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In-Service Training Phase VII

Consistently maintaining high standards over the span of a law enforcement officer's career requires a constant effort at continual education and re-training. Changes in the law, in law enforcement techniques or in Departmental procedure must be brought to the attention of the men whose job it is to implement those changes.

The Department, through its Education and Training Division, has made increasing strides in guaranteeing to each officer a professional, up-to-date and effective re-training program. In-Service Training is designed to consolidate, refine and refresh the necessary skills and vital new knowledge essential to the personnel of a professional police department.

On January 5, 1976 In-Service Training Phase VII commenced at the Education and Training Center. This year's week long course offers four days of instruction and one day of firearms re-training.

The courses in the police role, juvenile diversion, community relations and disciplinary procedures all contribute to the ever emerging definition of the modern police officer's role both within the Department and within the wider community.

Another series of courses will deal with those legal and procedural aspects of criminal cases that arise from the point where the officer observes a violation through the time when he must testify at the trial. Courses in probable cause, report writing, preliminary investigation and testifying in court will sharpen those skills needed to bring criminal cases to successful conclusions. These courses also encompass new legislation as well as recent court decisions that apply to law enforcement.

Officer safety will be stressed in such courses as driver training, special operations and first aid. The personal safety of the police officer will be the theme of the Officer Survival Course, a series of instructional modules that will include: patrol safety, arrest techniques, car stops, abnormal behavior, perception of danger and patrol practicum.

These techniques become second nature to the experienced police officer, but often through constant repetition, bad habits can unconsciously be formed. Re-emphasizing these basic techniques aids in maintaining alertness and personal safety.

The full day spent at the Pistol Range, located at the National Guard Gunpowder Military Reservation, will be spent refining firearm's skills. Each officer will fire two hundred rounds of .38 caliber ammunition during combat course training. Additionally, five rifled slugs and five rounds of double (00) buckshot will be fired by each officer.

The Maryland Police Training Commission, which is responsible for setting minimum standards of police training throughout the State, also recognizes the need for in-service training and recently established mandated minimum in-service training for all law enforcement officers. The requirements include 35 hours of in-service training bi-annually and annual qualification in firearms proficiency.

Also participating in the Department's In-Service Training Program will be officers from the University of Maryland Police Department, the Baltimore-Washington International Airport Police Department and the Maryland Port Authority Police Department.

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Prescription Plan

Sworn members of the Department who participate in the Group Blue Cross - Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan began receiving a new benefit as of January 1st. The new coverage, called the Prescription Drug Program, is at no additional cost to the member.

Under the plan, the member, his spouse and children are eligible to receive any medication pursuant to a prescription, including injectible insulin, after an amount of \$2.00 has been paid by the member toward the cost of each dispensed drug or refill.

The quantity of prescription drugs dispensed according to an original prescription order or refill is limited to a supply of 34 consecutive days except drugs for chronic conditions which may be dispensed up to a maximum of 100 days.

Limitations to the program are few.

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Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Chief Police Physician, Dr. Daniel Wilfson, congratulate Dr. Archie Robinson, Jr., who was recently appointed to the position of Police Physician. Dr. Robinson, who is the Chief of Surgery at Provident Hospital, is a graduate of Meharry Medical College. For more than 20 years he has been associated with medical institutions in the Baltimore area and is affiliated with Bon Secours Hospital, Mercy Hospital and North Charles General Hospital.

In-Service

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In-Service Training is a viable responsive process, capable of shifting its primary areas of emphasis to meet changing demands. It has and continues to provide training on a need basis. It exists to insure that every Baltimore Policeman, from the newly graduated officer to the twenty-five year veteran, attains parallel levels of proficiency and professionalism.

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Devices of any type, even though they may require a prescription, such as contraceptives, therapeutic devices, artificial appliances, hypodermic needles, syringes or similar items are not covered. Also not covered are non-prescription vitamins and any prescription written prior to January 1, 1976. Other secondary limitations apply which will be stated in printed matter to be included by Blue Cross-Blue Shield at the time identification cards are issued.

Each member will shortly receive a plastic identification card similar in appearance to a credit card. When the member requires prescription drugs, he presents his prescription order and Prescription Identification Card to the participating pharmacy. The pharmacist will collect the \$2.00 deductible and ask the member to complete a portion of the Blue Cross Claim Form. Participating pharmacies are numerous and can be identified by a Blue Cross decal on their front doors.

In the event that the member has not received an identification card and desires to purchase prescribed medication, the following procedure is to be used. The member will purchase the drug at the full price and make a claim directly to Blue Cross-Blue Shield. The claim forms may be obtained by contacting Blue Cross-Blue Shield at 494-5329 or by going to their offices located at 700 East Joppa Road, Towson. Claims once submitted will be reimbursed less the \$2.00 deductible fee.

Sunpapers "Policeman Of The Year"

Officer Joseph J. Dobrosielsky

Officer Joseph J. Dobrosielsky, a four year veteran of the Baltimore Police Department, has been named the recipient of the annual Sunpapers Policeman of the Year Award. The Award was presented at the annual Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore Luncheon on December 17th at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Officer Dobrosielsky was one of 21 persons nominated to receive the award. He was selected for his excellence in criminal investigation, especially in burglary, homicide, assault and narcotics.

The officer was cited for his quick action last August which resulted in the saving of his partner's life. A man he and his partner took into their patrol car seized a pistol from one of the officers. In the ensuing struggle his partner was shot in the hand before the assailant was felled by Officer Dobrosielsky.

Officer Dobrosielsky's skill in investigation has magnified his reputation. The Officer has been able to clear about 50 percent of the 36 major cases he has worked on. In February of 1975 he arrested a suspect for several burglaries in the Northwestern District. After intensive investigation Officer Dobrosielsky charged the suspect with 26 additional burglaries. The suspect's accomplice was later arrested and further investigation resulted in the clearance of 16 more burglaries.

Other cases undertaken by the Officer have resulted in arrests for homicide, attempted murder, burglaries, rape and narcotics. In one narcotic seizure alone, \$50,000 worth of suspected marijuana was recovered.

During the ceremonies which followed the noon luncheon Officer Dobrosielsky was presented with a check from the Sunpapers and an engraved plaque commemorating the event.



Members of the Community Services Division including, from left to right, Officers Bingham A. Hunt, Charles E. Smith, John W. Harbin and Rebekah L. Blackston prepared Christmas Stockings for a children's Christmas Party held at the Winchester Armory shortly before Christmas. The party featured food, live entertainment and a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Interested community groups also participated in the event which was attended by more than 450 starry eyed children, many of whom had never been to a Christmas party before.

Santa's Helpers

An old familiar poem says that on the day before Christmas everything was quiet throughout the house. This phrase may have been true last week for some but for the men of the Property Crimes Unit of the Criminal Investigation Division, it was a day of bustling activity, as final touches were being added to numerous food baskets and toys prepared for needy families.



Detectives William C. Hilsberg and Paul A. Karaskavicz, Jr. prepare to leave the 6th floor Headquarters office to distribute food cartons to selected area needy families.

The members of the Property Crimes Unit decided early in December that the money each person would spend in mailing Christmas Cards to fellow officers could be put to far better use. After discussion, it was decided that food baskets would best reflect their own Christmas spirit.

The detectives launched their mini-food drive with the enthusiasm of a major crime investigation. An agreed upon donation was given by each detective to the fund with many members giving in excess simply out of a spirit of goodwill. Store purchases were supplemented by the detectives' wives who "raided" their own pantries as they too were caught up in their husbands' project. Interested merchants in the community generously came forward and supplied many food items at wholesale cost to the officers. The final item added to each gift was a ten pound turkey for Christmas Dinner. The Property Crimes Unit's efforts resulted in eleven food baskets containing enough items for two or three meals. As an extra surprise for the children, numerous toys were included as Christmas presents.

On December 23rd, the detectives went into the community with their food baskets delivering them to families who had

no prior notice that they were to be recipients. Reaction of the various households was heartwarming and in all cases the recipients were overjoyed and thankful for this expression of generosity. One detective reported that when he presented his basket to an East Baltimore mother, she broke into tears of happiness, unable to say anything.

The officers completed their rounds and returned to empty offices where food and toys had been piled high just hours before. As the men spoke among themselves it became obvious that this particular Christmas would be long remembered by them as the day the detectives became Santa's helpers.

Operation Friendship

Members of the Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith, for the 11th year, participated in Operation Friendship, a program designed to relieve members of the Department on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

More than 30 members of the Lodge relieved members of various districts and divisions who are involved in non-hazardous duties allowing them to spend the holidays with their families.

Our thanks to the Menorah Lodge of B'nai B'rith for their generous contribution of time and effort in the promotion of better relations between the Department and community.



Photo by Warren L. MacKenzie

More than 30,000 Holiday Summonses were distributed to citizens of Baltimore and one visitor from the North Pole. This rather strangely attired old gentleman was at first irate about receiving the summons until Officer Charles L. Rummel, Traffic Division, explained that all he has to do is lock-his-car, pocket the keys, remove articles of value from view and have a happy holiday.



During the Tenth Annual Operation Native Sons and Daughters Program, Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore, Lieutenant Douglas G. Coster and Officer Kevin L. Harris, Personnel Division, interviewed more than 100 recent and future local college graduates. Much interest was expressed in a law enforcement career including the Department's unique Police Agent Program.

Post Scripts

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

On behalf of the students and staff of The Maryland School for the Blind, I would like to extend our appreciation to the Baltimore City Police Department for assisting us at the Civic Center during the 8:15 p.m. performance of the Shrine Circus on Thursday, November 6, 1975. The officers on duty that evening, one of them being Joseph Mueller, assisted the students, staff, volunteers and myself by providing special arrangements for unloading, parking, and loading of six buses, one emergency station wagon and a van carrying wheelchairs. Their cooperation, concern and help allowed us to efficiently and safely transport 300 individuals that consisted of visually impaired/multi-handicapped children and their adult accompaniments from the buses to their seats and back again. The gentlemen on duty that evening showed a great deal of sensitivity to our needs and they helped us with the utmost pleasantness.

Please extend my gratitude to these men. The Baltimore Police Department should be proud to have them on the force.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslee Jo Machov
Recreation Coordinator

NEWS IN BRIEF

PROPERTY DIVISION — Members of the Property Division wish to congratulate Major John G. Kollmann, Jr. and Computer Programmer Madeleine T. Smith on their recent engagement.

TACTICAL SECTION — A speedy recovery to Police Officer Francis L. Miller, attached to the Headquarters Security Unit, who was shot while off duty.

A speedy recovery to Police Officer Wayne Garrity, attached to the Helicopter Unit, a patient at the Greater Baltimore Hospital, who underwent serious facial surgery.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Paul Egbert, son of Lieutenant Glenn Egbert, who while competing with teenagers and young adults, placed third in his weight class at the Baltimore City Powerlifting Championship Meet. The sports event was sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation and held on December 7. Paul, who is 11 years old, is now in hard training for Junior Olympic Competition to be held in 1976.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — It is with great pride that we of the Communications Division make known the following quotation from the Violetville Community Association's News, November 1975 edition. It pertains to Mrs. Frances Estelle Sheets, who served in the Police Department first as a School Crossing Guard and finally as Emergency Call Clerk, from 1967 until her death in February 1975:

"It has been approved by the Board of Education that the baseball fields at Violetville School #226 will be named the FRAN SHEETS FIELDS. As many in the community know that Fran for many years was active in promoting sports for the girls in the community, for a number of years was the popular Crossing Guard at School #226 and was active in community work. The fields will be dedicated at the opening game of the girls season next spring."

RETIREMENTS

MAYS, ROSA E. S., School Crossing Guard, Northeastern District, 18 years, January 1, 1976.

REDMOND, HELEN A.B., School Crossing Guard, Southeastern District, 17 years, January 1, 1976.

SLOAN, DONALD M., Police Officer, Southeastern District, 6 years, January 8, 1976.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIHA, JAY ROGER, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Joseph R. Riha, K-9 Unit, November 5, 9lbs. 6 oz.

HULLIHEN, TRICIA ANNE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. John R. Hullihen, Jr., Western District, December 22, 6lbs. 2 oz.

IN MEMORIAM

LeBORYS, BENJAMIN, brother of Police Officer Edward LeBorys, Central Records Division, December 15.

BECKER, MARY ELLEN, widow of deceased retired Police Officer Walter C. Becker, December 18.

UHLAND, CATHERINE, mother-in-law of Radio Technician John O'Loughlin, Communications Division, December 19.

LEONARD, FLORENCE F., step-mother of Sergeant Raymond H. Leonard, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes, Area I, December 20.

CLARK, ROBERT S., brother of Sergeant William T. Clark, Property Division, Headquarters Security Unit, December 20.

SACHA, MARGARET A., mother of retired Police Officer Edwin J. Sacha, formerly of the Traffic Division, December 24.

PENNINGTON, ROSCOE, father-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Nevin, Southwestern District, December 25.

DOUGLAS, CALVIN A., father of Sergeant Mercedes Rankin, Northwestern District, December 25.

SKOPINSKI, WALTER E., brother of Police Officer William Skopp, Traffic Division, December 26.

FINAL ROLL CALL

DIPPEL, JOHN M., Sergeant, retired from old Police Services Desk, December 18.

LOWMAN, OLIVER F., Police Officer, retired from Northern District, December 19.

CO2 Pellet Guns

Since the enactment of the Handgun Laws as found in Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, there has been an area of confusion concerning the definition of a handgun as applied to a CO2 Pellet Gun.

The November 1, 1975 issue of "The Attorney General's Digest", offers the following, under the heading "Recent Important Decisions of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals":

HANDGUN - DEFINITION - A CO2 pellet gun (capable of firing a .22 caliber pellet) comes within the definition of a handgun found in Article 27, §§ 36B, 36F (a). It was not the intent of the legislature in enacting the handgun law to limit the definition of a handgun to a hand weapon from which a bullet or missile is ejected by an explosive charge. The legislative intent was to include any hand weapon simulating the appearance of a pistol or revolver that is capable of discharging a missile by any method of propulsion. *Todd v. State*, 28 Md. App. 12 (9-9-75).



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Index Crime Down 7.6 Percent

Index Crime in Baltimore decreased 7.6% during 1975 as compared with 1974.

