic division did a tremendous job handling the re-routing of traffic around the Fairgrounds. I took special notice of the conduct of your men within the Fairgrounds, and their politeness and concern for visitors to the Fair was outstanding.

The use of off-duty patrolmen as part of City Fair security worked perfectly. In this role your men again conducted themselves in a manner worthy of your department. The cooperation and assistance of Deputy Commissioner Bataglia and Colonel Robinson was additionally appreciated.

I personally want to extend my thanks to you for your personal interest in the Fair. With every best wish to you and all the members of your force I remain

Sincerely yours,

/s/ L. Dale Jefferson

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant Waldemar Bradshaw on his daughter, Sherry Bradshaw, being elected to the "Who's Who" in Colleges and Universities Mathematical Society.

Congratulations to Emergency Call Clerk Yvonne Murphy on the birth of "TWIN GIRLS" on September 17.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — The Northwest completed its Softball Season with a 21-20 victory over the Western District. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the other districts for their competition and the enjoyable times we had with the sociable police officers and their families.

Welcome aboard to all the newly assigned members.

**SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations and welcome aboard to Captain Daniel O. Caulk.

**PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Computer Operator Louis Unlicht.

Members of this Division extend a speedy recovery to Mrs. Gertrude Melling, Senior Clerk. Get Well Soon!

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Narcotic Unit — Members of this Unit wish to extend sincere sympathy to Lieutenant Leon N. Tomlin on his recent loss.

## PROMOTIONS

**WEIR, DOROTHY J. N.**, Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, September 25.

**BAILEY, BRENDA A.**, Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, September 25.

**MOORE, JACQUELINE F.**, Police Report Reviewer,

Central Records Division, September 25.

**MONROE, ELSALENIA**, Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, September 25.

**LEVY, MARIA A.**, Principal Clerk, Southern District, September 25.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MEILLER, LUCAS JAMES**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Joseph J. Meiller, Northwestern District, 8 lbs.

**BAKER, VALERIE RUTH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Frank Baker, Southeastern District, 7 lbs. 11 oz., September 10.

**KNUTSEN, KRISTEN LEIGH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Matthew Knutsen, Southern District, 7 lbs. 14 oz., September 22.

## RETIREMENTS

**PATE, JAMES M.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 14 years, September 25.

**MILLER, CHARLES J., JR.**, Police Officer, Property Division, 23 years, October 16.

## IN MEMORIAM

**HUTSON, HARRY M.**, father of Lieutenant Francis Hutson, Communications Division, September 17.

**SMITH, WILLIAM, JR.**, father of Senior Clerk Typist Joyce Turner, Education and Training Division, September 18.

**BROOKS, RAYMOND**, uncle of Police Officer Eugene Constantine, Tactical Section, September 18.

**BOWMAN, ROBERT A.**, father of Police Officer Robert Bowman, Central District and father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Phillips, Traffic Division, September 18.

**DICKERSON, RANDOLPH**, brother-in-law of Police Officer Frank Bucchini, Northwestern District, September 18.

**ORMROD, WESLEY M., SR.**, father of Police Officer Wesley Ormrod, Jr., Northern District, September 19.

**LLOYD, WILLIAM**, brother of Police Officers John Lloyd, Central District, and Carroll Lloyd, Western District, September 21.

**KEENE, WILBERT**, uncle of Sergeant Lewis E. Taylor, Criminal Investigation Division, September 22.

**TOMLIN, FRANK EDGAR**, father of Lieutenant Leon N. Tomlin, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotic Unit, September 22.

**JONES, SARAH**, mother of School Crossing Guard Virginia Waller, Southeastern District, September 24.

**ARMIGER, JOSEPH W.**, half-brother of Police Officer Frank S. Bell, Southern District, September 27.

**BLAKE, RHETTA**, wife of Police Officer Franklin Blake, Tactical Section, Marine Unit, September 28.

**TAYLOR, VIRGINIA**, mother of Sergeant Walter Taylor, Southern District, October 1.

**EUSINI, WILLIAM J.**, father of Lieutenant William J. Eusini, Northern District, October 1.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

**FOX, JEANETTE**, retired, Principal Clerk, Property Division, Motor Pool, September 21.



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# NEWSLETTER

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## The United Fund - - -

### Cadet Dorsey Says "It's Working"

Leslie C. Dorsey is a Police Cadet assigned to the Identification Section of the Central Records Division. She would tell you that if it hadn't been for the United Fund - CICHA Campaign she wouldn't be working for the Baltimore Police Department today. Cadet Dorsey's story is not unique but within a few minutes she related, in her own way, a perfect example of what happens to someone in need.

"It all began when I first started school. I couldn't say my name, recite the alphabet or count. When they handed me a book and asked me to read aloud I couldn't. The teacher thought I was stupid but that wasn't the problem at all. I had a speech problem and I was afraid to talk because I feared people would laugh at me.

"One day a teacher put me in front of the classroom and she asked me to read out loud. I couldn't do it. I couldn't even say the word 'the'. I tried but it wouldn't work. Every time I tried everyone in the classroom would laugh.

"This went on for years. When I was in the seventh grade we were required to present oral reports to our classmates. I just went all to pieces. I knew about my speech problem and I knew what happened when I tried to speak. When the day came when I was to give my oral report I got up in front of the class and tried to talk. They all laughed at me.

"I came from a large family and my brothers and sisters couldn't understand my problem. They used to pick on me and tease me. I couldn't even say my mother's name. I couldn't even say mommy.

"Finally when I reached the tenth grade, I decided that I was going to get help one way or another. My father

worked hard to provide for all of us but there just wasn't enough money to send me to speech specialists. So one day I went to see the school nurse and she gave me the telephone number of the Hearing and Speech Agency, (a Community Chest Agency which is supported by the United Fund of Central Maryland), and told me that perhaps they could help me.



CADET LESLIE C. DORSEY

"I picked up the telephone and tried six times to ask for someone. I guess that the lady on the other end thought I was some kind of a prank caller or something. I wasn't that, but although I tried and tried I just couldn't talk. Finally on my seventh try I stayed on the line and made it known, the best way I could, that I needed help. My problem was so severe that it took me fifteen minutes just to give her my name. We finished talking with her promise to send me the forms needed for financial aid.

"I filled out the forms and a week later I visited the agency. It was September 16th, I'll never forget it. In another week they told me that the United Fund was going to sponsor everything

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## Loan Referenda

*This November nine loan referenda will be included on the ballot. The below information is included to aid members of the Department in making an informed decision on each of these questions.*

**STREET LIGHTING:** A proposal to continue replacing mercury vapor lights with the brighter sodium vapor lights.

**SOLID WASTE:** To increase solid waste disposal capacity by acquiring additional sanitary landfill sites.

**WATER SUPPLY:** To maintain and improve the water supply system including improvements at Loch Raven Reservoir and repair water mains at the North Avenue Bridge.

**WASTE WATER:** To improve the waste water treatment system and extend service. This proposal includes erosion and flooding control along Herring Run, Jones Falls, Gwynns Falls, Western Run and Chinquapin Run.

**OFF-STREET PARKING LOAN:** To provide for the construction of parking lots for neighborhood, retail and commercial areas, for a downtown parking garage and a fringe parking facility as well as to provide additional lots for the MTA's "Park and Ride" program.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT LOAN:** To complete financing of the Oldtown and Bromo "Superstations."

**URBAN RENEWAL:** To continue finding of efforts to improve residential and industrial areas throughout the city. This loan will insure that the city will continue receiving Federal Community Development funds.

**RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION:** To retain and attract middle income homeowners by providing long-term low interest loans for rehabilitation of their

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## United Fund

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for me. I then met my speech teacher. I was all excited but she was quite calm.

"The first thing she did was to give me a hearing test . . . my hearing was okay. The next thing she did was to place a tape recorder in front of me. She told me to talk but I couldn't. She handed me a newspaper and asked me to read it out loud. I tried and after the first sentence she told me that my problem was psychological. But, she said that I could talk. As the weeks passed by I started to see the specifics of my problem.

"The teacher told me to think about what I was going to say, to form the thoughts inside my head and then to bring them out front. I tried that and it didn't work. We found out that the reason it didn't work was that I was not using my larynx. Finally, I put my larynx to work. But we found that I still had problems with my tongue. You must, of course, move your tongue when you talk. I was trying to talk with my teeth together, I was talking through my teeth and that doesn't work. Finally I was able to get it all together and I began forming words.

"Each week when I listened to tapes of previous weeks of conversation I could see that I was improving. I could say a lot of words which I had thought I would never say. At night when I went home I spoke well and my brothers and sisters were shocked. My mother nearly had a heart attack when I said, 'mommy I'm hungry.' I had never been able to say that. Even though I was often hungry as a child I would never say, 'mommy I'm hungry,' because I couldn't say it. I had tried but I couldn't.

"We went on having sessions. My next fear was of talking in front of people, strangers. The speech therapist would bring people into the room and let me talk with them. I'd ask them a lot of things and they would rate my speech. The first time I failed. I couldn't even say 'hi' to the lady. But as time went on I could speak to everyone.

"My next assignment was to go and talk to a sales person at a store all by myself and then be rated. Well, I failed that one but the following week the

therapist took me shopping. She said I did okay but I think I bungled a lot of words.

"The therapist held one session where each of her clients sat down together and talked. There was one girl there who reminded me so much of me in the past. Geraldine . . . she couldn't even say hello, hi, and I looked at her and I said, 'my goodness I was once like that' and I know she can improve. During these sessions I was the best speaker there and that's what everyone said. I kinda felt good. There was this one guy and he would just mumble and Geraldine she reminded me so much of me.

"Last year I felt myself kind of getting back in my speech and I wanted to take a course in public speaking at college. But I said to myself that I'm going to bungle it up. Instead I took the course and got up and gave speeches and for the first time in my life they didn't laugh at me.

"One day I was looking in the newspaper . . . I wanted a job as a police officer but I was afraid that my speech problem would interfere. It took me three months just to get the nerve to come down here. I came down and applied and got hired as a police cadet.

"Right after I came to work at the Police Department I sat down and thought about it, about the Hearing and Speech Agency and the United Fund and how they had helped me. Right now I give every year and I keep calling the Hearing and Speech Agency to thank them. If it wasn't for the United Fund helping me out . . . I would not be here today talking to you."

*As we said Cadet Dorsey's situation was not unique it's only one example but I think you'll agree with her. The United Fund . . . thanks to you, it works for all of us.*

## Loan Referenda

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dwellings. The Urban Homesteading Program is included in this loan and enables purchasers of one dollar houses to finance the necessary rehabilitation.

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT:** To provide mortgage financing at low interest rates for developers who construct mod-

erate and middle income housing.

The Residential Rehabilitation, Housing Development, Waste Water and Water Supply Loans are self-supporting. This means they will generate sufficient revenue to be amortized without the use of tax money.

## Operation B.U.S.T.

In an effort to involve the citizens of Baltimore in Crime Prevention, 281 City businessmen, in cooperation with the Baltimore Police Department, established "BUST". "BUST", which is an acronym for Business United to Stop Trouble, has accounted for 40 arrests and more than 100 investigations since its inception on January 13, 1975.

The program offers cash rewards to citizens who call in information that leads to the arrest and charging of persons committing crimes against members or their customers. The phone with the number 685-BUST is located at the Criminal Investigation Division's 24 hour desk. It is manned by detectives who maintain confidential records of all callers and use a time tested informant system.

The calls are passed on to the appropriate unit for investigation. If the officers assigned use the tip as an aid in arresting a suspect, a report is returned to the Office of the Chief of C.I.D. It is then forwarded to the BUST Executive Committee for review and reward consideration.

The business community has established substantial funding and hopes the program will continue to produce valuable investigative leads from the citizens of Baltimore.

## Officer Friendly

The Officer Friendly Program, under the auspices of the Community Relations Section, held its 6th Annual Kick-Off Luncheon on October 23, 1975 at the Holiday Inn-Moravia. During the ceremonies a grant of \$15,350 was given to the Officer Friendly Program by the Sears Roebuck Foundation to continue its work with the school children of Baltimore City.

The Officer Friendly Program was

# Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1975

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	308	315	+ 7	+ 2.3
FORCIBLE RAPE	308	308	0	0.0
ROBBERY	2,607	3,122	+ 515	+ 19.8
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,396	1,804	+ 408	+ 29.2
BURGLARY	3,992	3,844	- 148	- 3.7
LARCENY	5,701	6,733	+ 1,032	+ 18.1
AUTO THEFT	1,614	1,577	- 37	- 2.3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>15,926</b>	<b>17,703</b>	<b>+ 1,777</b>	<b>+ 11.2</b>

conceived in November of 1970 with a staff of four patrolmen. It has since developed into a viable teaching aid for young children to learn first hand the many ways in which the Police Department protects and assists the citizens of Baltimore.

When Officer Friendly visits the various schools around the city, he helps the children become aware of their responsibilities and obligations as Junior citizens of Baltimore. Through interesting visual aids and programs geared for children, Officer Friendly tries to establish a rapport between the primary grade child and the uniformed officer to develop a wholesome image of the Baltimore Police Department.

The subjects that Officer Friendly speaks on include the responsibilities of the child and the police officer, the role of the child and of the police officer in the neighborhood, the responsibilities of the child as a citizen and the responsibilities of the government to its citizens.

Through the Officer Friendly Program, our young citizens develop an understanding that the Police Department is a public service of city government which requires the cooperation and help of many people in order to perform its duties successfully.

## Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Battaglia:

The Election Board would like to express their sincere gratitude and thanks for the cooperation received from the Police Department in the Mayoralty Primary Election, September 9th, 1975.

The excellent work by the officers of your department sometimes goes un-

noticed, but we here know that one of the greatest contributions to a smooth election is the efficient help that your men have supplied.

Sincerely yours,  
The Board of Supervisors of Elections  
of Baltimore City  
/s/ Joseph A. Ciotola  
President  
/s/ Percy Davis  
/s/ Marshall W. Jones, Jr.

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

On Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, 1975, the Annual Fell's Point Festival was held. It proved to be extremely successful.

We believe we had at least 75,000 people here this year. In spite of the large crowd, there were very few incidents. This was due to the excellent police work during the Festival. The attitude of your men and the cooperation they showed us was marvelous. We were also very impressed with the crowd-handling techniques exhibited by your men.

On behalf of the Fell's Point Fun Festival committee, I would like to thank you for all the work the men did to help make the Festival a success. Please convey our thanks to your men.

Sincerely,  
Festival Coordinator  
/s/ Margo Irwin

# Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1975

TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	217	200	- 17	- 7.8
FORCIBLE RAPE	371	359	- 12	- 3.2
ROBBERY	7,106	6,744	- 362	- 5.1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4,832	4,951	+ 119	+ 2.5
BURGLARY	13,920	11,984	- 1,936	- 13.9
LARCENY	22,699	22,708	+ 9	0.0
AUTO THEFT	6,736	5,704	- 1,032	- 15.3
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>55,881</b>	<b>52,650</b>	<b>- 3,231</b>	<b>- 5.8</b>

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**OPERATIONS BUREAU** — Congratulations and best of luck to Captain Daniel O. Caulk on his recent promotion and assignment to South-eastern District. We of the Operations Bureau will miss him and do wish him well.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician David G. Kolodny recently assigned to the Mobile Unit and also to Dr. Sumer M. Dugar, Principal Criminalist assigned to the Chemical Analysis Unit.

Congratulations to Criminalist Robert J. Hurley on his recent promotion.

Deepest sympathy to Crime Laboratory Technician Charles R. Herring, Jr., of the Mobile Unit, on his recent loss.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT** — Welcome aboard to Police Officer Fred Fitch, Bernard Ridgeway, Albert Scrivens and Thomas Wade recently assigned to this District.

Good luck to Agent Thomas Keavney and Police Officer Herbert Brown on their new assignments.

Members of this District extend a speedy recovery to Police Officers Robert Weimer, John Janiszewski and Anthony Lamartina.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — "Lieutenant John R. Padgett answered his final roll call at 0600 hours, 18 October 1975. A fine, decent man, who gave many years of his life in service to his fellow man. He died, as he lived; without complaint, but with enthusiasm and pride . . . leaving a legacy of strength and generosity worthy of emulation by all who have come into contact with him. We have lost a valiant brother . . . 'He gave his all!'"

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEINER, JULIE CAROLINE, daughter of Police

Officer and Mrs. Richard H. Weiner, Central District, 6 Tbs. 10 oz.

PODGORSKI, STEVEN LEONARD, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Leonard Podgorski, North-eastern District, 7Tbs. 9 oz., September 26.

## RETIREMENTS

HOLSEY, WILLIAM J., JR., Police Officer Traffic Division, 25 years, October 8.

## IN MEMORIAM

MULDOWNEY, JOHN, uncle of Police Officer James D. Muldowney, Tactical Section, September 23.

UHLAND, DAVID A., brother-in-law of Radio Technician John O'Loughlin, Communications Division, October 1.

DECKER, HELEN, mother of Police Officer John Decker, retired from Traffic Division, October 2.

ORWIG, WILLIAM J., father of Police Officer Richard Orwig, Tactical Section, Marine Unit, October 2.

LIPSCOMB, EDWIN, JR., father of Police Officer David Lipscomb, Eastern District, October 7.

SMITH, JAMES E., father-in-law of Police Officer William Harris, Central District, October 8.

COFFELT, NORMAN, father-in-law of Crime Laboratory Technician, Charles R. Herring, Jr., Laboratory Division, October 8.

SCHILLING, ANTHONY, father-in-law of Police Officer Herman Kolakowski, Central District, October 10.

MAJKOWSKI, JACOB, father of School Crossing Guard Elizabeth Herman, Southeastern District, October 12.

CURTIS, MARGARET K., sister-in-law of Rose Reisig, Principal Clerk Stenographer, Tactical Section, October 13.

SLADE, JEAN, aunt of Police Officer James Farley, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, October 13.

HIERONIMUS, ROBERT F., father-in-law of Sergeant William Lawson, Southwestern District, October 14.

HANDEL JOHN A., grandfather of Police Officer Charles G. Jones, Communications Division and father-in-law of Sergeant Claude Allender, Traffic Division, Mounted Unit, October 16.

LEVENDOSKI, CORNELIUS, uncle of Police Officer Kenneth Levendoski, Southern District, October 16.

SEYFER, EDWARD J., brother of Police Officer Marvin J. Seyfer, Property Division, Mail Unit, October 16.

MILLER, EUGENE R., grandson of Police Officer Raymond Butler, Education and Training Division, October 17.

NIECHALSHE, ROSE, grandmother of School Crossing Guard Charlette Grice, Northern District, October 18.

BROCKINGTON, ELOUISE, mother of Major McNeal Brockington, Eastern District, October 20.