There were 34 fewer murders and murder by handgun decreased 23.6%.

Violent crime was down 7.4%; property crime, down 7.7%.

Of the seven Index categories, only Larceny reflected an increase - +0.2%

The 1975 Index Crime totals represent a 13.7% gross decrease under the number of crimes reported in 1970. The average percent change per year using 1970 as a basis is -12.0%

Arrests for Index Offenses increased 4.6%. Juvenile arrests for these crimes comprised 50.1% of the total. This compares with a national average of 45.1%.

Clearance rates, which totals 32.1%, continues to exceed the national average for crime clearances which is 21%.

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau attributed the decrease in crime to a variety of factors in addition to the increased efforts and dedication of the sworn and civilian men and women of the Department — not the least of which is the increasing stability of our community and the awareness and determination of our citizens.

The Commissioner encourages all members of the community to not only continue to report suspicious activity in their neighborhood and work with uniformed officers and

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"Man Of The Year"

The Advertising Club of Baltimore honored Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, naming him "1975 Man of the Year", during ceremonies January 14, 1976 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The Advertising Club's Civic Award cites "meritorious achievement" in the community and was presented at a luncheon attended by hundreds of community leaders and members of the Baltimore Police Department.

Commissioner Pomerleau, who was introduced by the Honorable George L. Russell, Jr., accepted the award on behalf of the members of the Baltimore Police Department who, he said, deserve the credit for its achievements during the past nine years.

The Police Commissioner then reviewed the changes which have taken place within the Department since 1966, pointing out the educational achievement of its members. Additionally he reviewed some of the major programs which have led to significant improvements in service to the community.

Those attending the luncheon were also told of some of the problems which are still faced by the Department and the community. For example, the Commissioner reviewed three cases in which persons, who had been parolled after serving sentences for crimes of violence, committed similar offenses. He stated that if those who are parolled could be prevented from violating their trust the murder rate in Baltimore would be reduced.

Citing the fact that the Department needs no additional manpower or new programs, at this time, the Commissioner urged support of other areas of the Criminal Justice spectrum.

Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE YEAR 1975

TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	293	259	— 34	— 11.6
FORCIBLE RAPE	486	463	— 23	— 4.7
ROBBERY	10,208	9,055	— 1,153	— 11.3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	6,379	6,309	— 70	— 1.1
BURGLARY	18,790	15,787	— 3,003	— 16.0
LARCENY	30,865	30,936	+ 71	+ 0.2
AUTO THEFT	9,214	7,602	— 1,612	— 17.5
GRAND TOTAL	76,235	70,411	— 5,824	— 7.6

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detectives, but to become involved with all other aspects of criminal justice, in particular the Correctional, Parole and Probation Agencies.

MURDERS 1975 - 1974

Thirty-four fewer murders were committed in Baltimore during 1975 as compared with 1974 — 259 vs 293.

Murders committed by handguns were down by 42 incidents, a decrease of 23.6%.

The majority of murders continue to occur between individuals who are friends, relatives or acquaintances and within family situations beyond the purview of the police.

One hundred and seventy-two or 66.4% of the murders committed last year involved a friend, relative or acquaintance of the victim. One arson resulted in the tragic deaths of six persons known to the arsonist.

Investigations resulted in an 84.6% clearance rate. This compares with the national average of 80.0%

Seventy-two or 18.7% of all persons taken into custody in connection with murder cases were juveniles. Forty-nine of these juveniles had records of previous contacts with the police and juvenile justice agencies.

Murder Weapons Used

Year	Number Murders	Handguns	Long-guns	Knives	Other Weapons
1974	293	178	23	49	43
1975	259	136	20	53	50
Differ.	-34	-42	-3	+4	+7
Per Cent	-11.6	-23.6	-13.4	+8.2	+16.3

Arrest Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1975

ARRESTS TYPE OF CRIME	1974	1975	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	415	386	— 29	— 7.0
FORCIBLE RAPE	407	393	— 14	— 3.4
ROBBERY	3,821	4,083	+ 262	+ 6.9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,958	2,355	+ 397	+ 20.3
BURGLARY	5,295	4,844	— 451	— 8.5
LARCENY	8,281	9,246	+ 965	+ 11.7
AUTO THEFT	2,199	2,098	— 101	— 4.6
GRAND TOTAL	22,376	23,405	+ 1,029	+ 4.6

Range Schedule

The Practical Police Pistol Course, located at the Gunpowder Military Reservation, will be available to those members who wish to practice on their own time. The following is the schedule for the next two months:

FEBRUARY, 1976

- 17th Area I (CD, SWD & SD)
- 20th Area II (ND, NWD & WD)
- 23rd Area III (SED, ED & NED)

MARCH, 1976

- 9th C.I.D. and Traffic
- 16th Services and Administrative Bureau
- 19th Tactical Section
- 22nd Area I
- 30th Area II

Post Scripts

Dear Mr. Hill:

This is a "thank you" note to our Baltimore City Police Force. I live at 1114 St. Paul Street, 3rd floor apartment, which building is owned by Monumental Life Insurance Company. I also work for Monumental Life in its Law Department.

Around 2:30 A.M. on Christmas night on the way back from my sister's house in Cockeysville, my nephew dropped me off at my apartment at 1114 St. Paul. He took me to the door to make sure I got in alright, but there were two men lying in the hallway at the front entrance (that door to the street is not locked). We did not go in.

We went to the phone booth at the corner of St. Paul and Biddle to call the police, but before calling, a police car came by. We told the officer what happened and he immediately went to the building, and we followed. Also, two more police cars arrived. The officer we talked to succeeded in getting the two men to leave in a quiet, peaceful manner; he spoke to them very politely. The other officers were not needed, but their presence helped. Thanks again to the officer who assisted us and to the other officers who were present.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to our wonderful Baltimore City Police Force!

Sincerely,

/s/ (Miss) Anne H. Rakas — age 55

Cartridge Cases Link Hold-Ups

As in most cases the investigation of a hold-up suspect does not end when an apprehension is made. More often than not the arrested suspect can be tied to other pending cases or a series of them through proven investigative techniques by the Detectives of the Robbery Squad as well as the analysis of scientific evidence by the Laboratory Division.

Two recent cases are examples of the successful application of these cooperative efforts and their results.

ROBBERY SERIES

A hold-up-in-progress call to a liquor store on Park Heights Avenue lead to a confrontation between Officers Wendell France, Northern District and Vernon E. W. May, Western District and the armed hold-up suspect. When the officers announced their presence the suspect opened fire at the officers and was shot and mortally wounded. They recovered the automatic .22 caliber rifle and the proceeds of the robbery.

The rifle was submitted for examination to the Firearms Identification Unit of the Laboratory Division. In the pending case file was a cartridge case recovered from the hold-up of a convenience store. This casing had been matched with other casings recovered at the liquor store when it was held-up three days prior to the apprehension. During the first robbery of the liquor store the gunman shot two persons, leaving the ejected casings on the floor.

Upon test firing and examination the rifle was linked to the other two cases through positive matches of the ejected shell cases.

The Maryland State Police and Baltimore County's Robbery Squad responded to a notice regarding the recovered weapon. Shell casings recovered from the scenes of similar hold-ups investigated by these agencies resulted in linking the rifle to two additional robberies.

With this information the investigating detectives were able to obtain positive identification of the deceased suspect and clear a total of five hold-ups.

KNOCK AND ROB

Recently the Southwestern, Western and Northwestern Districts were experiencing a number of "Knock and Rob" incidents. Unsuspecting victims answered a knock at their door and were suddenly confronted by a weapon and forced into the house where they were robbed. Another method was to wait until the victim was about to enter his home and then confront him.

Such an incident unfolded on November 15, 1975 as Officer Francis Miller, Headquarters Security Unit, parked his car in front of his home and walked onto his front porch. Officer Miller heard a noise behind him, when he turned a shot rang out striking him in the chest. The two young gunmen then robbed him. Officer Miller was quickly taken to a nearby hospital in serious condition where he recovered and was later returned to duty.

Investigators arriving on the scene recovered a .25 caliber cartridge case which was examined and retained in the open case file of the Laboratory Division's Firearms Unit. Criminal Investigation Division investigators were informed that if a suspect weapon should be recovered, it could be matched to the evidence on hand.

Five days later, a similar robbery-shooting occurred whereby two .25 caliber cartridge cases were recovered from the scene. These casings were matched to the Officer Miller case, disclosing the fact that the same weapon was used. As a result of this hold-up/shooting an arrest of a suspect was made. This suspect did not have the sought after .25 caliber, however, he did have a .22 caliber revolver in his possession.

This revolver was traced to a family in the Southwestern District who were the victims of a "Knock and Rob" in November of 1975. In this case, the victim was about to open his front door when he was forced inside at gunpoint by three suspects. An hour after the gunmen entered they tied the couple and left with their loot, including the .22 caliber revolver.

On November 26, 1975 two officers from the Northwestern District were patrolling a one-way street when they observed headlights coming toward them in the opposite direction. The officers stopped their car and turned on their

emergency light. Instead of stopping, the vehicle continued toward them and rammed the front of the radio car. The operator attempted to escape but was apprehended by the officers. Investigation revealed that the suspect had moments before taken the car from its owner in an abortive hold-up attempt. The owner of the vehicle reported that he picked up the assailant, who was hitch-hiking and when the suspect entered the vehicle he produced a chrome plated .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. The victim was able to escape from the vehicle which the suspect then took.

The recovered .25 caliber pistol was submitted to the Firearm Identification Unit and was found to be the one responsible for the shooting of Officer Miller and two other victims in other "Knock and Rob" incidents. The serial number on the weapon had been obliterated, but through chemical treatment, a restoration was achieved. The number restoration led to its owner in the Western District who had been the victim of a "Knock and Rob" in November. The victim's wife had also been raped in this incident.

The Latent Fingerprint Unit was requested to compare the fingerprints of the two suspects arrested to outstanding "knock and rob" cases on file. As a result of this investigation additional "knock and rob" and rapes were associated to these defendants.

Through the combined efforts of the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Unit, the Laboratory Division's Firearm and Latent Fingerprint Units, additional arrests and related cases have been developed. To date four defendants are in custody awaiting trial on more than 45 charges.

NEWS NOTES

The NEWSLETTER has received a request for clarification concerning the eligibility of retired members of the Department and widows under the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Prescription Plan.

The Prescription Drug Program applies only to "active" Sworn Members of the Department who are participants in the Group Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LABORATORY DIVISION — Best wishes to Senior Clerk Typist Beverly Henderson on her recent marriage.

Congratulations to Ballistics Technician and Mrs. Joseph Kopera on the birth of their first child, a daughter, 8lbs. 8 oz.

Members of this Division send warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer C. Gene Higdon of the Latent Print Unit.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Darkroom Technician Theodore Turner, Crime Lab Technician H. Rosenkoff, Criminalist John Schaefer and Senior Clerk Typist Beverly Henderson on their recent losses.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District wish everyone a very healthy and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

TACTICAL SECTION — A speedy recovery and best wishes to Police Officer Albert Sharpe who suffered a heart attack and is confined to University Hospital.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENAS, DAWN DANIELLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Menas, Northwestern District, October 21, 1975.

IMMLER, AMITY LEIGH, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. George Immler, Northwestern District, October 21, 1975, 7lbs. 9 oz.

URIE, DANIEL JOSEPH, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Gerald Urie, Tactical Section, December 21, 1975, 8lbs. 6 oz.

SHIREY, BRIANA KARYN, daughter of Detective and Mrs. David W. Shirey, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Squad, December 26, 1975, 6lbs. 6 oz.

DUNNIGAN, MEGAN MICHELLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Gary Dunnigan, Eastern District, December 26, 1975, 7lbs. 9 oz.

MULDOWNEY, KATHLEEN ANN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. James D. Muldowney, K-9 Unit, December 29, 1975, 6lbs. 11 oz.

IN MEMORIAM

WADE, ROBERT LEO, brother of Police Officer Joseph Wade, Eastern District, December 27.

ANDERSON, DOROTHY, sister of Police Officer Wilson Lucas, Northeastern District, December 27.

FORD, EDWARD, SR., father of Emergency Call Clerk Vivian Hampton, Communication Division, December 29.

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MCDONNELL, PATRICK, J., JR., father-in-law of Police Officer Alric K. Moore, Western District, January 2, 1976.

SCHUCHARDT, ELIZABETH, grandmother of Senior Clerk Typist Paula Chilcote, Traffic Division, January 3, 1976.

BERRY, RICHARD, uncle of Detective William R. Scott, Internal Investigation Division, January 7, 1976.

WILHELM, CAROLINE E., mother of Sergeant C. Vernon Wilhelm, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotic Unit and Detective Richard Ayres, Criminal Investigation Division, Fugitive Squad, January 8, 1976.

WILSON, NORMAN R., father-in-law of Police Officer Charles Harris, Northwestern District, January 9, 1976.

MURPHY, FRANCIS E., step-father of Police Officer Roland Richardson, Tactical Section, January 9, 1976.

BUNDY, HERMAN, step-father of Senior Clerk Typist Beverly A. Henderson, Laboratory Division, January 9, 1976.

COE, NORMAN G., SR., brother of Herman A. Coe, Hostler, Traffic Division, Mounted Section, January 10, 1976.

GETTLER, RUTH L., mother of Police Officer Robert Gettier, Northeastern District, January 10, 1976.

WILEY, WILLIAM F., grandfather of Police Officer Charles Nelson, Northern District, January 10, 1976.

GATTON, JAMES W., grandfather of Police Officer James Snyder, Northern District, January 10, 1976.

SPENCER, CARTER B., father of Police Officer Carter Spencer, Traffic Division, January 11, 1976.



A startled Principal Clerk Stenographer Margaret L. Bemrick of the Office of the Police Commissioner was the recipient of a surprise Birthday Party given in her honor at Vellegia's Restaurant on January 12. More than 60 fellow employees and friends showered Miss Bemrick with gifts and congratulations. Miss Bemrick, who has been with the Department since 1952, also received personal congratulations from Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau.



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Policing Baltimore During The Nation's Centennial

Since the Declaration of Independence in 1776 this country has developed a history rich with events and ever changing life styles. As a part of the Bi-centennial Celebration a series of articles are being compiled from various old stationhouse record books and other documents showing the activities of the men in blue and the major and minor events that occurred in the City of Baltimore as far back as these documents will allow.