BRICE, MacARTHUR, uncle of Police Officer Calvin J. Felthouse, Northwestern District, October 21.

CHARKLEY, MILDRED, sister of School Crossing Guard Madline Connelly, Northern District, October 21.

MOAN, ALICE, aunt of Elizabeth Johnson, Principal Clerk, Personnel Division, Applicant Investigation Section, October 22.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

HARVEY, WILLIAM J., retired, Supervisor of Purchasing, Fiscal Affairs Division, October 1.

BROOKS, JOSEPH W., SR., retired, Police Officer, Crime Laboratory, October 8.

GRIMM, HENRY O., retired, Sergeant, Eastern District, October 12.

BUETTNER, AUGUST F., retired, Sergeant, Central District, October 14.

PADGETT, JOHN R., Active Duty, Lieutenant, Communications Division, October 18.

GRAY, JOHN, retired, Police Officer, Northern District, October 23.



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## Officer Timothy B. Ridenour Slain

*The alert tone, which precedes the broadcast of a "Signal 13", chews its way into the brain of every officer within range of a police radio. The urgency of the electronic pulsation demands and receives immediate attention.*

*Too many times each day officers check street corners and hundred blocks in response to information given after the sound of that electronic klaxon. Most often, fortunately, there is nothing there. No officer in trouble. But the potential is always present.*

*Shortly after 1530 hours on October 27, 1975, a message followed the alert tone, that officers were in trouble in the 4400 block Old Frederick Road. That broadcast, then minutes of protracted silence. Units close by were responding. Officers in other units, who were not in a position to respond, waited. "Where is the 10-32?" Nothing. "10-38 we need a 10-38 in the 4400 block of Old Frederick!" The worst had happened.*

Southwestern District police officers Timothy Ridenour and Bernard Harper had received a call indicating that a man was running nude in the 4400 block of Old Frederick Road. Arriving at that location they found the suspect, wearing only a shirt, walking around in a grassy area which is out of view of the thoroughfare. The man had been placing Christmas decorations on a tree growing in the apartment complex.

As the officers approached the man he bolted past them and sat down on the passenger's side of their patrol car. He bounced out again and ran toward the front step of his apartment where he apparently began moving a sofa which had been sitting partly on the grass. As the officers approached he turned and raised his hands in a defensive position, as would a boxer to ward off the expect-

ed blows of his opponent.

Officer Harper explained to the suspect that they were there to help not injure him. Officer Harper had already requested a Cruising Patrol.

At this point the suspect, who never uttered a word throughout the incident, pointed to Officer Ridenour's service revolver. Officer Ridenour checked the holster strap, assuring that the weapon was secure. Then the suspect reached for the weapon.



OFFICER TIMOTHY B. RIDENOUR

A scuffle followed as Officer Harper succeeded in pulling the suspect away from the younger officer who dodged through a hedge in order to attain a better position. The suspect followed, pouncing on Officer Ridenour who tripped after clearing the hedge. Frantic efforts by Officer Harper to pull the suspect away from the downed officer failed. Officer Harper was in turn felled by a blow from the suspect. As he recovered he observed the suspect, with Officer Ridenour's service revolver, fire point blank at his partner's head.

## Promotional Ceremonies

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomereau awarded Certificates of Promotion to seven new Lieutenants and eight new Sergeants on October 28, 1975 during Ceremonies conducted in the Headquarters Auditorium.

With these promotions the Department has achieved authorized strength among Lieutenants and Sergeants after it was reduced, July 1, 1975 due to budgetary considerations. Sergeant positions were reduced by twelve, from an authorized strength of 392 to 380. At the same time Police Officer/Police Agent strength was reduced by 116 positions from 2985 to 2869.

The Lieutenants and their assignments are as follows:

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Lieutenant Allan F. Stephens.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Lieutenant Frank P. Baccala, Jr.

**OFFICE OF POLICE COMMISSIONER** — Lieutenant Elbert F. Shirey, Jr.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Lieutenant Arthur E. Westveer, Jr.

**EASTERN DISTRICT** — Lieutenant William A. Robbins, III

**PERSONNEL DIVISION** — Lieutenant Douglas G. Coster

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Lieutenant Aubrey C. Carder

The Sergeants and their new assignments are as follows:

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Sergeant Clifton M. Cavey, Sergeant Charles J. O'Brien

# Timothy B. Ridenour



July 26, 1949



October 27, 1975



# Tragic Accident Kills Officer

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, November 7, 1975 for Western District Officer Tyrone C. Stith, who died November 1, 1975 as the result of a tragic accident while off-duty.



OFFICER TYRONE C. STITH

Officer Stith, 28, a veteran of almost two years was on the Morgan State University Campus. While sitting in another off-duty officer's private vehicle with two other off-duty officers, one was apparently checking his off-duty firearm when it accidentally discharged mortally wounding Officer Stith. The officers attempted emergency first aid and summoned help for the tragically stricken officer. Officer Stith was removed to Union Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at 11:40 p.m.

## Officer Ridenour

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The Cruising Patrol arrived as the suspect and Officer Harper traded gunshots. The officer fired several rounds while Officer Harper retrieved a shotgun from his vehicle and approached the suspect who was attempting to reload Officer Ridenour's weapon. Demands to drop the revolver went unheeded. And as the suspect leveled the weapon once again at Officer Harper a single round was fired from the shotgun.

The area filled with responding officers. Officer Ridenour lay mortally wounded a few feet from his assailant.

A civilian, who had attempted to assist the officers, had been shot once. His condition was serious.

Medical staff and officials at St. Agnes Hospital tried vainly to save Officer Ridenour's life. The situation, however, was hopeless. Officer Ridenour died in the hospital's emergency room at 1706 hours.

The civilian was transported to Lutheran Hospital where he responded to emergency surgery.

The 32 year old assailant, who had a history of mental problems, was pronounced dead at the scene of the incident.

Funeral services for Officer Ridenour were attended by representatives of every District and Division of the Department. The long, mournful procession which stretched for blocks, included representatives of law enforcement agencies from throughout the Eastern Seaboard.

Officer Ridenour's mother, wife and children were seated at the grave site as officers carefully folded the American flag which had draped the casket. At the end it was clutched in the hands of a young son who was not too young to understand what had happened. One question lingered . . . Why?

## Range Schedule

Accommodations have been made for members of the Department who wish to practice on their own time at the Practical Police Pistol Course, located at the Gunpowder Military Reservation. The following is the schedule for the next two months:

### NOVEMBER 1975

- 3rd C.I.D. and Traffic
- 12th Tactical
- 20th Services and Administrative Bureaus
- 24th Area I (CD, SWD, & SD)
- 26th Area II (ND, NWD, & WD)
- 28th Area III (ED, NED, & SED)

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- 4th C.I.D. and Traffic
- 8th Tactical
- 11th Services and Administrative Bureaus

- 15th Area I
- 17th Area II
- 29th Area III

The Department will supply fifty (50) rounds of ammunition to each participant, however those who wish to bring more may do so. Members who plan to attend on their designated days should contact their Administrative Lieutenants in advance. The range will be open from 0900 to 1500 hours. Also during the practice sessions, range instructors will conduct tryouts for those members desiring a position on the Baltimore Police Pistol Teams.

## Promotions

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**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Sergeant Richard J. Leckert, Sergeant Silas G. Summers

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Sergeant Richard L. Kline, Sergeant Harry A. Sizelove

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT** — Sergeant William B. Smith

**NORTHERN DISTRICT** — Sergeant Robert C. Novak

A brief reception followed where the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their congratulations to the new Lieutenants and Sergeants in this career advancement.

## Post Scripts

Dear Sir:

Boy Scout Troop 308 and Girl Scout Troop 967, wish to express their thanks for the excellent tour of the Police Department on Friday, October 17, 1975.

Cadet Wayne Austin, the tour guide, did an outstanding job explaining everything to our group. The boys and girls were very impressed and had only good things to say about their experiences.

We would also like to thank Lt. Darrell R. Duggins of the Tactical Department for his help in arranging the tour for our Scout Group.

Very truly yours,  
/s/ Patricia Ann Nelson  
Secretary

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**TRAFFIC DIVISION** — Congratulations to Sergeant John C. Rudel, of this Division, who celebrated his 40th year with the Department on October 31, 1975. He is the most senior active member of the Department. During a brief party in the Traffic Division roll call room Maurice M. Guerrasio, Chief of Traffic, presented Sergeant Rudel with an engraved plaque commemorating this occasion.

Also on hand to congratulate Sergeant Rudel was Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and the three next most senior active men in the Department: Deputy Commissioner, Services Bureau, Thomas J. Keyes, with 38 years of service, Deputy Commissioner, Operations Bureau, Frank J. Battaglia, with 35 years of service and Captain George F. Klander, Traffic Division, with 37 years of service. The combined totals of these four men represent 150 years of service with the Department.

**NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Congratulations to School Crossing Guard Gertrude West, who received a Certificate of Merit from the Baltimore City Schools' for actively participating in the Parent Involvement Program of School #18 and also a Certificate of Appreciation of Distinguished Service for the year 1974-1975.

Best of luck to Lieutenant Francis J. Riedy in your new assignment.

Best of luck to Custodial Worker Catherine Hartman and we hope you enjoy your retirement.

Best of luck to Sergeant Harry Harper in your new assignment.

Congratulations to Lieutenant William Robins on your promotion and good luck in your new assignment.

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Allan F. Stephens and Sergeants Frederick Neubauer, Richard Leckert and Silas G. Summers.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to retired Po-

lice Officer Milton Freund on his recent loss.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officers Kenneth Welsh and Joseph Mullin, both of whom are at home recuperating.

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS SECTION** — Congratulations to Mrs. Geraldine Blackwell, wife of Police Officer John Blackwell, on her recent promotion to Vice Principal of Western High School.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer Michael Verre.

Welcome aboard to Laboratory Photographer Granville R. Smith, Jr., recently assigned to the Photographic Unit.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Narcotics Unit — Congratulations to Lieutenant Arthur E. Westveer on his recent promotion.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Mary Williams who has recently completed 24 years of service with the Department.

## RETIREMENTS

RUDOLPH, CHARLES J., Police Officer, Property Division, 28 years, November 1.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

NIEMIERA, THOMAS J., JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Thomas J. Niemiera, Central District, 6 lbs. 14 oz.

HARRIS, TROY N., son of Computer Operator and Mrs. Leslie Harris, Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs. 7 oz.

KRAUSE, RICHARD, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Richard E. Krause, Northwestern District, October 1, 8 lbs.  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz.

PETERS, ANDREA C., granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. C. Rummel, Traffic Division, October 22, 7 lbs. 8 oz.

HARRIS, KELLY B., daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Warren E. Harris, Southern District, October 22, 5 lbs. 14 oz.

PULLEN, RODERICK C. JR., AND GINA C., twin son and daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Roderick C. Pullen, Tactical Section, K-9 Unit, October 27, 5 lbs. 10 oz. and 4 lbs. 6 oz., respectively.

MARKLAND, TIMOTHY C., JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Timothy C. Markland, North-eastern District, October 28, 6 lbs. 14 oz.

## IN MEMORIAM

BENDER, FRANCIS J., grandfather of Emergency Call Clerk Kathryn George, Communications Division, October 24.

WINGATE, MITCHELL, uncle of Police Officer Paul P. Wingate, Tactical Section, October 27.

GLATZEL, CATHERINE, wife of Lineman Gordon Glatzel, Telephone and Signal Section, Communications Division, October 29.

QUIGSTAD, ARVID O., father-in-law of Detective Douglas E. Cash, Internal Investigation Division, October 31.

NEUBAUER, FRANCES R., mother of Sergeant Frederick Neubauer, Northwestern District, November 1.

BORING, MAMIE, grandmother of Sergeant Lester Boring, Western District, November 2.

WILSON, MARIE, grandmother of Emergency Call Clerk Marvina Jones, Communications Division, November 2.

## FINAL ROLL CALL

INKROTE, SAMUEL, Police Officer, retired, Southwestern District, October 25.

RIDENOUR, TIMOTHY B., Police Officer, Active Duty, Southwestern District, result of Line of Duty Injury, October 27.

PAULE, JOHN L., Police Officer, Active Duty, Northern District, November 1.

STITH, TYRONE C., Police Officer, Active Duty, Western District, November 1.

KELLY, HERBERT B., Police Officer, retired, Southern District, November 5.



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## A Comment:

### The Escapee... A Danger To The Community A Problem For Law Enforcement

*Each member of the Baltimore Police Department routinely confronts myriad problems. Some of these reflect the ills of our society, others appear to be the result of factors which fall outside the purview of police.*

*That which follows reflects only a portion of the complex problems you face. Our Escape and Apprehension Unit's activity for the month of October, 1975, is listed below:*

"Sergeant Richard T. Marks, supervisor of the Escape and Apprehension Unit, reports that from 1 October 1975 thru 31 October 1975, his unit consummated forty-one apprehensions as reflected below:

October 2, 1975	Felon # 1	Escaped 9-7-75 from Reception Center while serving 1 year for burglary.
October 8, 1975	Felon # 2	Escaped 9-15-75 from the City Jail Community Correction Center while serving 2 years for burglary.
October 8, 1975	Felon # 3	Escaped 10-7-75 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 8 years for robbery.
October 8, 1975	Felon # 4	Escaped 9-13-75 from the Maryland Correctional Camp Center while serving 10 years for burglary.
October 10, 1975	Felon # 5	Escaped 9-25-75 from the Maryland Correctional Camp Center while serving 8 years for robbery and narcotics.
October 10, 1975	Felon # 6	Escaped 10-2-75 from camp system while serving 5 years for narcotics.
October 14, 1975	Felon # 7	Escaped 9-20-75 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 4 years for larceny.
October 14, 1975	Felon # 8	Escaped 3-19-72 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 20 years for robbery.
October 15, 1975	Felon # 9	Escaped 9-14-75 from Sykesville while serving 7 years for assault with intent to murder.
October 16, 1975	Felon #10	Escaped 10-14-75 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 20 years for armed robbery.
October 16, 1975	Felon #11	Escaped 10-14-75 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 20 years for armed robbery.
October 16, 1975	Felon #12	Escaped from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 8 years for robbery.

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### Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

On November 14, 1975 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented thirty-four new Police Officers with Certificates of Graduation from the Departments Education and Training Division.

Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, George T. Quinn, delivered the Commencement Address to the officers as they embarked on their new law enforcement career. After his remarks to the graduates, their families and friends, Mr. Quinn assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates to the graduates. During the Ceremonies Officer John J. McEntee, Jr. received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence. The award goes to that member of the graduating class who, in the judgement of his classmates, best exhibits the characteristics which comprise a professional Police Officer.

At the conclusion of the Ceremonies nineteen Baltimore Police Officers and five citizens received awards for outstanding service to the community.

#### BRONZE STAR

At about 2:00 a.m. on September 14, 1975 Officer Thomas J. Tobin of the Southern District responded to the scene of a shooting whereupon he was confronted with a suspect pointing a loaded shotgun at him. Using his vehicle as a shield, Officer Tobin kept talking to the suspect who finally was induced to drop his weapon and surrender peacefully.

At about 8:30 p.m. on October 12,

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## Escape And Apprehension Unit

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October 17, 1975	Felon #13	Escaped 7-17-75 from Sykesville while serving 1 year for assault.
October 17, 1975	Felon #14	Escaped 10-16-75 from Sykesville while serving 7 years for robbery.
October 21, 1975	Felon #15	Escaped 10-16-75 from the Maryland House of Correction while serving 8 years for robbery.
October 21, 1975	Felon #16	Escaped from Santa Anna, California.
October 23, 1975	Felon #17	Escaped from Robeson County, North Carolina.
October 24, 1975	Felon #18	Escaped 10-20-75 from pre-release center while serving 6 years for burglary.
October 28, 1975	Felon #19	Escaped 10-22-75 from camp center while serving 18 years for narcotics.
October 29, 1975	Felon #20	Escaped 10-13-75 from the Maryland Correctional Camp Center while serving 3 years for assault and larceny.
October 29, 1975	Felon #21	Escaped 4-15-75 from camp system while serving time for narcotics.
October 29, 1975	Felon #22	Escaped from Southern Correctional Camp while serving 3 years for assault.
October 30, 1975	Felon #23	Escaped from Hagerstown while serving 5 years for robbery.

"The following is a profile of non-escapee arrests (the number of persons arrested, not the number of charges filed, which would be greater).

Assault and Robbery	15
Harbouring	1
False Pretense	1
Failure to Appear	1
Total	18

"The total arrests for October 1975 by the Escape and Apprehension Unit are forty-one, twenty-three of which were escapees from Penal Institutions."

*Many hours of police, prosecutorial and court time are involved in convicting an individual for a given offense. You may from time to time become disheartened. Certainly the foregoing data is alarming on one hand, while on the other it reflects most favorably on the Escape and Apprehension Unit and on the effectiveness of a balanced team effort as well.*

*You all have a difficult task, but you are individually and collectively doing a good job and, I want to congratulate each of you for your continuing outstanding public service.*

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## Curfew Bill Passed

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau made the following statement concerning the Curfew Bill which was enacted by the Baltimore City Council on November 25, 1975:

"We will study the ordinance for the purpose of determining the extent of additional training and guidelines which will be required for the force. Further, an increase in funding will be needed to implement the necessary administrative controls of enforcement activity. The requirement for increased funding was conveyed previously to the chief sponsor of the bill, Councilman Frank X. Gallagher. Monies needed will approximate \$100,000 to defray expenses involving additional civilian employees and ancillary equipment.

"When the foregoing staff work has been completed and resources acquired, we will inform the residents of this jurisdiction as to the date the Police Department will commence to enforce the ordinance."

tributed the girl's life to Officer Mullens' efforts.

While off-duty on May 2, 1975 Officers James L. Gaines and Calvin G. McRae of the Tactical Section, received information concerning the location of a murder suspect. Upon their arrival at the scene, they observed the suspect engaged in a dice game with about twenty other males. Without regards for their personal safety, Officers Gaines and McRae entered the crowd and apprehended the suspect. After the arrest the officers had to walk back to their personal car several blocks away to transport their prisoner to the Homicide Section offices.

First to arrive on the scene of a hold-up in progress call on March 24, 1975, Officers Lester L. Geesey, Eastern District, observed a male subject backing out of a business premises with a coat over his right hand. Officer Geesey drew his service revolver and ordered the suspect to stop. The gunman wheeled around and pointed his weapon at the officer. The circumstances would have allowed Officer Geesey to use deadly force. Rather than risk injury to in-

## Graduation And Commendation Ceremonies

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1975 Officer James P. Mullen of the Northern District, received a call for a child choking. Arriving on the scene Officer Mullen found a nine year old girl lying on the floor experiencing extreme difficulty in breathing. The officer

called for an ambulance and administered mouth to mouth resuscitation for more than ten minutes until the arrival of the ambulance. At Mercy Hospital a cough drop was removed from the child's throat. The attending physician at-

nocent bystanders however, the officer commanded the suspect to drop his weapon which he did. The suspect was apprehended without further incident.