Some of the selected reports are humorous, others are sad, and a few seem somehow familiar, but they all show bits and pieces of what life was like as seen and reported by our predecessors.

This first instalment is a series of incident and arrest reports made in a bound-ledge called the "Record of the Northeastern District Police for the City of Baltimore." The year was 1876, the District encompassed about one-fourth of the City. There were 2 shifts, Day and Night, and an entry was made for each

shift many simply stating "All quiet, no Business for the Magistrate."

HAPPY NEW YEAR

During the evening of December 31st, 1875 and the early morning hours of January 1, 1876 there were 26 arrests with 20 for drunk and disorderly, 1 for interfering with an officer, 2 for firing a pistol within the City limits, 1 for carrying a concealed weapon and 2 for setting off "fire crackers" in the street. Ten cases were dismissed, 3 were released on "bail for peace" ranging from \$.45 to \$.75 and the remainder were fined from \$.50 to \$1.00. Of those fined 2 were jailed in default of payment.

PARKING PROHIBITED

M. D. Banks arrested by Officer Thompson charged with violating Sec. 16, Art. 8, City Code by allowing his wagon to stand on the street, Sunday, January 2, 1876 - charges Dismissed. 5 Jan. 1876.

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and ending on the 8th day of March 1860

FINE. COST. MAGISTRATE.

REMARKS.

Flips
The Locksmith shop of John Shaw's No 79 North St. was found open by officers Fields & Phillips and secured for the night

All incident reports were entered in the left column of the District Book. This entry, dated March 8, 1860 from the Middle District, shows the report of the discovery of an open door and the action taken by the officer.

Trace Evidence

At first no one paid particular attention to the three young men who walked into the rear entrance of the Union Trust Company Office in the 5100 block of Reisterstown Road. One of them went to the Assistant Manager's desk and suddenly pushed a customer to the floor, produced a handgun, and ordered everyone to lie on the floor. Two of the assailants went behind the counter and took money from two teller's positions. The suspects placed the money in a bag and fled through the rear exit to Emmart Avenue.

Officers and Detectives responded through a lightly falling snow and began searching the neighborhood.

Detectives located a handgun in a yard on Emmart Avenue and three sets of footprints in the newly fallen snow. Following the footprints, which led from the side of Emmart Avenue to a fence, Detectives continued to Primrose Avenue, and to the front steps of a house.

While officers covered possible exits, Detectives spoke to a woman who claimed to be the owner of the house. While interviewing the woman, they noticed two pairs of wet shoes and two coats in similar condition in the dining room.

The owner said that shortly before the Detectives had arrived three men, who she didn't know, ran into the house and up the stairs. They received permission to search the house and called for the suspects. Two suspects came down the stairs and were placed under arrest. A search of the 2nd and 3rd floors netted the third suspect, who was found hiding in a bedroom closet.

Further investigation resulted in the recovery of a large amount of money suspected to be proceeds of the robbery and numerous articles of clothing in

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COASTING?

About 5 o'clock this evening while C. Kratz and J. Richivein, were coasting [?] down Broadway, across Baltimore Street, they were run over by a wagon, and, both badly-bruised, they were taken to their home No. 3 Bond St. by Sergt. Schafer, - 4 Feb. 1876.

SHOULDA BEEN IN CHURCH

G. S. Cold arrested by Officer Pasterfield with violating Sec. 2, Art. 38 City Code by matching cents on the Sabbath day, Fined \$1.00 and costs. (.45) and released on payment. 20 Feb. 1876.

SCHOOL DISTURBANCE

About 3 o'clock P.M. the arch over chimney attached to Public Primary School No. 13 on Jefferson near Caroline Street, gave way from being washed by the rain, and, came down the chimney through the flue, causing terrible fright among the children for the time being, but, they were soon quieted - 3 Apr. 1876.

SIGNAL "30"

About 11:30 A.M. Mr. Williams of Baltimore County left his horse attached to a wagon unattended on Eden St. near Gay St., the animal became frightened and ran off. At the corner of Gay and Madison Sts., the wagon collides with the awning in front of the store of Mr. F. Clark, demolishing it and doing considerable damage to the wagon, the horse escaped injury. 21 Apr. 1876.

CUTTING CORNERS

C. Filben arrested by Sgt. Schafer charged with violating Sec. 3 Art. 8 City Code by driving his cart over the footway on Monument near Burke St. 5 May 1876.

ROAMING FREE

K. Waltheises arrested by Sgt. Schafer charged with violating Sec. 3 Art. 8 City Code by permitting his horse to run at large within the City limits. 5 May 1876.

BUT IT'S THE CENTENNIAL

J. Sindell (boy) arrested by Off. Eppley charged with violating Sec. 34 Art. 19 City Code by firing a paper cape from

a centennial bomb on the street. 10 May 1876.

STAMPEDE

C. Fogerty arrested by Sgt. Carroll charged with violating Ord. 64 City Code by allowing her cow to run at large within the City limits. 19 May 1876.

ABSCONDING APPRENTICE (sic)?

A. V. Hall arrested by Sgt. Carroll charged on the oath of M. Hanson with being an absconding female apprentice (sic). Released for a hearing on Monday, May 22. 20 May 1876.

TRYING UP

The grocery store of C. Peck, No. 223 Aisquith Street was found open at 11 P.M. and secured by Off. Slatar. 23 May 1876.

STOP AND FRISK

B. F. Seibold arrested by Off. Schener charged with violating Sec. 827 Chapter 473 Art. 4 Code of Public Local Laws by carrying a concealed weapon, a pistol on 23 May 1876, fined \$3.00 and costs \$.45.

ESCAPEES A PROBLEM

W.G. Adams arrested by Off. Snyder Escaped from the House of Refuge Returned to the Institution by Capt. Aaron. 28 May 1876.

D. W. I.

W. R. Williams arrested by Off. Thompson charged with immoderate and reckless riding on horseback. Fined \$2.00 and released on payment. 30 May 1876.

PITFALL

About 11 o'clock A.M. a horse belonging to E. Sickles, N.W. corner of Baltimore and Bond St. fell into a manure pit six feet deep, severely injuring himself. He was taken out by - Sgt. Schafer and Off. Rodger assisted by some citizens. 10 June 1876.

A RUDE AWAKENING

Between 1 and 2 o'clock A.M., M. N. Young aged 68 years residing at No. 358 E. Fayette St. walked out of his second story window in sleep, from which he received a severe injury of the right side of the head, sprained his right wrist and ankle, he was attended by Dr. A. J. Foard, who rendered the necessary aids. 11 June 1876.

HOT FEET

About 11 o'clock P.M. a coal oil lamp exploded in the house of F. Bender No.

46 N. Central Avenue setting fire to the bed on which he was laying and burning his feet severely - Damage to the bed and bedding about \$10.00 Officer M. Carin broke open the door and succeeding (sic) in rescuing Mr. Bender and extinguishing the fire without given (sic) an alarm. 21 June 1876.

THE ONLY SAFE PLACE LEFT

About 3:45 P.M. a horse attached to a buggy, belonging to and driven by E. I. Clark whilst crossing the intersection of Bond & Madison St. the axle broke throwing Clark out, the horse became frightened and ran down Bond to Chew St., when he came in contact with the Baker Wagon of H. Wise, demolishing the buggy, and overturning the wagon and breaking the shaft. The horse continued down Chew St. to Caroline, when, he ran into the Black Smith shop of K. Peters, with one wheel and shaft of the buggy, the horse was considerably injured about the legs. Mr. Clark escaped injury. 23 June 1876.

EL TORO

About one o'clock P.M. as W. Evans was driving a bull from the Steamer Thomas Colly, when, on Eutaw near Jefferson St., it became frightened from some cause and attempted to gore several persons, tearing the clothes off of two men who attempted to secure him, Off. Campbell, with assistance, tied it to a post, when it was safely taken to Mr. Dimplings east Monument St. 21 July 1876.

YOU COMMON SCOLDE*!!!

A. Barrauch arrested by Off. Gilson charged on the oath of M. Casper with being a common scolde and common nuisance. Released on bail for court. 29 July 1876.

*The word 'Scolde', according to the American Heritage Dictionary is of Norse origin and means an abusive person. Many thanks to Don Spatz, WBAL Radio, who provided this information.

ONE MONTH AT BAY VIEW

H. Burk arrested by Off. T. A. Jones charged with being an Insane Vagrant committed to Bay View for One Month. 30 Sept. 1876.

DON'T ENTER BURGLARIOUSLY

J. Thomas and K. Dolan arrested by Off. Holland charged with Burglariously entering the Restaurant of A. Bnysow, No. 418 N. Gay St. on the night of Sept. 29. Each released on bail for the action of the Grand Jury. 29 Sept. 1876.

IN THE HAY LOFT

W. J. Bush arrested by Off. Dorw charged with being secreted in the Hay Loft of Samuel Goldsmith No. 88 Hampstead St. committed for a hearing. 13 Oct. 1876.

Trace Evidence

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various locations throughout the 2nd and 3rd floors. Additional monies were recovered from clothing thought to have been worn by the suspects and some bait money identified as being from the Union Trust Company.

"Brownie"

Central District personnel were saddened recently to learn of the death of Brownie, the Mascot of the District.

Brownie came to the Central District in mid 1968. He was found bruised and battered one rainy day under a vehicle parked on the Central District ramp. The wet, skinny brown puppy was brought inside where he was dried, fed and sent on his way. Day after day however, Brownie would reappear at the door for his free hand-out. Eventually Brownie found his way inside and had his own food and water dish "issued" to him, thereby becoming the unofficial guardian of the Stationhouse.

Many officers began their careers under the watchful eye and wagging tail of Brownie. Although he lived in the Central District, he was known and loved by people throughout the Department. Brownie showed no difference for rank. When he was lying near his post at the front door, he moved for no one.

Every spring the clerks at Headquarters saw to it that Brownie was bathed, clipped for the summer and provided with a dog license.

Brownie was found shortly after midnight on January 26, lying in the 700 block of Fallsway, the apparent victim of a hit and run accident. He was taken back to the District and buried the following day at the Dulaney Valley Pet Cemetery. Although Brownie was not an "official" member of the Department, he was buried in the Baltimore Police K-9 section of the Cemetery.



Miss Marie Shettle recently received photographs of Officer Edward Smith of the K-9 Unit and his dog Smokey, in appreciation for her assistance in the apprehension of a larceny suspect on December 14, 1975. The day the incident occurred was Miss Shettle's 80th birthday.

YMCA

The Franklin Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A. of the Greater Baltimore Area is offering a 30% rate reduction in yearly individual memberships to sworn and civilian members of the Department. This rate reduction applies to both active and retired members.

Individual memberships, normally costing \$100.00, will cost a member \$70.00. Facilities included with the regular individual membership are the swimming pool, gymnasium, weight room, steam room, indoor track and more.

A special Business Men's Athletic Club (BMAC) membership normally costing \$200.00, is available for \$140.00 plus a \$50.00 one time initiation fee. The program includes all of the above facilities plus private lockers, dressing rooms, showers, toiletries, uniforms, a lounge, sauna and valet service.

Personnel interested in either program may obtain membership information and applications at the Franklin Street Y.M.C.A. Payment may be made by cash, check or popular charge cards. A deferred payment plan is also available.

Further information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Fulford of the Y.M.C.A. at 539-7350 extension 34.

The need to be physically fit and to maintain fitness is an important consideration for every member of the Department. The Y.M.C.A. provides excellent facilities to obtain this goal.

"Baltimore Is Best"

Mayor William Donald Schaefer has announced the start of "BALTIMORE'S BEST" — a program to seek out and honor individuals who, even in small ways, work to promote the City of Baltimore.

"As I travel around our City," Mayor Schaefer stated, "I meet hundreds of people who qualify as BALTIMORE'S BEST. For example, I know a prominent banker who always talks about Baltimore's downtown revitalization rather than financial matters when invited as a program speaker. A construction worker I recently met continually spoke of 'my City' when boasting about Baltimore. An airline clerk fashioned her own 'Welcome to Baltimore' pin and was telling travelers about current events in town. A Baltimore developer is selling his homes by selling the City as a good place in which to live. Thanks to people like these, our City can say BALTIMORE IS BEST, and I think these people should be recognized and this spirit encouraged throughout our City."

Persons who promote Baltimore, whether they are individuals, groups, banker, tellers, policemen, friends or neighbors, will now get a chance to be honored, according to Mayor Schaefer. Nomination cards will be available in banks, libraries, and businesses throughout the City. Anyone wishing to nominate a person or themselves for a membership in "BALTIMORE'S BEST" simply fills out a card. Members will be notified and will receive a bumper sticker and membership pin and will be honored by the Mayor at a special ceremony.

"The 'BALTIMORE'S BEST' program is unique. No other City, to our knowledge, has attempted to locate and honor its unsung citizens promoters. This is our chance to discover the unconventional, too often overlooked, and low-key efforts of groups and individuals who boost City pride and to grant them the recognition they deserve."

Mayor Schaefer will induct the first members and announce the first special recognition awards for "BALTIMORE'S BEST" in early Spring.



Senior Sergeant Neville B. Trendle, of the Legal Section of the New Zealand Police Department and his wife Rosemary were recent weekend guests of the local chapter of the International Police Association. During their stay they were given a tour of the Headquarters Building and the Eastern District Station by Major William F. Rochford, Director of the Central Records Division.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Theodore H. Johnson on his recent loss.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Crime Lab Technician Charles J. Kern, Mobile Unit, on his recent loss.

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION — Congratulations to Cadet John Mohr who received an award from the Sunpapers for having caught the largest shark in 1975. "Jaws beware" ! ! !
Congratulations to Senior Clerk Typist Ruthie Folio on her recent engagement.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling on her recent loss.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Congratulations to Brian King, age 16, son of Sergeant Robert King, who was selected to

represent Baltimore City Schools at a Science Convention in Chicago, February 9 to 12, 1976. He was selected due to his advanced knowledge in Meteorology and a 95 average in Science and an overall academic average of 3.5. Brian graduates in June and hopes to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

PROPERTY DIVISION — Congratulations to Officer and Mrs. Harry Kaplan who are celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary.