Arriving at the scene of a man firing a shotgun, Officer William M. Downing, Southeastern District, observed the suspect discharging the weapon at pedestrians from a second floor window. When back-up units arrived Officer Downing rushed into the building and was able to open the apartment door and apprehend the suspect while his attention was diverted to officers on the street.

On October 10, 1975 Sergeant Frederick W. Archer, Central District, entered a burning building three times evacuating frightened and confused residents on the upper floors before being removed to Mercy Hospital for smoke inhalation. As a result of the Sergeant's actions a fire which could have claimed a number of lives was limited to property damage.

Officer Morris E. Brown and Milton F. Kryzstofiak of the Northeastern District, responded to an armed robbery and shooting on February 9, 1975. While other officers tended to the wounded victim Officers Brown and Kryzstofiak received information that the suspect had fled into a nearby woods. The officers searched the area and located the suspect in a hole under a bush. The subject refused to surrender and a violent struggle followed. The suspect was finally taken into custody. The money from the robbery and a .22 caliber revolver with two spent cartridges were recovered in the area.

At about 2:00 a.m. on November 19, 1974 Officers Joseph Mantegna and Robert F. Smith of the Tactical Section responded to a robbery in progress at a bar. Arriving on the scene they observed a young woman at the front door dart inside. Officer Mantegna went inside and detained the woman while Officer Smith went to the rear of the bar to a male motioning him over. As Officer Smith approached, the male pointed an automatic pistol at him. The officer immediately reached for the gun throwing the suspect off guard. Officer Smith, with Officer Mantegna's help, was able to wrestle the suspects weapon away. The female companion was able to flee but was apprehended by other units responding to the call.

## Off-Duty Officer Wounded

Officer Francis Miller, a twenty-four year veteran assigned to the Headquarters Security Unit of the Property Division, spent a leisurely day off on November 15th. Around 8:00 p.m. he had just returned home after dropping off his wife at a local meeting and was walking across the porch when he heard movement behind him.

As he turned to see who was there a shot rang out. Without warning one of the two armed assailants shot Officer Miller in the chest. They both immediately pounced upon the wounded officer who was so quickly overwhelmed that he did not have an opportunity to reach for his off-duty revolver. The suspects removed his wallet and gun and then fled on foot across the school yard.

Officer Miller was rushed to an area hospital by his son. Members of the hospital staff quickly stabilized the officer and at last report he was listed in fair condition.

## Sergeants Promotional Examination

The Civil Service Commission competitive Promotional Examination will be held for the position of Police Sergeant on January 10, 1976, 9:30 a.m. at the Baltimore Civic Center.

The examination is open to all Police Officers/Police Agents, male and female who will have at least three years of service as of January 1, 1976.

The examination will test for the knowledges, skills, and abilities required of a Police Sergeant and will be based on, but not limited to, the following:

General Orders; Rules and Regulations and Manual of Procedure; Digest of Laws; I.A.C.P. "Training Keys," Vols. 1-9; I.A.C.P. "Police Reference Notebook," Sec. 11; Wilson and McClaraen "Police Administration;" I.C.M.A. "Municipal Police Administration."

All applications must be completed and returned to the Personnel Division no later than December 12, 1975.

## Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol

The warm Indian Summer days were a pleasant treat to the shoppers who were on Howard Street recently. To the young man standing at Howard and Lexington, it was a pleasant day also, but for a different reason. He was talented beyond his years at deftly placing his hand into a lady's handbag at an unguarded moment. As he casually walked the street his attention went to an elderly lady standing at a bus stop with a large handbag partially opened.

The young man approached and stood very near to her side. Looking up and down the street he saw no police cruisers near enough to see his actions and the footman was in the next block giving directions to a citizen. He carefully placed his hand into the handbag and came out with her wallet. He turned and began to walk north on Howard Street satisfied that he wasn't caught - or was he?

The boy hadn't noticed the cab waiting for the light to change with "Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol" emblazoned on its side . . . but the cab driver had noticed him. Within moments the operator notified his dispatcher what had happened, a description of the youth and his direction of escape. Minutes later the youth felt a hand on his shoulder from behind, he turned and saw the footman. A brief pat-down and the lady's wallet was recovered. He didn't know what happened.

On September 19, 1975 the Baltimore Police Department in cooperation with the States Attorney's Office and various cab companies became part of the "Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol" in an effort to increase police service to the citizens of Baltimore.

While on duty if the operator of a cab, which is identified by a "Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol" shield on the right and left rear quarter panels, observes a crime in progress or any other matter deserving immediate police attention, he notifies his dispatcher by radio. The cab company dispatcher then notifies the Police Department via a special Hotline to communications and a Field Unit is dispatched to the scene of the complaint.

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## Taxi Patrol

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The "Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol" is sponsored by the American National Building and Loan Association who will each month meet with the States Attorney's Office and review the Police Reports related to any incident in which a cab driver was of assistance to the Police Department. As a result of this review, an outstanding cab driver for the month will be chosen and a financial reward made. Additionally, the American Legion, Department of Maryland will award a plaque to the outstanding driver and inscribe the driver's name on an Honor Roll Plaque to be maintained in the Headquarters Building.

The advent of the "Civilian Radio Taxi Patrol" is another example of the citizens of Baltimore becoming involved with the Police Department in the fight against crime.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician John Schillo recently assigned to the Mobile Unit.

Members of this Division express deepest sympathy to Darkroom Technician Helen De-Jaynes of the Photography Unit on her recent loss.

Congratulations to the former Cadet Scott H. Garrity, III, recently sworn in as a Police Officer.

**TACTICAL SECTION** — Congratulations to Captain

Joseph Bolesta and his wife, Carol, on the birth of their twin boys.

### PROMOTIONS

PARKER, BENITA G., Senior Computer-Typer Operator, Central Record Division, November 6.

SKIDMORE, EDGELL O., Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, November 6.

### WEDDINGS

QUINN, MATTHEW M., Police Officer, Northwestern District and the former Candice P. Clark, October 11.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BINDEMAN, STACY ANN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Fred Bindeman, Central District, 3 lbs. 10 oz.

LINDEMEYER, BRIAN H., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Herbert Lindemeyer, Northern District, 7 lbs. 11 oz., September 18.

GLACKEN, STACEY ELLEN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Edward Glacken, Northern District, 7 lbs. 14 oz., November 6.

BOLESTA, JOHN and MICHAEL, twin sons of Captain and Mrs. Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr., Tactical Section, November 19, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. each.

### RETIREMENTS

SHIPLEY, WILLIAM W., Police Officer, Community Services Division, 21 years, November 5.

WLASIC, JOHN G., Police Officer, Southern District, 27 years, November 5.

CARROLL, ARTHUR B., Police Officer, Personnel

Division, Casual Section, 15 years, November 6.

### IN MEMORIAM

BECKMAN, ROLAND, SR., brother-in-law of Radio Technician Charles Connor, Communications Division, November 3.

HEISTER, ELIZABETH, mother-in-law of Police Officer Robert A. Jones, Tactical Section, November 3.

POWELL, JERRY, uncle of Police Officer Leroy Page, Southern District, November 4.

DZIEWULSKI, FRANK, father of retired Police Officer Stanley Dzewulski, Communications Division and father-in-law of retired Police Officer John Hantz, Northeastern District, November 5.

FOSTER, WILLIAM, brother-in-law of Detective William Carr, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, November 5.

JONES, LUETTA, grandmother of Police Officer Melvin K. Gooch, Traffic Division, Mounted Unit, November 6.

SCHMIDT, JAMES J., father of Police Officer James Schmidt, Eastern District, November 7.

CHEEKS, Milfert, uncle of Police Willie Cheeks, Office of the Chief of Patrol, November 11.

MAYGERS, HENRY R., father-in-law of Lieutenant Casper W. Klein, Criminal Investigation Division, Administrative Unit and grandfather of Detective James P. Klein, Criminal Investigation, Auto Theft Unit, November 17.

LEE, VIOLA, aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Or-neda Miles, assigned to Communications Division, November 21.

### FINAL ROLL CALL

STEIN, LESTER E., Sergeant, retired from Central District, November 6.



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## Law Enforcement Day

### "Justice Through Law"

More than 2,500 boy scouts from the Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America converged on the War Memorial Plaza, November 22 which had been proclaimed as the Sixth Annual Law Enforcement Day by Mayor William Donald Schaefer. Once again, the Baltimore Police Department participated in this action packed day along with members of the Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County Police Departments, the Maryland State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

During the day long program whose theme was "Justice Through Law", the scouts participated in a number of activities including lectures on Juvenile Laws, Narcotics, Traffic Rules and Law Enforcement as a Career. With the assistance of several lawyers, who volunteered

their time, the scouts staged several mock criminal trials. Hundreds of scouts were fascinated by live demonstrations provided by the K-9 Unit, the Mounted Unit and Self-Defense methods.

The ever popular highlight of the day for the scouts was the opportunity to see and touch real police and fire equipment. A marked patrol unit, an unmarked unit, emergency vehicle units, fire apparatus, motor-cycles and a boat gave the youngsters an opportunity to see and use the equipment that the police utilize to serve them.