RETIREMENTS

BUSH, JAMES G., Police Officer, Communications Division, 22 years, February 5.

PROMOTIONS

SCHUCH, CHRISTINE A., Principal Clerk Stenographer, Criminal Investigation Division, December 24, 1975.

WEDDINGS

MOSIER, CRAIG, Cadet, Central Records Division, and the former Frances L. Pulaski.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HILL, BRANDY ANNA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul Hill, Northern District, December 9, 1975, 7lbs. 1 oz.

LAKE, KAREN PATRICIA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Felix M. Lake, Northern District, January 15, 1976, 8lbs. 2 oz.

REDICAN, RAYMOND R., JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Raymond Redican, Southeastern District, January 24, 1976, 9lbs. 4 oz.

VOLK, DANA RENEE, daughter of Police Officer John Volk, Personnel Division, Applicant Investigation Section and Principal Clerk Deborah Volk, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, and granddaughter of Sergeant Arnold

Bedsworth, Property Division, Messenger Service Unit, January 25, 1976, 10lbs. 1 oz.
WOLFE, ANTHONY JAY, son of Computer Programmer and Mrs. William Wolfe, Planning and Research Div., Jan. 29, 1976, 9lbs. 11 oz.

IN MEMORIAM

IMMLER, NAOMI, grandmother of Police Officer Karl Zephir, Northeastern District, January 15.

HAAG, ANDREW, uncle of Police Officer John A. Haag, Traffic Division, Traffic Investigation Section, January 15.

BOYCE, NELLIE MARIE, grandmother of Police Officer Robert Bittinger, Traffic Division, January 16.

MUTH, JOHN, uncle of Police Officer John Sullivan, Tactical Section, January 17.

LEONARD, JOHN, step-father of Sergeant James H. Freeman, Southwestern District, January 18.

FLAGGS, MARGARET E., mother-in-law of Police Officer William Minster, Traffic Division, January 18.

COPELAND, EDNA R., mother-in-law of Police Officer Theodore Johnson, Central District, January 19.

HENDERSON, GEORGE WARREN, SR., grandfather of Cadet George W. Johnson, Communications Division, January 19.

CHASE, CHARLOTTE, grandmother of Senior Accountant Clerk Joyce Pettiford, Community Services Division, Youth Section, January 19.

BLUM, JOHN, father of Police Officer Leonard Blum, Southwestern District, January 20.

FINAL ROLL CALL

SYLVESTER, RAYMOND A., Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District, January 17.

WEITZMAN, HAROLD R., Police Officer, retired from Northwestern District, January 20.



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Soft Body Armor Issued

Christmas shoppers were scurrying homeward, many heavily laden with presents for family and friends. In Seattle, Washington, as everywhere else across the nation, Christmas decorations adorned commercial areas and just two days before the holiday the pace was hectic.

Seattle Police Officer Raymond T. Johnson arrived at his off-duty job in a grocery store amid the happy sounds of the holiday season.

Just prior to reporting for work he decided to pick up some items which he'd have to take home later that evening. As he stood in line, waiting to pay for the articles he wished to purchase, a clerk signaled him that a hold-up was in progress.

Officer Johnson turned and spotted the gunman who recognized him as a police officer. In an instant the officer saw the .38 calibre hand-gun being levelled at him and lunged toward the gunman in an effort to keep from being shot. He was too late.

Four shots were fired, by the suspect, in the violent struggle that followed. One missed. Two slammed into the officer's chest, ripping through his outer clothing. The fourth struck in the left palm.

The gunman fled, empty handed . . . killing a police officer is the most serious of offenses.

Officer Johnson, however, wasn't dead. The impact of two .38 calibre bullets striking his chest, one directly over his heart, hadn't even knocked him down.

Instead the officer was able to call his Department and relate a complete description of the assailant, his escape vehicle and direction of flight. Units

and an ambulance were dispatched immediately to the scene and the officer was rushed to an area hospital.

Within a few days he was sent home.

Just two weeks prior to the incident Officer Johnson had been issued a seven layer Kevlar vest as a part of a pilot study being conducted by his Department. The vest, which is similar to those being issued by the Baltimore Police Department except that ours have twelve layers, saved Officer Johnson's life.

Robbery detectives who investigated the case told the local Seattle newspapers that the weapon used by the assailant was a .38 calibre revolver which was fired at the heart area from within two feet. This was evidenced by the extensive powder burns at the points of impact in the vest.

The projectiles did not pass through the Kevlar. The officer did receive some contusions and slight lacerations in the areas of the chest where the bullets impacted against the Kevlar. This "blunt trauma" is common in all soft body armor, but is dissipated more effectively by Kevlar than other products developed so far.

Kevlar will not prevent anyone who is shot from sustaining some degree of injury, but it may prevent fatal injury. When a bullet strikes an area protected by the soft body armor it loses its arrow-head effect. Depending on the calibre, velocity and angle of trajectory the energy is mushroomed to a diameter of 4 to 6 inches. Rather than tearing through skin, muscle, bone and vital organs most of the bullet's energy thus dissipates within the vest. The energy not lost by this mushroom effect then impacts against the wearer. This is

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Policing Baltimore... 201 Years

One year before the birth of the United States as a Nation, a Town Meeting was held by the citizens of "Baltimore Towne." Crime and its recent increase was of utmost concern to the residents present. Since the community was laid out as a town in 1729, the citizens were able to preserve the peace, protect property and arrest offenders on their own. However, in 1775 times had changed so the citizens approved the establishment of a Night Watch from which the Baltimore Police Department evolved.



In early days, "Policemen" were actually watchmen who stood in sentrylike structures on cold nights.

At that general meeting they adopted police regulations and each male inhabitant capable of duty, voluntarily signed up to serve as night watchmen. A committee was appointed to oversee the watchmen who performed their duties without pay.

Being a voluntary, unpaid force, it soon became inefficient and in 1784 the Maryland Legislature passed a bill al-

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Body Armor

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"blunt trauma" and it can knock you off your feet and cause serious injury, but not as much as a freely passing, ricocheting projectile tearing into and sometimes through your body.

When a wearer is shot immediate hospitalization is a must. "Blunt Trauma" can, depending on velocity and calibre of the bullet, cause internal injury and broken bones even though the bullet does not penetrate the vest.

The product, Kevlar 29, was developed in 1970 by the E. I. duPont de Nemours and Company as a substitute for steel in belted radial tires. After extensive testing the synthetic clothlike fiber was found to be stronger and lighter than ballistic nylon and steel mesh and ideally suited for use as soft body armor.

When it became commercially available in 1974 many producers of soft body armor adopted this new material, acknowledging its superior protection, increased flexibility and lighter weight.

The Department also became extremely interested in this new soft product, and Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau directed the Planning and Research Division to study the various types of body armor which could be worn by police officers.

Extensive tests were conducted in cooperation with the United States Army. The results show that Kevlar is the superior product and that twelve layers will stop the penetration of the most common types of weapons and ammunition found on the street today.

Not only was it found to provide superior protection, but it does so with less bulk and weight. Comfort and flexibility were the second most important considerations in the search for a vest which will be worn by our police officers. The light weight causes minimal strain and the eight standardized sizes, when properly fitted will prevent the garment from shifting as the wearer moves, especially when he enters or exits a vehicle.

The design of the armor was undertaken considering historical assault experience and the need to recognize

wearer comfort. Rigorous quality control is maintained throughout the manufacturing process. The Kevlar fiber is tested after manufacture, the ballistic fabric is tested after it is woven, and finally a sampling is ballistically tested prior to issue. Soon after a shipment of armor is received, the final ballistic test is conducted by Mr. Edward Hawkins and his staff at Edgewood Arsenal. The outstanding cooperation of Mr. Hawkins makes speedy issue of these garments possible.

The Department has received and issued approximately 900 vests. Members receive two washable carriers and an armor unit. Delivery and distribution should be completed by mid-spring with the first issues going to the operational forces.

Post Scripts

Dear Sir:

On Sunday, February 8th at about 2:30 P.M. my car made a loud noise, I stopped the car at McCulloh near Druid Hill Park. I did not know what was wrong, nor what to do. An officer drove by, stopped cruising and came to my aid. He told me that my muffler had loosened and would no doubt fall off at any time. He suggested my taking the car to a garage, which is what I did.

In my excitement to get off the busy streets and to my garage station, I failed to get his name.

I am deeply indebted to his courteous and interested manner in calming me so that I was able to drive my car. He followed me to the garage station, so that if the muffler did fall out, no one would be hurt in traffic and also the fumes would be explainable.

With all the criticism of the police on duty, here is one most appreciative and grateful driver, who certainly was helped so very much.

He was driving Car G-9045 and his hat number was 428.

Sincerely and thankfully,
/s/ Mrs. Hesse Kotzin

(Editor's Note: Badge number 428 belongs to Officer Lawrence W. Hughes, Jr., Western District.)

Policing Baltimore

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lowing the Town Commissioners to establish a paid night watch and appoint paid constables. The legislation was entitled, "An act for the Establishment and Regulation of a Night Watch and the erection of lamps in Baltimore Town, in Baltimore County" and required, in part, that the men shall "... repair to their respective stands, the better to discover any other fire that may happen, as well as to prevent any burglaries, robberies, outrages or disorders and to apprehend any suspected person, who in such times of confusion, may be feloniously carrying off goods and effects of others." The men of the Night Watch were also required to announce the time each quarter of an hour and make any announcements of concern to the inhabitants no matter what the time. During this time only three constables were needed during business hours and fourteen watchmen at night.

During the same year, 1797, as the City of Baltimore was founded the City Council passed the first police ordinance. It directed the appointment of three persons as Commissioners of the watch and empowered them to hire, for one year terms, a prescribed number of Captains and Watchmen and to establish regulations and hours of duty.

By 1810 policing changed and grew with the expanding city. The Watch was expanded to a total of 270 police and the Legislature, in 1812, empowered the Mayor to appoint up to 100 bailiffs to aid in preserving the peace.

In 1826 an ordinance gave the Mayor control of the police. This power was unlimited and provided that he should appoint annually two Captains, two Lieutenants for the Eastern District; two Captains, four Lieutenants for the Middle District; two Captains, two Lieutenants for the Western District. He could also appoint any number of watchmen.

This basic organization remained until 1857, which marked a complete reorganization of the Department and from it emerged a new Police Department. This reorganization and the events of importance following it will be included in a future installment of the NEWSLETTER.

Agents Appointed

Eighteen Police Agents received their certificates of Appointment from Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau during ceremonies February 11, 1976. A Police Agent must possess a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university and serve in the Patrol Division a minimum of one year.

The Police Agents appointed are as follows:

Rodger A. Aiken, Robert E. Douglas, Jr., and John E. Ames, Jr., Central District; Christine L. Ames, Communications Division; Eugene P. Gwiazdowski, Northeastern District; Jack W. Baker, Southern District; Richard A. Czaya, Northwestern District; Harry Gaston, Glenn H. Miller, George B. Potter and Howard W. Whitaker, III, Eastern District; Charles R. Gilbert, Jr., Park H. Hancock, Howard F. Keeney, Jr. and Michael J. Sharkey, Southeastern District; Reginald E. Gooden and Richard D. Hiel, Southwestern District; Robert K. Jud, Tactical Section.

This latest appointment of Agents represents not only a career accomplishment for the individuals involved but it has additional significance for the Department.

Christine L. Ames and John E. Ames, Jr., appointed together, are the first married couple in the Department's history to both be designated Police Agents. They met at the Police Academy during entrance level training with Class 74-6 and began dating midway through their training. Upon graduation, John Ames was assigned to the Central District and Christine Parrott assigned to the Northeastern District. They were married on October 18, 1975.

John Ames was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Loyola College and Christine Ames a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland.

Both newly appointed Agents have gained professional recognition since beginning their law enforcement careers. Agent John Ames has received one official commendation and Agent Christine Ames, two official commendations including the Commissioner's Award of Excellence upon her graduation from the Police Academy.

Major Connelly Appointed

Captain Richard L. Connelly was appointed to the exempt position of District Commander of the Northeastern District by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau in ceremonies conducted February 6, 1976.

Major Connelly joins other District Commanders assigned to the nine police districts in the city. The rank of District Commander was created in 1974, in recognition of the fact that each of the nine police districts encompass large areas and populations and that the Commander of a District often assumes greater responsibilities than a majority of Police Chiefs throughout the several states.

The District Commander wears the uniform and rank insignia of a Major and their authority is equal to the rank designation of a Major.

District Commander Connelly joined the Department on April 4, 1952 and was assigned to the Southwestern District. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1961 and was assigned to the Northeastern District. Major Connelly left his future command in 1969 for the Tactical Section upon promotion to Lieutenant. He also served in the Southeastern District, Northeastern District and Internal Investigation Division before returning to the Northeastern District as Captain in 1975.

Major Connelly's 24 years of service to the Department and community have been highlighted by five official commendations. Additionally, numerous letters of appreciation have been directed to him from individual citizens and community organizations during his career.



Mrs. Angela M. Connelly, Tactical Section, assisted Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau with pinning Major's Oak Leaves on her husband's shoulders.

New Location For Vital Records

In addition to a myriad of daily activities and duties, police officers throughout the Metropolitan Area are ready sources of information for hundreds of lost or confused citizens as they attempt to find their way in Baltimore.

One of the more commonly asked questions is where a person can obtain copies of vital records such as birth and death certificates. Until recently these records could be obtained at the Municipi-

pal Building on Holliday Street and some referrals are still being made to that location.

The State of Maryland, Department of Vital Records has moved its offices to the O'Connor Building, 201 West Preston Street, opposite the 5th Regiment Armory. The Department is open to the public Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Telephone inquiries may be made by calling 383-3381.



Shortly before Christmas, Cadet William Pitt, assigned to the Central Records Division Hot Desk, sustained a broken leg during a serious traffic accident. Rather than convalesce at home, he requested and received permission to return to duty though he was confined to a wheel chair. Major William F. Rochford, Director of the Central Records Division, praised Cadet Pitt for his determination to contribute to the Department during his convalescence.

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY RELATIONS DIVISION — Community Relations Section — Welcome back to Policewoman Linda H. Weinstein who has been on a 6 months leave of absence.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Marsha A. Cole and Charles E. Smith.

PROPERTY DIVISION — Members of this Division would like to wish a speedy recovery to Police Officer George Washington Carney, Construction and Repair Unit, who is presently confined at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

WEDDINGS

BRAZIL, JOHN, Cadet, Central Records Division and the former Dorothy Jean Bell.

JONES, JEFF, Cadet, Central Records Division and the former Theresa Williams.

ISRAEL, BURTON, Police Officer, Education and Training Division, Class 75-9, and the former Shelia D. Sokol, February 15.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIANCA, DAVID JOHN, son of Crime Lab Technician and Mrs. Salvatore J. Bianca, Laboratory Division, December 17, 1975, 7lbs. 3 oz.

HYATT, MELISSA RENEE, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Sidney R. Hyatt, Traffic Division, January 23, 1976, 7lbs. 5 oz.

ZEPHIR, KARL GREGORY, JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. Karl G. Zephir, Northeastern District, January 29, 8lbs. 7 oz.

NIERWIENSKI, JASON SCOTT, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Bingham A. Hunt, Community Services Division, Youth Section (detailed to Community Relations Section) February 2, 8lbs. 8 oz.

DILLON, JOSEPH PATRICK, son of Detective and Mrs. John W. Dillon, Criminal Investigation Division, Arson Squad, February 7, 6lbs.

RETIREMENTS

RUDOLPH, MATTHEW J., Sergeant, Central Records Division, 25 years, February 12.

HANSSEN, HERMAN A., Sergeant, Community Services Division, 33 years, February 12.

BECKER, THEODORE J., JR., Police Officer, Southern District, 16 years, February 19.

BRADIGAN, JOHN D., Police Officer, Southern District, 4 years, February 19.

FINAL ROLL CALL

CENTUELLI, PAUL, Police Officer, retired, Property Division, February 3.

IN MEMORIAM

SCHMIDT, (MRS.) J.O., mother-in-law of Principal Clerk Loretta Schmidt, Northeastern District, January 21.

KERN, MARIE E., mother of Crime Laboratory Technician, Charles J. Kern, Laboratory Division, January 21.

AVENT, ULYSSES SAMUEL, father-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Wynnie Avent, Central Records Division, January 22.

BRANDON, MARY M., aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Paul Jeffries, Communications Division, January 23.

DUNMORE, CORA J., aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Deborah Young, Communications Division, January 25.

BARANSKI, MARY, mother of Police Officer Thomas Baranski, Property Division, January 26.

GREEN, HAZEL, mother-in-law of Radio Technician Reynold Green, Communications Division, January 27.

WOOLRIDGE, WILLIAM L., uncle of Latent Print Expert Alfred M. Woolridge, Laboratory Division, January 27.

DZIWULSKI, ESTELLE, wife of Sergeant Walter Dziwulski, Northwestern District, January 29.

THOMAS, JAMES F., brother of Police Officer Barkley Thomas, Northeastern District, January 29.

KENDALL, ALLAN H., SR., father of Police Officer Allan H. Kendall, Jr., Central District, January 30.

WILKERSON, DENA ANN, daughter of Emergency Call Clerk Carol Wilkerson, Communications Division, January 31.

HACK, WILLIAM, uncle of Police Officer Leonard Broseker, Southern District, February 1.

HABICHT, OSCAR, uncle of Police Officer Irvin J. Roemer, Property Division, Messenger Service, February 1.

ECKERT, PAUL RICHARD, grandfather of Police Officer Paul Denver, Eastern District, February 3.



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The Helicopter Unit . . .

The "Leader" In Law Enforcement

The "Leader" in Law Enforcement Aviation

During the Helicopter Association of America's 28th Annual Meeting/Convention held in Tucson, Arizona recently, Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger accepted two notable national awards on behalf of the Baltimore Police Department's Helicopter Unit. The 1975 Hughes Law Enforcement Award was presented to the Department for making the most ". . . worthy contribution to the advancement of the crime suppression concept of the helicopter patrol service." The safety record of the Unit also qualified it for the Helicopter Association of America's 1975 Safety Award.

The increased partnership and aware-

ness between aerial and ground forces has made the Unit an effective tool in the detection and investigation of criminal acts and the apprehension of suspected perpetrators. During 1975 the Unit assisted in the arrests of 488 suspects ranging from homicide, rape and assault and robbery through narcotic violations, destruction of property and auto theft. "Fox-trot" also responded to 12,892 calls for service during 1975.

The ability of helicopters to respond to a call in a matter of minutes and to maintain an aerial view of the area aids greatly in isolating a crime scene, as well as spotting suspects and discovering victims who are in need of assis-

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Quick Response Teams Train

In preparation for the formation of Quick Response Teams, members of the Operations Unit of the Tactical Section recently completed a rigorous week long training program with the cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Maryland Army National Guard and the United States Army. Members of the Education and Training Division also attended as observers in order to develop similar training techniques on a departmental level.

Quick Response Teams are being formed under the premise that the successful management of many emergency situations requires a group of highly disciplined personnel, organized to work as members of a team, under a specifically defined command and control system.

The Quick Response Teams are utilizing Tactical personnel who daily work together, who train together and who will respond together to all situations upon request. 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.

Tactical officers in the program have been broken down into a number of four (4) man teams. Each team includes a designated leader.

During the week of February 8, 1976 Tactical Squad A-3 participated in a series of simulated situations to further develop this team concept.

At the Gunpowder Military Reservation, the teams were given class room instruction by F.B.I. personnel in bar-

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Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and Deputy Commissioner C. Jared Glauser recently congratulated the members of the Helicopter Unit for their outstanding performance which resulted in two awards from the Helicopter Association of America. The 1975 Safety Award marks almost 16,000 accident free flight hours. The Hughes Law Enforcement Award, an international honor, is presented to the Agency that contributes most significantly to the success of helicopters in law enforcement.

The Helicopter Unit

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tance. The aerial platform also facilitates the tracking of vehicles wanted by ground units, often eliminating the need for high speed vehicular chases.

During the evening hours the helicopter's powerful spotlights are greatly appreciated by ground units whenever they request assistance. A request for spotlight illumination was made recently by Northern District Units who were searching for suspects wanted for assault and robbery and attempted rape. They were last seen in Druid Hill Park running towards the Jones Falls Expressway. With the aid of helicopter spotlights ground units were able to apprehend two of the suspects who were hiding in the area.

Weather permitting, "Fox-trot" remains in the skies over Baltimore at least sixteen hours a day. When not responding to calls the members of the Unit maintain a routine patrol mode which has lent itself to spotting hundreds of suspicious, criminal or other dangerous activities. During one such routine patrol the aerial observer in "Fox-trot" spotted a house fire in the 1400 block of W. Mulberry Street. Knowing that there were no ground units in the immediate area and that such a fire spreads rapidly the officers activated the siren and public address systems on the helicopter. They were able to wake the residents, who were then able to evacuate the burning structure without injury.

Since November, 1970, members of the Helicopter Unit have logged more than 15,000 hours of accident-free time which is equivalent to 21 months of continuous flight. The Helicopter Association of America's 1975 Safety Award was presented to the Baltimore Police Department in recognition of this outstanding record.

The helicopter's operational and safety achievements, both stem from the unique recruitment and training standards developed and maintained by the Department. The requirements are the most stringent for law enforcement use within the continental United States. Prior to unit placement each pilot must have logged at least 1400 hours of roto-craft

flight time, possess a commercial helicopter license and pass a stringent flight physical. Additionally each pilot must be a fully trained sworn police officer.

The second integral member of the flight team is the aerial observer, who must be thoroughly familiar with the topography of the city in order to assist in navigation and to direct ground units. Three years of patrol experience is considered the minimum standard for these essential duties. While the pilot commands the aircraft and is responsible for its safe operation, the aerial observer carries out the air to ground coordination which results in successful operations. This blend of pilot-observer expertise has enabled the flight team to become a significant, nationally recognized, patrol tool for modern law enforcement.

The other essential element for the superior performance is maintenance. These services are provided, on a contract basis, by Chesapeake and Potomac Airways, a nationally recognized leader in the field of helicopter maintenance.

Quick Response Teams

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ricade/sniper situations. The approach to the building, perimeter maintenance, building entry and search were all taught with emphasis on a team effort. The practical phase placed the officers at a simulated barricade with the mission of neutralizing the suspect. At times the officers were required to crawl over long distances toward the building while wearing a camouflaged covering or approaching the building from more than a mile away on the run so as not to be observed from inside. These practical problems often lasted into the night.

The exercises continued at the U.S. Army Ordinance Depot the next day with further training in barricade situations in settings which ranged from urban to rural surroundings. Because of the ever present danger of explosive booby traps in building searches the instructors also familiarized the officers in the techniques of explosive device identification.

Later in the week, the men participated

in marksmanship training at Fort George G. Meade. A sniper /anti-sniper team concept was introduced to the men utilizing techniques of "Fire and Movement." The officers also received exposure to concentrated CS gas at the Maryland State Police Gas Training Chamber.



Officer Michael J. Speedling, Tactical Section, "Body" rappels from the 50 ft. Rappelling Tower at the Gunpowder Military Reservation.

The week's training ended at the Gunpowder Reservation with rappelling from the National Guard's 50 ft. Rappelling Tower. A member of the Army Special Forces Unit demonstrated not only the traditional form of rappelling but also the less commonly known Australian Rappel in which the individual goes down the wall facing forward. During the practical phase of the exercise, the officers rappelled using both methods and practiced the techniques of lateral movement across a building face from one window to another.

The Tactical Section Operations Unit is steadily working toward the time when Quick Response Teams will become reality. Further specialized training has been scheduled for the Unit in areas ranging from the handling of certain chemicals, biological and radiological substances to more intensified physical training. Once operational, these teams will continue the Tactical Section primary function of supplemental patrol. If the need arises, however, a Quick Response Team will be available twenty-four hours a day at a moment's notice.

The Curfew . . . Questions And Answers

On March 1, 1976 Curfew Ordinance #1046 will become effective. Many questions are being asked by citizens and businessmen concerning the Ordinance as it applies to them. Patrol officers will most likely receive the greatest number of inquiries.

The Newsletter Staff has compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions concerning the curfew and the answers to same. This list was compiled based upon material found in General Order 2-76 and Ordinance #1046. Officers are encouraged to retain this list for ready reference.

Q. Who does the Curfew affect?

A. If you or your children are under 16 years of age, the curfew affects you.

Q. What is a Curfew?

A. A Curfew is a law that does not permit specified persons to be in public places or public establishments at certain times.

Q. Why do we need a Curfew?

A. In November of 1975 the Mayor and City Council found that one of the reasons for the rise in juvenile crime was the large number of children roaming the streets and frequenting business establishments late at night without adult supervision. It was also felt that the late evening activity of certain youths prevented them from concentrating in school classes or even worse, caused them to be absent from class.

Q. When is the Curfew in effect?

A. The Curfew is in effect 7 days a week, except in certain cases. Minors are not permitted to be in public places or establishments between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00

A.M., Monday through Friday. On weekends the Curfew extends from 12:00 midnight Friday to 6:00 A.M. Saturday and Midnight Saturday to 6:00 A.M. Sunday. Minors must be at home by 11:00 P.M. Sunday night.

Q. What are the "certain cases" mentioned?

A. During the Curfew, a minor may be away from home IF:

1. they are accompanied by a parent, adult relative or other person over 21 years of age
2. they are on an errand from a parent
3. they are attending a cultural, scholastic, athletic or recreational activity supervised by a bona fide organization.
4. they are engaged in gainful lawful employment during Curfew hours

Q. What is meant by a "public place"?

A. Any public street, highway, road, alley, park, playground, wharf, dock, public building or vacant lot.

Q. What is a public establishment?

A. Any privately owned place of business, amusement or entertainment to which the public is invited.

Q. If a minor is out during Curfew and is stopped by the police, what will happen?

A. If they appear to be under 16 years of age and are out during Curfew, the officer will stop them and ask their age, date of birth, name and address. The officer will accept as truthful their spoken response as to age and date of birth unless there is good reason to believe the response is not factual.

Q. What if the officer thinks the

youngster isn't being truthful?

A. He will presume truthfulness and release the juvenile.

Q. If a child is found in violation of the Curfew, will he be arrested?

A. No. The officer will ask him why he is out. If he does not have a good reason he will fill out a report and then instruct him to go immediately home.

Q. Will parents be told that their child is in violation?

A. Yes. A notice will be sent to the parents stating where and when the minor was found in violation of the Curfew. They will also be told the possibility of prosecution and subsequent penalties for further violations.

Q. What will happen if the youth is found in violation again?

A. If he is again found in violation during a 12 month period, the parents may be fined up to \$100.00 or be imprisoned for 10 days for each time the child was found in violation of the Curfew.

Q. What are the responsibilities of the owners or operators of business establishments?

A. No owner or operator of a business establishment shall knowingly permit minors to remain upon their premises during the Curfew hours.

Q. Can businesses be penalized?

A. Yes. Business operators or owners may be fined up to \$300.00 or be imprisoned for 15 days for each violation.

Q. Does the Curfew apply to juveniles who do not live in the city but come into the city limits?

A. Yes

NEWS IN BRIEF

WESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officers George Tutor and Robert Manley on their recent losses.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to the Northwestern Basket Ball Team, who, after double overtime, was victorious over a stubborn "Gino's" Team, by a score of 148 to 146.

TACTICAL SECTION — Members of this Section wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Marie Connelly. Speedy recovery and best wishes to Police Officer Albert Sharpe who is confined to University Hospital.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations and good luck to Sergeant Edmond V. Ford who will be retiring, after 29 years of service, on March 10. He will be sorely missed.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMITH, AMIE RO-LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Smith, Tactical Section, January 2, 7lbs. 12 oz.

DENIS, ALLYSON MARY, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Albert E. Denis, Southeastern District, January 22, 6lbs. 11 oz.

HACKLEY, MARLO DAWN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. William M. Hackley, Northwestern District, February 5, 8lbs. 8oz.

THORNTON, AUTRESE MELISSA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Claude Thornton, Northern District, February 8, 6lbs. 10 oz.

CLAYTON, IAN PHILIP, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Clayton, Southwestern District, February 10, 8lbs. 13 oz.

FINAL ROLL CALL

KELLY, NORMAN, Police Officer, retired, Western District, February 15.