As the day drew to a close many tired scouts went away with a better understanding of not only the police officer who patrols their neighborhood but with a better understanding of their own role in Law Enforcement.

## Solicitors Plaguing Police Department

*(By Permission of the Evening Sun)*

by Allen Doelp

The City Police department would like you to know that they sponsor only one fund-raising event each year, and that is for the Police Boys' Clubs. All the rest have no connection with the police department.

The department is finding it necessary to issue that statement periodically, because of a continuing problem with fund-raising solicitors who continue to claim they represent the police department. They don't.

What they often do represent, though, are social or professional organizations of policemen which have hired professional fund-raisers to bolster their treasuries, usually through the sale of advertising in various police-oriented publications.

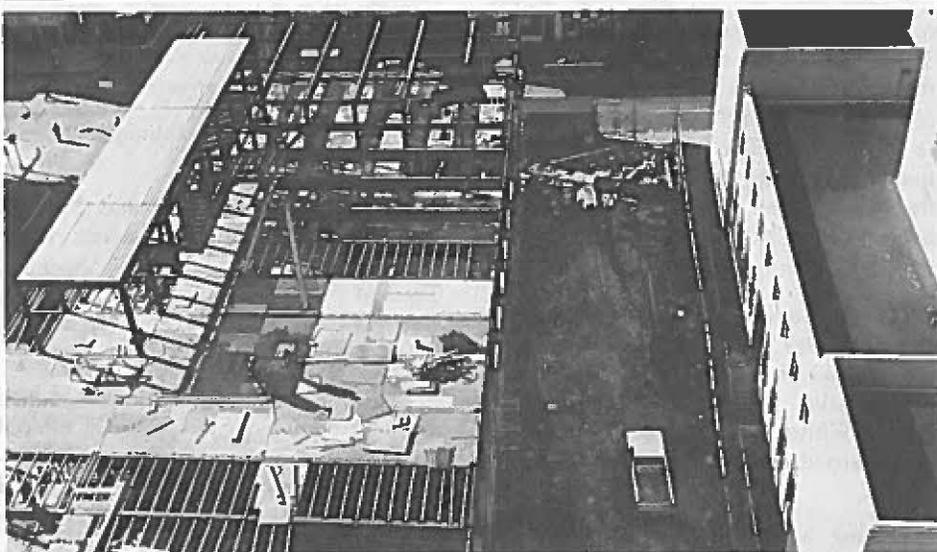
Police have recently been receiving numerous complaints about high-pressure sales tactics being used by several different organizations, all claiming to represent the Baltimore police. The complaints have all been referred to the state's attorney's office.

#### Several Being Probed

Because no charges have been filed, both the police and the state's attorney's office declined to name any specific organizations. However, Bernard P. Kole, head of the major fraud unit, said "four or five" organizations are being actively investigated.

Mr. Kole said the organizations themselves may not be the ultimate targets of the investigations, but rather the professional fund-raising firms they have hired.

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The shape of the new Central District Stationhouse grows under a skeleton of steel in the 500 block of East Baltimore Street. The new facility which is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 1976 will be connected to the Headquarters Building via an above street corridor.

## Solicitors Plaguing Police

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He said most of the complaints have come from small businesses which have either been subjected to high-pressure sales techniques, or offered vague promises of better police service if they buy advertising.

In May, a Baltimore county company called Emergency International, and its sales manager, Arthur Gillespie, were convicted in Criminal Court of false advertising charges, in the first such case to be prosecuted by the major fraud unit.

### Preferential Treatment

Emergency International, testimony showed, was promising preferential treatment by the Police Department in return for the purchase of advertising in *Police News*, which the firm published under contract with the now-defunct police union.

Mr. Kole said the recent complaints to his office concern similar attempts at deception. "For example, a caller will say I'm calling from police union headquarters," but he'll slur over the word 'union,' so it sounds like he's calling from police headquarters.

"Most of it is done with innuendo," he said. "Most of them (the solicitors) will hint very strongly that they are policemen, without ever actually saying so."

Police department regulations, a spokesman said, prohibit any unauthorized solicitation by officers.

"It's a nice racket," Mr. Kole said. "People are not used to questioning charities, or police. Some of these campaigns are for very worthwhile causes, too."

### Keeping Half Or More

"What people don't know is that the solicitors are keeping a minimum of 50 cents on every dollar they raise. Some keep as much as 75 or 80 cents," he said.

The problem of controlling such solicitations is compounded, Mr. Kole said, by the fact that the state does not have any licensing requirements for professional solicitors. "The only things we can get them for are fraud, or impersonating a police officer.

"It's a continuing problem," he said. "We don't get complaints every single day, but regularly we have people who call up and say 'there must be some kind of law against this'."

## Commendations

*Due to space limitations in the last issue of the NEWSLETTER, a listing of commendations awarded by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau on November 14, 1975, is continued in this issue.*

While making a routine business check in a store on November 29, 1974 Officer Barry M. Baker of the Eastern District, was asked to investigate a problem in the stores security office. When Officer Baker knocked on the door, a male subject walked out. When the officer entered he observed the security guard handcuffed. Officer Baker pursued the suspect who had left the office, and ordered him to stop. The suspect drew a handgun from his pants and the officer drew his service revolver. Officer Baker immediately pushed the subject against a wall and with his free hand successfully placed his thumb in front of the hammer and prevented the weapon from firing. The suspect then surrendered and was taken into custody.

Officers Robert A. Decker and Dale A. Curtis of the Southeastern District were making a routine bank check in the Old Town Mall when three armed men entered and announced a hold-up. The officers, who were near the rear of the bank, drew their service revolvers, fell to the floor and ordered the suspects to surrender. The surprised suspects took a female hostage to the door and fled leaving the hostage and a weapon behind. Their coolness avoided a potential shoot-out.

Officer Paul J. White responding to the bank was fired upon by one of the suspects as he pushed aside an elderly citizen who was in the line of fire. Officer White then pursued the suspects and assisted in their capture.

During a severe rainstorm on September 26, 1975 Officers Paul M. Karl and Lloyd G. Jett of the Southwestern District, received a call of a child in

danger of drowning. Responding to the scene, the officers discovered a child trapped on a small ledge above a rain swollen stream, with no way of escape. Officers Jett and Karl entered the rushing water and fought their way toward the child, helping each other battle the current. They rescued the child and returned him home with no apparent ill effects.

On April 15, 1975 Sergeant Robert A. Christy and Officer Matthew W. Stanke, Western District, observed a building in flames. Responding, they heard voices shouting for help. They forced the front door open and found a near hysterical woman stating her children were trapped on the second floor. Going to the second floor they found the oldest child in a smoke filled hallway and a three year old in a bedroom huddled on the floor. The officers took the children to safety and then reentered conducting a room to room search until the fire and smoke forced them to leave. Had not the officers taken such prompt action, the children would have most likely succumbed to the fire.

## Agents Appointed

On November 19, 1975 Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented Certificates of Appointment to six new Police Agents. To be eligible for appointment to the position of Police Agent a candidate must have a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university, serve in the Patrol Division for a minimum of one year and successfully complete a rigid selection process.

The Police Agents appointed are as follows:

John T. Broaddus, Jr. and Paul B. Hawkins, Southwestern District; Regis L. Flynn, Jr. and James A. Spencer, Tactical Section; Richard E. Diamond, Northeastern District; Glenn D. Hauze, Western District.

Following the ceremonies, members of the Command Staff present offered their congratulations to the newly appointed Agents in this new phase of their careers.

These appointments bring the total number of Police Agents in the Department to 92.

## Blood Assurance Award Received

On November 18, the American Red Cross held its annual awards dinner at Martin's West to recognize those organizations with outstanding participation in the Red Cross Blood Program.

Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division and Assistant Accountant James W. Korona, Fiscal Affairs Division, Chairman of the Baltimore Police Blood Assurance Program, accepted an award on behalf of the Department. The award recognized members of the Department for exceeding the 1975 quota of 860 pints. This marks the fifth consecutive award received in recognition for exceeding the quota.

The Baltimore Police Department Blood Assurance Program provides its members a limitless supply of blood for himself, his spouse, his children; also the member's and spouse's parents in return for a donation once every three years.

All members of the Department, both active and retired, who are members of the Program and who have not contributed for sometime are reminded that failure to respond after two notices will cause their name to be removed from the Program. Those who wish to join the Program can obtain a pledge card from their respective Administrative Lieutenant.

Blood may be donated any Saturday between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon at the Red Cross Blood Bank located at 2701 N. Charles Street. If the member cannot donate on Saturday, an appointment can be arranged by calling extension 2650.

## A Very Dry Martini

(By Permission of "Happy Motoring News", Exxon Corporation)

Pollution control has received tremendous publicity in recent years, as government, industry, and ecologists have attempted to find a common ground of agreement, frequently without success.

A chemical industry publication recently added this provocative thought to the discussion of pollutants: one part per million is equivalent to one inch in 16 miles, one minute in two years, a one-gram needle in a ton of hay, one penny in \$10,000, one ounce of salt in 62,500 pounds, one large mouthful of food in comparison with the food a person will eat in a lifetime, and one drop of vermouth in 80 fifths of gin or vodka.

## Post Scripts

The following letter was forwarded to the Newsletter Staff by Lieutenant Edward J. Weichert, Southeastern District, who stated, "even though the writer refers specifically to the men of the Southeastern District, his letter most certainly refers to members of the entire Department, and indicates the services rendered by officers for fellowmen in his predicament."