POCTA, JOSEPH, Police Officer, retired, Southwestern District, February 15.

IN MEMORIAM

PALLARD, JEAN KATHERINE, mother of Police Officer Martin Hebron, Southern District, February 3.

SIECINSKI, BENJAMIN, father of Police Officer Thomas Siecinski, Northern District, February 3.

McCALLISTER, HARRY T., uncle of Police Officer William McCallister, Northeastern District, February 3.

BURFORD, CLAY V., father of Police Officer John Burford, Northeastern District, February 8.

MESSINA, ANTHONY J., father-in-law of School Crossing Guard Ruth Messina, Northern District, February 9.

DERMOTTA, PETER, father-in-law of Police Officer Christine Dermotta, Tactical Section, February 11.

HILSBURG, CHARLES, uncle of Detective William Hilsberg, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes and brother of deceased Police Officer William Hilsberg, Sr., formerly of the Western District, February 14.

BELTZ, NORA L., wife of retired Police Officer William T. Beltz, Communications Division, February 14.

TUTOR, MICHAEL, age 2 years, son of Police Officer George Tutor, Western District, February 14.

HENSLEY, MARTHA, sister of Police Officer Michael Hensley, Southeastern District, February 15.

POEHLMAN, ANTON, father-in-law of Police Officer Albert E. Boram, Communications Division, February 16.

WEBBERT, GERTRUDE, mother-in-law of Police Officer George W. Boston, III, Northeastern District, February 17.

COOPER, JOHN, uncle of Sergeant Charles E. Reed, Communications Division and Police Officer Francis A. Reed, Traffic Division, February 17.

BROWN, MARY, wife of retired Lieutenant Ed Brown, Traffic Division, February 17.

BECKHARDT, LOUIS, stepfather of Detective Charles Kurth, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes, February 17.

DRAGER, EDWARD, uncle of Crime Lab Technician Michael Rohleder, Laboratory Division, February 18.

KEAVNEY, FRANK, father of Police Agent John C. Keavney, Education and Training Division, February 19.

KOCH, (MRS.) JOSEPH, stepmother of Emergency Call Clerk Florence E. Roberts, Communications Division, February 19.

MATTHEWS, HARRY, uncle of Emergency Call Clerk Emma Heath, Communications Division, Teletype Room, February 19.

BURCHETT, WILLIAM, age 11 years, stepson of Police Officer Robert Manley, Western District, February 19.

Post Scripts

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to ask you to thank the young officer who was so kind to me when I fell and hurt my nose and my knee.

It was on Mon. Feb. 9th on Saratoga St. between Cathedral and St. Paul, at about 1:30 P.M. I did not get his name or number being rather preoccupied with my bloody nose but I do hope someone will tell him how much I appreciated his kindness.

A great many people do not appreciate what a wonderful Police Department we have but I assure you that I do.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Anne T. Purnell



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Officer Gary Dresser Awarded Medal Of Honor

A crowded Headquarters Auditorium stood in respect and admiration as Officer Gary W. Dresser received the Department's highest award, the Medal of Honor, for his extraordinary courage during an incident in 1974.



Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes presents the Department's Medal of Honor to Officer Gary W. Dresser.

On October 31, 1974 Officer Alric K. Moore, Western District received information regarding a burglary at a business establishment in the 1600 block West Baltimore Street. At that location Officer Moore, backed-up by Officer Gary W. Dresser, found that a burglary had occurred and that a juke box had been removed from the premises. The officers followed marks in the street, made by the juke box being dragged, to the rear of a house in the 1600 block West Fayette Street where they found it on the back porch. The door of the house was closed.

After calling for additional units, Officers Moore and Dresser pushed the door open. A burst of .45 caliber semi-

automatic gunfire erupted from just inside the house. Officer Moore was struck in the upper chest and shoulder and was thrown from the porch to the yard by the impact.

Officer Dresser jumped from the porch returning fire. He crawled to Officer Moore's exposed position and carried and pushed the officer from the yard. During the time Officer Dresser was aiding Officer Moore, he was struck in both hands by bullet fragments and pulled several muscles in his back. Later it was found that three rounds had passed through the officer's clothing narrowly missing his body. Once Officer Moore was safely out of the yard, Officer Dresser took up a position and returned fire again.

Because of the firepower of the suspect, other officers could not get close to Officer Dresser. They were, however, able to throw a shotgun to him along with a box of ammunition. Though suffering from wounds Officer Dresser remained in his position and engaged the



The Medal of Honor "... may be awarded a member for an act of extraordinary heroism or bravery above and beyond that expected in line of duty." Article XVII, Section 92-A of Rules and Regulations and Manual Procedure.

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Officer Wounded

The activity on the streets of southeast Baltimore was slowing at 1:00 A.M. as Officer David N. Datsko, Southeastern District, returned to his patrol vehicle parked in the unit block of South Ann Street on February 28, 1976. He had just finished an investigation of a hit and run accident and was about to enter his car when the suspect walked up to him.



OFFICER ALVIN E. MARTIN

They stood outside of the vehicle as the man vehemently argued that he had not caused any damage to a parked car. Officer Datsko patiently explained that a report had been made and advised the man to report the incident to his insurance company. The man turned and walked back to his house.

Officer Datsko entered his vehicle and was about to leave when Officer Alvin E. Martin pulled along side and asked if Officer Datsko had an extra M.I. Report. He gave Officer Martin the report and suddenly a shot rang out.

Officer Martin's windshield shattered

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Medal Of Honor Awarded

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gunman until the suspect, who had wounded two additional officers, was shot and killed.

Officer Dresser and the other officers all recovered from their wounds.

Thirty-five Baltimore Police Officers and three members of the Annapolis Police Department completed nineteen weeks of intensive training as they graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on Friday, March 12, 1976. The mid-morning graduation ceremonies were conducted at the Headquarters Auditorium.

Mr. Richard W. Friedman, Director of the Mayor's Coordinating Council on Criminal Justice, delivered the Commencement Address to the graduates, their families and friends. Following his address to the assembly Mr. Friedman and Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes distributed certificates of completion to the graduates. During the ceremonies Officer Lawrence B. Bennett received the Commissioner's Award of Excellence.

Following the graduation exercises, Deputy Commissioner Keyes presented commendations to twelve Baltimore Police Officers and eighteen civilian awards to citizens for outstanding service to the community.

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

While on patrol in August 1974, Officers Joseph J. Dobrosielsky and Jerome Wilkins, Northwestern District, were hailed by a citizen who stated that he had just been robbed. Directing the officers to an alley, the citizen suddenly placed a gun to Officer Dobrosielsky's head and directed them to surrender their weapons.

As the suspect relieved Officer Wilkins of his weapon, the officer accelerated and crashed the police vehicle into a utility pole. The suspect began firing his weapon as the officers exited the vehicle. Officer Wilkins received a gunshot wound to the left thumb as Officer Dobrosielsky fatally wounded the gunman.

Officer Wilkins was treated for his

wound and Officer Dobrosielsky was treated for powder burns to the neck and a temporary hearing loss from the concussion of the gunfire which had occurred in the radio car.

BRONZE STAR

Officer John E. Burns, Northern District, recognized a suspect wanted for the multiple rape of an eleven year old girl. Although the incident had occurred several months earlier, Officer Burns recalled the description of the suspect and was able to affect an arrest. On further investigation, the officer was able to develop information which led to the arrest of the other three suspects in the rape.

While off-duty, Officer Norman P. Kiaunis, Northeastern District, was summoned to assist a neighbor's child apparently choking to death on a piece of hard candy. The officer was able to dislodge the obstruction and restore normal breathing to the child.

Responding to a call of a missing child, Officer Salvatore C. Serio, Jr., Northern District, began to search the home of the child even though the mother told him she had already done so. Officer Serio noticed an old refrigerator in the basement and looking inside found the unconscious child. The baby was revived and rushed to a nearby hospital where he was released after an examination.

While on routine patrol, Officers Thomas C. Crowther and Ronald W. Slonaker, Northern District, witnessed a traffic accident in which an operator lost consciousness from an apparent heart attack.

As the Officers examined the victim they were unable to detect a pulse or heart beat. Officer Slonaker immediately began mouth to mouth resuscitation while Officer Crowther called for an ambulance and began closed chest heart massage. The officers continued these life restoring methods until the arrival of the ambulance. The victim was revived and taken to the hospital where he later recovered.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR

Criminalists Joseph V. Lanzetta and

Jeane Hostetler, Laboratory Division, were commended for their careful processing of a murder victim's body and clothing. Analysis of hair follicles discovered on the body led to the arrest of the victim's son, daughter and boyfriend for homicide.

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and he felt a sharp pain in his chest and shoulder. He opened the door of the car and rolled to the ground. Officer Datsko immediately called for additional back-up units and took cover behind his car. The officer believed that the shot had come from the same house that the hit and run suspect had entered.

Back-up units quickly arrived on the scene. Officer Martin, however, could not be immediately evacuated because he was still in a direct line of fire. Officer Michael K. McCleese, who was operating a cruising patrol, placed his vehicle between the suspect's house and Officer Martin. This allowed Officers William M. Downing and John R. Draa to approach the fallen officer safely. Officer Martin was placed in the cruising patrol and rushed to Church Home and Hospital.

A Command Post was established and efforts were made to convince the suspect to surrender. The suspect released two women who were in the house but refused to surrender himself. The Emergency Vehicle Unit responded to the scene and after it had been determined that further negotiations would not be successful, tear gas was fired into the house, forcing the suspect to surrender.

A search of the house revealed a number of empty 30/30 caliber cartridge casings in various locations throughout the building and a supply of 30/30 caliber ammunition. Found in the kitchen was the suspect's 30/30 caliber rifle.

Officer Martin was admitted to Church Home and Hospital suffering gunshot wounds to the right shoulder and upper chest. The single projectile apparently split upon striking the windshield of his vehicle causing both of his wounds. At last report, Officer Martin was recovering satisfactorily at home.

Exchange Club's Policemen Of The Year

The Exchange Clubs of Baltimore recently presented two Baltimore Police Officers their "Policeman of the Year" awards for 1975.

The Exchange Clubs, whose members include professional and business leaders, annually present the awards to those officers who, in their judgment, excelled in their service to the community during the performance of their duties.

The Exchange Club of Highlandtown presented its "Policeman of the Year" award to Southeastern District Officer William M. Downing, a 6 year veteran of the Department.



OFFICER WILLIAM M. DOWNING

Officer Downing was honored at a banquet presided over by retired Major Robert L. Larkin, former District Commander of the Southeastern District and featured Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, President Emeritus of the Johns Hopkins University as the keynote speaker. In attendance were Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia and members of the Command Staff, Chief Judge Robert F. Sweeney, Deputy States Attorney Joseph F. Murphy and other members of the Bench.

Officer Downing was selected for his outstanding performance ranging from felony arrests to foot patrol, but "more importantly for those immeasurable qualities which mark a police officer as a true professional and a credit to both law enforcement and the Department." Officer Downing has developed such a personal rapport with citizens in his patrol area that many of them come to him for assistance with personal problems. He was instrumental in solving a recent robbery-murder of a blind deaf

mute because of his close personal contact with members of the community who had knowledge of the offense.

Officer Downing has received 5 official commendations.

More than 250 guests attended the Exchange Club banquet including 13 former recipients of the Exchange Club's "Policeman of the Year" Award.

On February 11, 1976 The Downtown Exchange Club honored Central District Officer Paul R. Hoffman as their "Policeman of the Year".

The Honorable Robert L. Karwacki, Associate Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, was the keynote speaker at the afternoon affair held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Officer Hoffman was singled out by the Exchange Club for his many arrests for burglary and assault and robberies. He also was the recipient of the Bronze Star during the past year.

The Bronze Star was awarded as the result of a fire which occurred in January of 1975. While on routine patrol Officer Hoffman observed flames coming from a house on Brookfield Avenue. He also heard screams coming from the house. After calling for fire apparatus he entered the house and evacuated an elderly lady from the 1st floor. He re-entered and discovered a woman and 4 small children huddled in the corner of a smoke filled third floor room. Officer Hoffman carried 3 of the children



OFFICER PAUL R. HOFFMAN

from the room and the mother carried a small child while holding onto the

officer.

Officer Hoffman was also chosen as "Outstanding Police Officer for 1975" by the Optimist Club of Midtown Baltimore and the Baltimore District Council of the American Legion. In addition to the Bronze Star he has received 4 official commendations.

Following the dinner Officer Hoffman was awarded an engraved plaque and a United States Savings Bond. His wife, Judy, was presented a gold watch. Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Major Harwood W. Burritt and members of the Command Staff were on hand to congratulate Officer Hoffman.

C.I.D. Examination

The Criminal Investigation Division has announced that a written entrance examination will be given to all eligible Sworn Personnel on April 27, 1976. The examination will be conducted at a location to be determined by the number of applications received.

In order to allow members working different shifts to participate, the written test will be administered at two different times on April 27, 1976, the first at 9:00 A.M. and the second at 8:00 P.M.

The examination is limited to Sworn Personnel below the rank of Sergeant who have served at least one year in the Patrol Division. Those who desire to participate in the examination and oral interview must submit a written request to their respective commanding officer by April 2, 1976.

The written test will be based on knowledge in areas of Constitutional issues, Criminal Law, the Drug Abuse Manual and Evidence. In view of the fact that every member of the Department should be thoroughly familiar with these subjects in the performance of his daily duties, no refresher course will be offered.

Oral interviews will be given to those candidates who obtain a passing score on the written examination. A background investigation of each applicant will also be conducted during the selection process.

Further details will be posted on bulletin boards throughout the Department.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LABORATORY DIVISION — Sincere sympathy to Principal Criminalist Robert S. Davis on his recent loss.

Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Crime Lab Technician Michael Rohleder of the Mobile Unit on his recent loss.

Welcome aboard to Crime Lab Technician Thomas I. Bodrogi of the Mobile Unit and Latent Print Expert Roberta Hetzel recently assigned to this Division.

PATROL DIVISION — Members of the Patrol Division wish to welcome Linda Vakoutis back from her recent surgery.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to retired Police Officer and Mrs. Arthur G. McKloskey who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 29th. Both Mr. and Mrs. McKloskey are 83 years "young" and Mr. McKloskey will celebrate 31 years of retirement in July.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Edwin Emich who will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on March 18.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT — On January 31, Paul Egbert, son of Lieutenant Glenn Egbert, won the Silver Medal for weightlifting in his division at the Junior Olympics. The meet held in Baltimore was sponsored nationally by the A.A.U. Paul lifted 70lbs. more than his bodyweight and, at 12 years of age, was the youngest competitor.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION — Community Relations Section — Members of this Section extend deepest sympathy to Police Officers Wendell E. Reid and Oliver T. Murdock and to Community Relations Aide Victorine D. Brooks on their recent losses.

Members of this Section send warm get well wishes to Sergeant William A. Burke.

SERVICES BUREAU — Congratulations to Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes who celebrated

39 years of service with the Department on March 11.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

EIGNER, VICKI LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. James Eigner, Central District, 7lbs. 10 oz.

TAWNEY, AARON MICHAEL, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Lewis Tawney, Tactical Section, December 23, 1975, 6lbs. 11 oz.

PETTIJOHN, BLANCHE ELIZABETH, daughter of Crime Lab Technician and Mrs. Loren E. Pettijohn, Laboratory Division, February 28, 6lbs. 8 oz.

RETIREMENTS

FORD, EDMOND V., Sergeant, Southwestern District, 29 years, March 11.

WINDHAM, WILLIAM G., Sergeant, Traffic Division, 28 years, March 11.

FINAL ROLL CALL

BOZMAN, ELWOOD, Police Officer, retired, Traffic Division, February 26.

KEIL, HAROLD A., Police Officer, retired, (Old) Police Services Desk, March 1.

DAILEY, WILLIAM M., Police Officer, retired, Southwestern District, March 7.

IN MEMORIAM

LOIZEAUX, MARGARET D., wife of Sergeant Charles Loizeaux, Northeastern District, February 20.

GROSS, BESSIE, mother-in-law of Police Officer Billie Hedgepeth, Northeastern District, February 22.

CHEEKS, EHRIE (MRS.), mother of Police Officer Willie Cheeks, Chief of Patrol's Office, February 22.

DAVIS, ANNA, aunt of Principal Criminalist Robert S. Davis, Laboratory Division, Chemical

Analysis Section, February 24.

SMALL, CHRISTINE MARIE, daughter of Police Officer Alan Small, Western District, February 24.

WALKER, JAMES C., father-in-law of Police Officer Carl Stambaugh, Eastern District, February 24.

WALDEN, EUGENE, uncle of Police Officer Calvin McRae, Tactical Section, February 25.

MERCER, CORNELIUS, grandfather of Police Officer Wendell E. Reid, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, February 25.

RODGERS, JEANNETTE, aunt of Police Officer Michael J. Herpel, Southern District, February 26.

NEWS NOTES

The Baltimore Police Department's Baseball Team will shortly begin practicing for the 1976 season. Anyone desiring to tryout for the Department's Team should immediately submit a 95 report through their respective Commanding Officer to Colonel Wilbur C. Miller, Chief, Community Services Division. All reports must be in by March 22, 1976.

Those who are interested will be notified when the next practice session will be scheduled once the 95 is received.

Last year the Department's team had an outstanding season which climaxed at Memorial Stadium when the "Gangbusters" played the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smoke-Eaters" to a 1 to 1 draw. This year Colonel Miller predicts that our team will be undefeated and will smother the "Smoke-Eaters" in a rematch.



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New Badges Symbolize Another Link With History

A new badge will soon be issued to members of the Department. It will maintain the basic design of the current badge, which has been in use since 1894, while adding a number of important features.

Sergeants and Police Officers badges will be nickel plated with blue enameled writing and the multicolored seal and Battle Monument. The coloration and design of this emblem is identical to the shoulder patch. All will have an eagle mounted on top. They all will also be identical except that those of Lieutenants and above will be gold plated. Rank

and detective designations will be placed across the breast of the eagle.

The new badge contains adaptations of the national symbol, the Great Seal of Maryland, and the City Seal.

The Bald Eagle, adopted by our forefathers during the revolutionary war, is the symbol of the United States and Democracy. It is also symbolic of courage and is included on all the badges.

The adaptation of the reverse of the Great Seal of Maryland is a part of Lord Baltimore's Coat of Arms, brought by him from England during the early

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K-9 Graduation

Sixteen Baltimore Police Officers along with two members of the Euclid Ohio Police Department concluded the final phase of their intensive fourteen week K-9 Training Program with Graduation Ceremonies on March 19, 1976.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomereau presided over the ceremonies conducted at the Education and Training Division's K-9 Training Center, presenting certificates of completion to the graduates.

Eight of the graduates were prior K-9 Officers who received new dogs after their old "partners" had been retired.

Officer Louis Steinmetz of the Euclid Ohio Police Department, in addition to the basic training course, participated in and successfully completed a 40 hour course in K-9 instruction. The skills which he learned in Baltimore will be returned to his Department's own K-9 Training Program. The Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Corps has an international reputation and has on many occasions trained both officers and instructors of foreign nations in dog handling skills.

During the ceremonies, a number of recognition awards were presented by the Police Commissioner. Certificates were presented to nine officers whose dogs demonstrated explosive detection capabilities. In addition, letters of appreciation were presented to representatives of the United States Army and the General Services Administration at the Ordnance Road Depot, for outstanding services rendered to the Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Unit. In addition to formal recognition of individuals who have assisted the K-9 Unit, appreciation was expressed to the wives and families of the officers who are key ele-

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The new Baltimore Police Department badge will soon replace the current one. The new badge is distinctive from those used by other area law enforcement agencies and gives rise to ready identification of the bearer as a member of the Department.

New Badge

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days of the colony. The Coat of Arms, which is reproduced in full on the badges currently in use, was adopted by the State as its official seal in 1876.

The Battle Monument is the official insignia of Baltimore and is a part of the Seal of Baltimore and the City's flag. The Monument, which still stands in front of the Court House, honors the military men who died defending the City in the War of 1812.

The first Baltimore Police badge was issued in 1857 when the first standardized compulsory uniform was worn by members of the Department. It was during the same year that the old watch and police system was abolished and repealed by the ordinance on January 1, 1857. The reorganization statute provided that policemen be armed and that a badge and a commission be furnished each member. The required badge was a three inch five pointed star of white worsted material to be worn on the left breast. The badge did not have any writing on it. The word "Police" was stamped in one-inch bold Roman letters on a black belt issued to the 350 police officers. All officers were also required to wear their uniforms whenever in public.



The first metal patrolman's badge was introduced in 1860 and featured the ancient Roman Fasces which was the symbol of authority.

The first metal patrolman's badge was issued in 1860. Inscribed on it were the words "Baltimore Police" which was printed around an ax bound by a bundle of wooden rods. The symbol is the Roman Fasces which was the ancient Roman symbol of authority carried by

the magistrates. It stood for the magistrates power to enforce obedience and to punish. The exact date of issuance of this badge is not known, although legislation was passed in February 1860, designating the Department as "Metropolitan Police" and new uniforms were issued on May 1, 1860.

Two years later on June 22nd, the oval shield with six points was issued along with the new uniform. The badge was an adaptation of the Seal of Balti-



The Battle Monument and the founding date of Baltimore was added to the center of the six pointed star introduced in 1862.

more, which includes the Battle Monument and the founding date of the City. Its issuance came at the close of turmoil within the City and Police Department. Baltimore became known as "Mob Town" because of the violence and riots. The State Legislature passed an Act in February 1860 which gave the state control over the Department. The City began to return to normal when military authorities took possession of the city during the Civil War on June 27, 1861. Later they returned the power of the Department over to the State. By April a new Board of Police Commissioners was appointed and took control of the Department. Two months later a new badge and uniform were issued.

The date of issuance on the next badge is uncertain. Old photographs show that it was in use in 1885 when the patrol wagon system was activated. The center was identical to its predecessor, but the outer section was quite different. The six points were done away with in favor of an oval rim connected by numerous points.



The oval shield with a metal rim was introduced in the mid 1880's and was the immediate predecessor of the current badge.

The current badge was introduced in 1894. The symbol on the badge is the Great Seal of Maryland with the word "Police" printed above it.

The soon to be replaced badge has caused some difficulty during its 32 year history. Its simple design and emblems did not give rise to ready identification of the bearer as a member of the Baltimore Police Department.

A committee was created to design a new badge that would readily identify



This unknown Lieutenant is displaying the then new uniform introduced on June 22, 1862 after a reorganization that marked the end of Federal control of the city.

the bearer as a member of the Department and preclude confusion with other local agencies with similar designs.

The members of the committee included Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes, John G. Kollmann, Jr., Director of the Property Division, Sergeant Frederick E. Biemiller, Jr., Quartermaster Unit and Detective Sergeant Edmund

W. Huppman, Auto Theft Unit. The distinctive design of the shoulder patch, which was created by Deputy Keyes in 1967, was quickly accepted as the focal point. Its adaptation of the Great Seal of Maryland and the Battle Monument, the City's official insignia, reflects that we are, by virtue of the Governor appointing the Police Commissioner, a State agency rendering our skills and services in the City of Baltimore.

The fact that the Department's official emblem is distinctive from the state and city seals precludes the possibility of mistaken identification and makes it readily identifiable as the symbol of the Department. Since its inception in 1967 the new emblem has been replacing the old one on all new equipment.

When the new issue is made the badge numbers will remain the same, matching the badge number currently assigned to each officer.

Once the changeover is completed the current badges will no longer represent the symbol of authority for the Department. The City's Board of Estimates has approved the Department's proposal to allow members to keep the old badges as mementos.

The Department is considering a change in the design of the hat piece. Any member who wishes to submit suggestions and propose a new design should turn in their proposal in writing to the Director of the Property Division for consideration.

[The Newsletter would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes for his assistance with this article and to Sergeant Bruce Green, Eastern District, who supplied much of the historical data and many of the old badges.]

K-9 Graduation

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ments in the care of the dogs.

Refreshments and a K-9 demonstration followed the graduation and Commissioner Pomerleau, members of the Command Staff and guests offered their congratulations to the officers as they entered a new phase of their law enforcement careers.

Sergeant Promotions

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded certificates of promotion to seven new Sergeants during ceremonies conducted in the Headquarters Auditorium on March 23, 1976.

A brief reception followed during which the Police Commissioner and members of the Command Staff extended their best wishes to the new Sergeants in this important new phase of their law enforcement careers.

The Sergeants and their assignments are as follows:

Northeastern District — Sergeant Jack W. Loiacono

Eastern District — Sergeant Joseph M. Funk

Western District — Sergeant Edward E. Adelhardt

Southeastern District — Sergeant Thomas G. Hoffa, Jr.

Northwestern District — Sergeant John S. Ellwood

Northern District — Sergeant Patricia A. Loveless

Criminal Investigation Division — Sergeant Francis K. Melcavage

Commendations

Due to space limitations in the last issue of the NEWSLETTER, a listing of Bronze Stars awarded by Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes on March 12, 1976, is continued in this Edition.

While on patrol, Officer James Uhlik Northern District, observed three men in a vehicle wanted for a robbery and auto theft. After a short pursuit the officer was able to curb the suspect's vehicle. At that time one of the occupants threatened the officer with a handgun. Officer Uhlik took cover and ordered the suspects to surrender. He held the suspects at bay until back-up units arrived on the scene.

Officers Timothy Fiori and Charles Eid, Southwestern District, observed a vehicle in which two occupants resem-

bled suspects wanted for an armed robbery. After stopping the car the officers recognized the two passengers as being wanted for a robbery which occurred earlier in the evening. A search of the suspects produced a .38 caliber revolver and the proceeds of the robbery. Further investigation implicated the pair in three additional robberies of business establishments.

In August 1975, Officer Wayne Wilson, Northern District, responded to a bank hold-up in progress. Arriving at the scene he was approached by a citizen who provided him with a description of the armed suspect. Officer Wilson and the citizen canvassed the area and observed a suspect coming out of some bushes where he was hiding. The officer pursued the suspect on foot and apprehended him a short time later with the assistance of back-up units. A large amount of money and a .38 caliber revolver was recovered. Investigation later revealed the handgun and an automobile used in the hold-up to have both been stolen.

Gunpowder 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:

APRIL, 1976

9th Area III (SE, E, NE)
19th C.I.D. and Traffic
26th Services and Administrative Bureaus
30th Tactical

MAY, 1976

3rd Area I (C, SW, S)
10th Area II (N, NW, W)
24th Area III

The Department will supply one hundred rounds of ammunition to each participant. 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.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Get well wishes and speedy recovery to Major Francis X. Hayes, recently released from the hospital and presently recuperating at home.

TACTICAL SECTION — Welcome aboard to Police Officers Alfred Erhardt, Emanuel Kennedy, Cadet William B. Medlin and Senior Clerk Typist Patricia Butta.

Speedy recovery and all good wishes to Police Officer Albert Sharpe, Mrs. Angela Cannelly and Police Officer Gerald Malone.

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION — Congratulations and best wishes to Sergeant Matthew J. Rudolph, who retired on February 12 after 25 years with the Department. Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes and Major William F. Rochford were on hand to present the Sergeant with his retirement papers and to extend their best wishes. Members of Central Records presented Sergeant Rudolph with an engraved watch as a token of their good wishes. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Congratulations are extended to Cadet Michael Smith, who received a Certificate of Appreciation at the Kidney Foundation of Maryland's fifth annual "Gift of Life" luncheon held on March 11. Cadet Smith was cited along with other volunteers as one of the top salesmen in the Foundation's Trick or Treat campaign. He is well deserving of this honor for his contribution in the fight against the nation's fourth largest killer.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Lieutenant Glenn Egbert on winning the Silver Medal in the Masters Division at the Maryland State Weightlifting Championships on March 13. His son, Paul, age 12 is a recent medallist in the National Junior Olympic competition.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

AQUILIO, ANTHONY PAUL, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Daniel J. Aquilio, III, Fiscal Affairs

Division, February 26, 7lbs.

RETIREMENTS

STREETT, JOHN W., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 22 years, March 11.

BIRCK, ALFRED N., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 20 years, March 25.

IN MEMORIAM

FISHER, CHARLES E., father of Auto Serviceman James Fisher, Jr., Property Division, Motor Pool and grandfather of School Crossing Guard Beatrice Butcher, Northern District, February 26.