Dear Sir,

My name is Bill, I am an alcoholic. I have been sober by the grace of God in A.A. for five years now.

I was arrested (actually rescued) many times by the men of the Southeastern District. I used the language of the gutter drunk almost everytime. I said, many terrible things to some individuals and about policemen in general. I beg you to forgive me. I didn't know then that policemen are actually ordained of God to keep law and order. (Romans 13:4)

I thank you for helping me when I couldn't help myself. Thanks for not hurting me when I deserved to be hurt.

God loves you and the work you do. I hope this will in some small way, say a lot of people out here appreciate you. Don't let people you have to deal with make you bitter about life.

I feel good knowing you are there.

Thanks,

/s/ Bill W.

Dear Mr. Pomerleau,

I want to tell you how much I appreciate the prompt and courteous response of my neighborhood police of-

ficers when my purse was stolen last Friday. Although I only remember the name of one officer, Officer Shelly all four officers were kind and helpful. I'm new to Baltimore and my first impression of its police department has been very gratifying.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ilene Cohen

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

Your cooperation in our endeavor to present Fire Prevention Week to the citizens of Baltimore is highly commendable. I personally thank you and the members of the Department. I must say that whatever was asked of you was done and without your assistance our activities would not have been as successful as they were.

Sincerely,

/s/ Thomas J. Burke

Chief of Fire Department

## NEWS NOTES

The Public Information Division has numerous photographs on file of graduations, commendations, promotions, appointments and recognition ceremonies dating from November, 1974. These photographs can be picked up at the Public Information Division Office.



Retired Police Officer Charles McKenzie presented an American flag to the members of the Northwestern District on behalf of V.F.W. Baltimore Police Post #1529 during ceremonies conducted recently at the stationhouse. Mr. McKenzie, who is the Past Commander of Post #1529, presented the flag to Officer Charles Trautwein who accepted the flag for the District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Detective Montford Brown who is recuperating at home.

Welcome aboard to Sergeant Robert Michael and Police Officer Harold Sanders, recently transferred to the Staff Inspections Section.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION** — Youth Section — Congratulations to Debbie Schisler, recently promoted to Principal Clerk Stenographer.

Get well wishes to retired Police Officer Hugh Danner who is recovering from surgery.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION** — Congratulations to Lieutenant Aubrey (Bud) Carder on his recent promotion and best wishes in his new assignment in Patrol.

Good luck to Sergeant Waldemar Bradshaw who was recently transferred to Criminal Investigation Division.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION** — Narcotics — Congratulations to Mrs. Cheryl D. Clements, wife of Sergeant Ralph G. Clements, Sr., who recently became a member of the 1 gallon blood donor group. She received an award pin for her contribution to the Red Cross Blood Program.

**TACTICAL** — Congratulations to Lieutenant Hugh H. Mills Jr., K-9 Unit, whose Weimaraner "Gunner," scored second highest in obedience trials at the 63rd Annual Maryland Kennel Club's All Breed and Obedience Trials at the Fifth Regiment Armory, November 28. Gunner was trained by Sergeant Thomas Knott, trainer in charge of the K-9 Unit. Sergeant Knott's wife Mary, entered her Weimaraner "Tamar" who obtained one of three legs necessary for a Degree in Obedience.

**LABORATORY DIVISION** — Congratulations to Principal Clerk Stenographer Anita Hamilton

on her recent promotion.

Welcome aboard to Crime Laboratory Technician Paul J. Schaefer recently assigned to the Mobile Unit.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Thomas C. Johnson of the Firearms Unit on his recent loss.

**PROPERTY DIVISION** — Welcome back from your recent illness Lieutenant Frank Gutierrez, we all missed you (Pelican was lonesome too).

**WESTERN DISTRICT** — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Richard J. Jones and his family on their recent loss.

**SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT** — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer Thomas Siegmund recuperating from recent surgery.

A speedy recovery to Police Officer John Daugherty who is recuperating at home.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all from the Southwestern District's Personnel.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOERNLEIN, BRETT ERIC**, son of Computer Typer Operator Nina and husband, William Hoernlein, Planning and Research Division 71bs. 10 oz.

**CASSIDY, AMANDA JUDITH**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Thomas Cassidy, Northern District, 71bs., November 13.

**BULLINGER, SANDRA**, granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Herman Bullinger, Communications Division, 81bs., November 26.

**ROTH, JARED MICHAEL**, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Ira J. Roth, Property Division 81bs. 11 oz., November 28.

**MULLIGAN, CHERYL LYNN**, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Mulligan, Jr., Western District, 81bs. 8 oz., December 3.

## RETIREMENTS

**SILK, HOWARD W.**, Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 19 years, November 27.

**JAMES, JOE**, Police Officer, Traffic Division, 27 years, December 1.

## IN MEMORIAM

**DISTEFANO, WILLIAM**, uncle of Police Officer Louis R. Distefano, Southern District, November 20.

**STEVENS, CLIFF**, step-father of Police Officer Jack Snyder, Southern District, November 22.

**JONES, MARY M.**, mother of Police Officer Richard Jones, Western District and mother-in-law of School Crossing Guard Grace Jones, Northern District, November 24.

**JOHNSON, MARGARET**, wife of retired deceased Sergeant Robert E. Johnson, Central District, November 24.

**RUNDBERG, MARY**, wife of Police Officer Fred Rundberg, Central District, November 25.

**CAREY, MARY E.**, mother-in-law of Police Officer Julius Richburg, Jr., Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, November 25.

**CENTINEO, JAMES**, brother of retired Police Officer Frank Centineo, Traffic Division, November 26.

**PAZDAN, JOHN F.**, father of Police Officer Edward Pazdan, Northern District, November 29.

**HERBERT, JOHN T.**, brother of Emergency Call Clerk Mabel Howell, Communications Division, December 1.

**KUNKOSKI, HELENA**, wife of Police Officer Frank Kunkoski, Southern District, December 1.

**MOONEY, JOHN**, father-in-law of Police Officer Wendall Miller, Northern District, December 2.



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*Peace on Earth*

*Goodwill to Man*



*I would like to take this opportunity to wish each member of the Department a happy holiday. The year 1975 was a good one for the Baltimore Police Department. Year end crime statistics will show a reduction in Index Crimes which is the result of your positive input to the community.*

*Each of us, during the holiday period, should take time to reflect on the year which is ending. And we should look forward, with enthusiasm to the challenges which are coming in the year ahead. I am confident that we will continue to meet these challenges.*

ddp

## Baltimore's Finest

*The following anonymous letter was received by the Police Commissioner.*

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau,

We thought you might like to know how some of us feel about the men you have in your Department.

### AS WE SEE A "COP"

A guy who will defend a person's life, even if it means giving up his own;

One who stands ten feet tall in the eyes of a little old lady, who is afraid, and just wants a little reassurance, or

A girl who needs help to change a flat tire; always conducting himself as a gentleman;

A human being, who has been called every name under the sun, too often, instead of being thanked and praised for just being there when he is needed;

He can be gentle with a lost child - kind and compassionate - yet, he can be as tough and forceful as is necessary, when the occasion calls for it; he's quite a guy!

He lays his life on the line every day, and, 9 times out of 10, all he EVER gets for it, is his paycheck, which is never enough;

A guy who can haul you over for speeding, read the riot act to you, and, in the

## "A Good Neighbor"

The Yuletide season is a time when the spirit of good will toward mankind is foremost in everyone's mind. Many times this spirit is carried over from year to year by individuals who ask for nothing in return except for the personal knowledge that they are contributing, in their own special way, to promoting good will to their fellow man.

Major John G. Kollmann, Director of the Property Division, found out about just such an individual when he received a phone call from a thankful citizen. The call concerned Ralph E. Schulze, a civilian Automotive Dispatcher under Major Kollmann's command.

The citizen, James B. Pickett, a resident of East Baltimore, has been sick with a serious heart condition and diabetes for the last seven years. During the last five years, Ralph Schulze has been daily helping his neighbor. Not only does he administer the required insulin injections and other medication under a doctor's direction, but he also helps take care of the house.

Recently Mr. Pickett collapsed as a result of a heart condition. When Ralph Schulze stopped by he found his neighbor lying on the bathroom floor, unable to get up. Knowing that he couldn't

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## Quick Action Saves Life

After just completing a back-up call in the 2200 block of North Calvert Street, Officer Francis L. Stewart, K-9 Unit of the Tactical Section, was stopped by a citizen who told him about a shooting down the street.

Officer Stewart responded on foot and found a man shot and bleeding profusely from the mouth and the chest areas. He called for an ambulance and after examining the wounds and discovering that the victim was a "bleeder" (hemophiliac) he called for the nearest radio car and advised the dispatcher to notify the nearest hospital.

Officer Jere R. Hoffert, Central District, responded and helped Officer Stewart place the victim into the rear of his patrol car. As Officer Hoffert drove, Officer Stewart continued rendering first aid. He opened the victim's shirt and covered the chest wound, which was sucking air into the victim's lungs, with the flat part of his hand. He also continually cleared the victim's mouth of clotting blood and admin-

istered closed chest heart massage.

Officer Stewart continued these first aid efforts, even though the victim had stopped breathing, as Officer Hoffert drove as quickly as traffic would permit.

When they arrived at the nearest hospital, members of the staff started the victim's respiration and he was immediately sent to the operating room.

The wound in the chest not only punctured the victim's lung, but it also severed a major artery, causing extensive bleeding. Officer Stewart stated: "I did everything I could think of, I just hope it was enough."

Doctor Neil O. Thompson, the treating physician on the staff at Union Memorial Hospital, contacted Officer Stewart's supervisor and told him that the victim would have died had it not been for the efforts of these two officers.

At last report the victim was in serious, but stable condition.

## Good Neighbor

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help him up without aid Mr. Schulze called for the post car. The officer arrived quickly and readily assisted as, according to Mr. Pickett, they have always done whenever it was necessary. "Ralph is a good neighbor. He is always ready to help and asks for nothing in return and refuses presents. Without his help I'm sure I would not be here anymore. . . If people would only stop to think how good the police and the civilians who work with them are. They are always around to help and they really care."

## Soft Body Armor

Production has begun on the "Kevlar" soft body armor and delivery of the first sizing order was received last week. This order includes thirteen vests of each of the eight standardized sizes deemed necessary for a proper fit.

Members of the Department will be measured to determine how many of each size is needed.

Production is continuing while these measurements are being made, but it can not be completed until all of the measurements are in.

Distribution of these twelve layer vests and two washable covers will be accomplished as soon as possible.

## NEWS NOTES

Sworn members will receive two additional benefits effective January 1, 1976.

Under the Department's Blue Cross-Blue Shield program members, at no additional cost, will receive the \$2.00 deductible Prescription Plan. Under it members will pay the first \$2.00 of each prescription and Blue Cross-Blue Shield will pay the balance.

An additional longevity increment will be paid to sworn members upon completion of twenty years of continuous service. This increment will be 2½% of the maximum step in salary grade.



Members of the Police Boys Clubs and the Youth Section represented the Department in the annual Christmas Tree Trimming contest held in the War Memorial Plaza on December 17th. Numerous City agencies participated in the program under the direction of the Mayor's Office of Special Projects. Assisting the boys, who also made the decorations, were Officer William W. Arnett, Sergeant Donald M. Farley, Major James P. Stromberg and Officer Jessie W. Chambers.

## "Brotherhood Award" To Officer Dillon

On a warm day last August, an eleven year old boy sat in a room in the North-eastern District being questioned by officers in connection with a stolen bicycle ring. The boy's father was present and wondered what could be done to help a son who had recently been getting into trouble, a son whom he loved very much. . . didn't anyone care?

The boy's problems had started about a year and a half prior. It began with his playing hooky from school. In fact, he only attended school for ten days that entire year. His father looked to the school for help with his son, but was told that there wasn't much they could do.

Not only were there problems at school but at home as well. Money began to disappear, not nickels and dimes that children sometimes "snitch," but more than \$300.00 over a period of time, taken from the mother's purse. Three hundred dollars is a large sum of money, especially to a family with seven children and a father unable to work due to a serious heart condition.

The boy's father recalled the time that he contacted an agency which promised to help his son. Nothing much was done even though he called the agency twice weekly for several months. The truancy and larceny problem persisted.

The day came, in August, when the youngster was arrested in connection with a bicycle theft. The father arrived at the station where he was met by officers who were asking questions about a stolen bicycle ring. During the interview, Officer John W. Dillon said nothing, he just listened.

The child's father then spoke with Officer Dillon telling him of numerous calls to agencies in search of help for his son. Officer Dillon sat with the boy and his father for nearly two hours, establishing a rapport with the 11 year old. The boy finally told Officer Dillon who was stealing the bicycles, where they were hidden and where they were fixing them up for resale. The officer had more things in mind however, than breaking a bicycle ring.

Officer Dillon began making phone calls. While the father listened the officer called numerous agencies until finally

reaching the counseling services for the Baltimore County Department of Education. The father had found what he had been looking for so long, someone who cared.

Since August, there have been dramatic changes in the youngster, there has been no more stealing or missing school.

As a result of his active interest, the boy's father nominated the officer for the WBAL Radio Brotherhood Award.

The Brotherhood Award is a monthly presentation by Radio Station WBAL in recognition of acts performed by a person for his fellow man without regard for monetary awards or other inducements.



Left to right - Officer John W. Dillon, North-eastern District; Galen Fromme, WBAL; Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia.

On November 12, 1975, Officer Dillon was notified by Mr. Jesse Webster of WBAL Radio that he had been selected as the recipient of the WBAL Brotherhood Award for the month of October, 1975. The award was presented by Mr. Galen Fromme of WBAL in the office of Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia on December 10. During the ceremonies recognition was also afforded in the form of a Congressional Commendation from Congressman Clarence D. Long of the 2nd Congressional District for Officer Dillon's "outstanding service above and beyond the call of duty for the brotherhood of man."

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## Baltimore's Finest

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next breath, let you go without a ticket; He's a special breed!

A guy who can polish off a pitcher of beer without batting an eye, but is trying to watch his weight; who lives life to the fullest, who is proud of his uniform and his job;

A person who, somehow, can adjust to crazy hours - nights and days that sometimes fly by, sometimes never end;

A person who has feet of clay (don't we all?) but whose mind and heart are finely tuned like a Rolls Royce;

Whoever it was who said these men are "Baltimore's Finest" must have known the same cops we do;

Knowing that these kind of men are on the job give people like us a feeling of pride and security. Our hats off to all of you!

### Give A Can . . .

Mayor William Donald Schaefer announced on December 3rd, that all city agencies are participating in the "Give a Can" food drive for the needy families of Baltimore.

Canned goods are being collected at public schools, libraries, and municipal buildings for distribution to less fortunate families in Baltimore City through the eighteen centers of the Baltimore City Emergency Food Coalition.

Members of the Department are invited to participate in this worthwhile program by bringing any canned food item to the collection container located in the Headquarters Cafeteria, 5th floor. Donations may also be taken to the nearest Branch of the Enoch Pratt Free Library or to the 5th Regiment Armory between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The staff of your NEWSLETTER and the members of the PRINTING UNIT wish to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and hopes for the Happiest New Year.

## "Brotherhood Award"

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Officer Dillon still visits his young friend. He is no longer called "Officer" by the family but is now known simply as "John." Perhaps the feelings of the father for what was accomplished is best described in a letter he sent to Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in which he said, "I would like to commend this officer most highly for the happiness that he has brought this family."

## Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day.....	January 1, 1976
King's Birthday.....	January 15, 1976
Lincoln's Birthday....	February 12, 1976
Washington's Birthday....	Feb. 16, 1976
Maryland Day.....	March 25, 1976
Good Friday.....	April 16, 1976
Memorial Day.....	May 30, 1976
Independence Day.....	July 4, 1976
Labor Day.....	September 6, 1976
Defender's Day ...	September 12, 1976
Columbus Day .....	October 12, 1976
Election Day.....	November 2, 1976
Veteran's Day.....	November 11, 1976
Thanksgiving Day....	November 25, 1976
Christmas Day.....	December 25, 1976

## NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Congratulations to Lieutenant Elbert Shirey, who competed in the 3rd Annual Maryland Marathon against 734 runners from around the world on December 12,

1975. Lieutenant Shirey completed the 26 mile, 385 yard course in the time of 3 hours 24 minutes.

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION — Identification Section — Congratulations to Jeannie Thompson on her recent reclassification to Fingerprint Technician. "Keep up the Ident's."

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Congratulations to Al Danna on his recent reclassification from Cadet to Police Officer. Good luck at the Academy; we all enjoyed working with you. We will miss you.

## PROMOTIONS

HAMILTON, ANITA L., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Laboratory Division, November 20.

SCHISLER, DEBORAH J., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Community Services Division, November 20.

STOCKTILL, MARIAN A., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Eastern District, November 20.

## WEDDINGS

QUINN, MATTHEW M., Police Officer, Northwestern District and the former Candice P. Clark.

PUTSCHKY, ROBERT W., Police Officer, Southwestern District and the former Mary Jane Meyer, December 12.

PROFILI, JOHN, Police Officer, Eastern District and the former Deborah Buehler, December 13.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPRINOLO, CHRISTINA MARIE, granddaughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Nicholas Caprinolo,

Eastern District, 8 lbs. 10 oz., September 14.

MARMEN, DEREK MATTHEW, son of Principal Clerk Mary and Douglas Marmen, Planning and Research Division, 7 lbs. 13 oz., December 3.

## RETIREMENTS

WIEDERMANN, WILLIAM H. J., Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 27 years, December 15.

KRUEGER, FREDERICK H., JR., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 25 years, December 18.

ALVEY, SAMUEL A., JR., Sergeant, Northeastern District, 25 years, December 20.

## IN MEMORIAM

HEIDECKER, MATTHEW, father-in-law of Police Officer Edward Szewczyk, Northwestern District and uncle of Police Officer Richard Heidecker, Northwestern District, December 8.

OTTO, FREDERICK, father of retired Policewoman Naomi Reichelt and father-in-law of Detective Carl Reichelt, Criminal Investigation Division, Sex Offense Unit, December 8.

RHOADES, EMMA, mother of Sergeant Ned Schleg, Southeastern District and Police Officer Lamé Schleg, Northeastern District, December 9.

LONG, MARY E., grandmother of Detective Richard J. Long, III, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, December 10.

HURD, JAMES J., SR., uncle of Police Officer Vernon Gundy, Eastern District, December 11.

MILAN, LOUISE, mother of Police Officer Robert Ashmun, Traffic Division, December 13.

LEVY, GUSSIE, mother of Police Officer Jack Levy, Northern District, December 15.



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