MURRAY, MURRILL J., JR., son of retired Police Officer Murrill J. Murray, Sr., Community Services Division, February 27.

JOHNSON, JESSIE, father-in-law of Police Officer David Kesling, Northeastern District, February 27.

BARNES, JAMES A., brother of Detective Peter Barnes, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, February 27.

MUISE, MARY A., sister of Lieutenant Donald E. Woods, Inspectional Services Division, February 27.

SMITH, MATTIE, grandmother of Senior Clerk Typist Joyce Turner, Education and Training Division and Senior Clerk Typist Ellen Smith, Western District, February 28.

ROGERS, CHARLES E., uncle of Police Officer Tomey Murdock, Northern District and Police Officer Oliver T. Murdock, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, February 29.

WIEGARD, FRANK, brother of Police Officer Norbert Wiegard, Liaison Officer with Traffic Court, February 29.

LOCUS, MATTHEW, father of Police Officer Matthew A. Locus, Western District, March 1.

SWANN, LEONA, mother of Police Officer Frank Robinson, Western District, and aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Virginia Edwards, Communications Division, March 3.

NICHOLSON, ARTHUR, father of Report Reviewer Dorothy Weir, Central Records Division and father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Weir, Headquarters Security and father of Police Officer Paul Nicholson, Southern District, March 3.

ROEDER, BENJAMIN, J., SR., father of Police Officer Benjamin J. Roeder, Jr., Traffic Division, March 4.

DIPEITRO, FRANCIS (MRS.), grandmother of Police Officer Michael DiMaggio and Police Officer Joseph Lombardi, Northern District, March 5.

PATTERSON, ANNIE, mother-in-law of Police Officer Joseph Weih, Southwestern District, March 6.

NESER, MARY A., mother-in-law of Sergeant Joseph Lovett, Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons Section, March 7.

BEISHL, JOSEPH, brother of School Crossing Guard Julia Kripkowski, Southeastern District, March 7.

MCCOY, ELMER L., father of Police Officer Elmer D. McCoy, Southwestern District, March 8.

STECHER, ALBERT, father-in-law of Police Officer William McCormick, Western District, March 5.

HUMPHREY, DOROTHY, aunt of Principal Clerk Betty McNair, Tactical Section, March 9.

ANTHONY, MARY E., aunt of Sergeant Charles H. Douglas, Northern District, March 9.

BAILEY, CATHERINE, grandmother of Police Officer Salvatore Serio, Northern District, March 10.

BLAKNEY, FRANK, father-in-law of Police Officer Willie Cheeks, Chief of Patrol's Office, detailed to Northern District, March 11.

LEE, CONSTANCE, sister of Police Officer Larry A. Granpre, Southeastern District, March 13.

FINAL ROLL CALL

SHOOK, WILLIAM H., Police Officer, retired, Traffic Division, March 12.

BLUM, LEONARD, Police Officer, Active Duty, Southwestern District, March 13.



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Another Approach...

Quick Response Teams

"Sticks" is a gentleman of the streets. His 5 day growth of beard, ragged clothes and quiet manner are typical of those men who have seen better days and have chosen or been forced to spend their time begging for enough dimes to support the purchase of a bottle of cheap Port.

Last week he chose an area of the Central District, an industrial area, in which to make his home. It really didn't matter . . . like the others he just appeared on a door step and immediately blended with the surroundings, and his fellow unfortunates who were existing there.

It's kind of sad to say that you get used to seeing people in the condition which is described above. But, unfortunately, that's the way it is. Some of these human beings have been reduced to the

point of just being there and are hardly noticed by passers by who walk through the area. "Sticks," by the way, is a member of a Quick Response Team.

To the Quick Response Teams of the Department's Tactical Section not being noticed has become a treasured craft. Members of the QRT spend a lot of time in blending in with a neighborhood, wearing various disguises, so that they can be on hand to apprehend suspects as crimes are being committed.

The program was initiated in an effort to get a handle on the rising number of larcenies which have been plaguing our neighborhoods, especially larcenies from parked automobiles.

This specialized patrol is not conducted on a random basis. Members of

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Index Crime Down 7.9 Percent

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau announced recently a continuing decrease of Index Crimes in Baltimore. Figures for the first quarter of 1976 reflect a 7.9% decrease. This follows the 7.6% decrease experienced during calendar year 1975. Violent crimes decreased 18.8%, while property crime decreased 5.4% and most sufficiently murder by handguns decreased 32.4%.

Total murder by handguns dropped from 59.7% to 42.4%. The National Average for Murders with handguns is 54%.

The crime of Larceny (up 8.8%) was the only Index Crime to increase during the first quarter. The theft of citizens band radios contributes significantly to this rise.

The Department is hopeful the Operation Identification Program and Citizen awareness will be helpful in reducing the number of thefts of CB radios.

These data do not reflect crimes as reported to the University of Maryland Police, who have jurisdiction over the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus.

University of Maryland Police are a bona-fide police agency reporting directly to the State Central Crime Bureau crimes which occur beyond the purview of the Baltimore Police Department.

It is our understanding the quarterly release of crime statistics by the State Central Bureau will reflect combined figures for the City of Baltimore.

The Baltimore Police Department quarterly release will, however, remain compatible with releases of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



A car that appears to contain valuable audio gear is closely watched by Quick Response Team members who are specializing in not being noticed

Quick Response Teams

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the unit are briefed daily by the Planning and Research Division which provides statistics pin-pointing areas where a specific problem has manifested itself.

Each QRT Squad is assigned a certain area. This area is then divided into three separate sub-sections to which each is assigned an individual QRT. The team leader then decides from the information which he has been given and from discussions with district personnel what enforcement methods would be most likely to be productive. The squad Sergeant then coordinates the effort of the three teams which operate under his direction.

The methods used by the teams vary as widely as do the areas in which they operate. For example, if larceny from automobiles is a problem in a targeted area the QRT personnel may park a civilian vehicle in the area. Inside this vehicle may be a television set, a brief case or some other article. This vehicle is then literally surrounded by police personnel wearing various disguises which make them "belong" in that environment.

The potential thief is not too difficult to stop. He'll be looking into automobiles, trying doors and doing other things which make him suspicious. If he approaches the "planted" vehicle and attempts to take the contents, the QRT officers close in and arrest a usually surprised suspect.

The spin-offs from this type of a deployment are many. While the officers may be concentrating on larceny, for example, they have become adept at "blending in" that they've broken up street assaults and even made some unusual narcotics cases.

Late in March two officers were detailed to an area of the Central District. They were disguised, one as a street sweeper, the other as an ordinary citizen. While they watched for a possible larceny a young woman approached one of the officers and asked whether he would like to purchase some "tea." The officer,

Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS OF 1976

TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1976	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	62	59	— 3	— 4.8
FORCIBLE RAPE	110	94	— 16	— 14.5
ROBBERY	2,521	2,020	— 501	— 19.9
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1,463	1,203	— 260	— 17.8
BURGLARY	4,192	3,616	— 576	— 13.7
LARCENY	7,051	7,673	+ 622	+ 8.8
AUTO THEFT	1,998	1,362	— 636	— 31.8
GRAND TOTAL	17,397	16,027	— 1,370	— 7.9

maintaining his disguise, said yes. The suspect spotted the officer disguised as a street cleaner and told the officer to whom she hoped to make a sale that the street cleaner was a police officer and they'd better move to another area. The officer complied, protesting that he really didn't want to get involved if police were around. The suspect then took him into an alley-way, they agreed on a price, and the plain clothes officer handed her the specified amount of money and his badge as he placed her under arrest. You can imagine the shock and surprise registered by that suspect as she was taken into custody.

The results of the efforts of the QRT decoys has been encouraging. In one two-week period they affected 23 apprehensions. Eighteen suspects were charged with larceny from auto, three were charged with assault and robbery and two narcotics violators were also nabbed. What's more significant is that the total number of crimes in the areas being worked by the decoys has been reduced.

The QRT decoy operation, various decoy operations employed by the district, police officers driving taxi cabs, and officers in other modes of enforcement posture compliment an effective effort by uniformed members of the Department. The goal is the same . . . to reduce crime and to apprehend offenders.

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens

Officials of the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens have recently announced a special Police Officers plan for their facilities.

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens has agreed to set aside 240 gravesites for interment of police officers killed in the line of duty free of cost to the officer's family. This offer is open to every member of any police department within the State of Maryland.

Any officer killed in the line of duty will be entitled to the space, services and facilities ordinarily provided by the cemetery. This offer covers not only the slain officer, but also the officer's spouse.

The determination as to whether the death of an officer is to be considered "Line of Duty" will be made by a committee, made up of sworn police officers within the State.

The Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens is also offering to any police officer a 10% discount on purchase made of land, vault or lawn crypts. In the event that an officer shall have already purchased anything from Dulaney Valley, and later dies in the line of duty, all monies received by Dulaney Valley will be paid to the officer's estate, and the above free

services will be provided.

A formal dedication ceremony is planned for May 14, 1976 at 1:00 p.m. at the cemetery. The ceremony, scheduled during National Police Week, will be attended by numerous police agencies throughout the State.

Policeman Of The Year

The Notre Dame Council of the Knights of Columbus honored a Northern District Officer during its 55th Annual Policeman of the Year award ceremonies on April 2, 1976. Officer Alfred A. Hall, III a 31½ year veteran assigned to the Northern District, was bestowed the award for his outstanding service to the community.

Officer Hall was selected for his constant display of factors which are essential to success in the police profession . . . dedication, perseverance and total application of self to the job.

Officer Hall, working closely with fellow officers, has developed a reputation as a tenacious investigator, never giving up on an investigation until he has done everything possible to clear it.

In July of 1975, Officer Hall responded to a "suspicious person" call at an apartment house. He observed a man trying to avoid him and inquired as to his business in the area. The suspect claimed to be visiting a friend in the apartment. The friend however, was not known to any of the residents. The suspect was arrested and a burglar tool to unlock doors was found in his possession. This launched an intensive investigation by Officer Hall that ultimately led to the discovery that his prisoner was an escapee from a prison facility and the charging of the suspect with several burglaries in the same apartment complex.

Officer Hall's investigative techniques have given him an excellent rapport with the Criminal Investigation Division Detectives in his area. He has often supplied information to the Detectives leading to arrests.

Officer Hall was awarded an engraved plaque by Mr. Henry McFadden, Grand Knight of the Council. Also on hand to

congratulate him was Acting Northern District Commander, Lieutenant William J. Eusini. During the event the Knights of Columbus also recognized Firefighter Aubrey L. Johnson, of Truck Company 25, as their Firefighter of the Year.

NEWS NOTES

On March 31, 1976 the Highlandtown Exchange Club selected Baltimore Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau as its Law Enforcement Man of the Year.

At a luncheon meeting members of the organization recognized the Police Commissioner's contributions to law enforcement, both locally and nationally through the past nine years.

Messages of congratulations from Governor Marvin Mandel and Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer were added to those of members of the Highlandtown Exchange Club.

An engraved plaque, from the club, was presented to Commissioner Pomerleau who praised the members of that organization for their long standing support of the Baltimore Police Department and those things which it is doing to reduce the level of crime in the city.

The Baltimore Police Department will host the annual spring meeting of the International Association for Identification on April 24, 1976. The theme of the conference will be "The Jurisprudence Value of Scientific Evidence Within the Court System" and will be held at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

For further information, contact Mr. Alfred Woolridge, Program Chairman, ext. 2290 or Mr. Joseph A. Reitz, President, Chesapeake Bay Division, ext. 2666.

The Baltimore City Department of Social Services is seeking foster homes to meet the needs of children whose parents are temporarily unable to care for them. If you have some time and love to spare, you may be able to help some of these children.

According to a spokeswoman for the Department, children who need care range from newborns to teenagers. Some children need care for only a few months while others may remain in their foster

homes for many years. Foster parents are able to specify such factors as the age and sex of the child they wish to care for. The agency provides payments for board and clothing as well as medical and dental care for the children.

Homes are needed for both black and white children. Single men and women, as well as married couples may be considered for foster care. If you feel that you can share your heart and home with a child, please call 685-8231 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eleven 1976 Dodge Coronets are now cruising the streets of Baltimore. Final delivery of 187 air conditioned units will soon be completed by the Chrysler Corp. All vehicles should be in service by mid-June.

Post Scripts

"The inestimable humanity of those individuals casually referred to as Firemen and Policemen deserves pause for contemplation and more than just 'thanks.'"

During the recent fire at the Carlyle Apartments, the writer observed a young policeman on his knee before a seated frightened elderly and sick lady. His gentle and kind reassurance and offer to take her back to her apartment did more for her than he can ever know. A weary fireman, leaning against a wall having removed his heavy equipment after many trips up the stairway, was asked by another lady if he would take her up to her apartment. Without comment in regard to his exhaustion, he took her on his shoulders and made yet another trip up the many flights of stairs. These two incidents were not the exceptions. Similar actions were going on wherever I look. I am sure no rule book on special training requests these acts of kindness. What manner of men are these 'Firemen' and 'Policemen'."

John M. Eyre, President
University 500 Residents'
Association

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Officer John Sannie, of Northern District, was the officer commended. In particular, Lieutenant James Rainey and Officer James Fell are the officers alluded too.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PROPERTY DIVISION — Major John G. Kollmann and his wife, Madeliene wish to extend their appreciation to all members of the Department for their expressions of thoughtfulness during the family's recent bereavement.

TACTICAL SECTION — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant John C. Schmitt.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert W. Gowl, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4. They are the parents of Police Officer Phillip Gowl, Tactical Section and School Crossing Guard Alice Ruland, Southern District and grandparents of Senior Clerk Linda Blattenberger, Central Records Division.

PERSONNEL DIVISION — Congratulations to William H. Bowen, Jr., son of Lieutenant William H. Bowen, on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

WESTERN DISTRICT — Welcome back to Principal Clerk Brenda Ellis after a brief illness.

Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to School Crossing Guard Gwendolyn Barnhill on her recent loss.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Special Investigation Section - Detective Charles Scroggs retired on March 13, after 27 years of service. In company with his wife, Margaret, he was presented with a plaque from his fellow Detectives commemorating the event. The plaque was presented by Lieutenant William McCarthy and Sergeant Paul Uoi on behalf of Captain Joseph G. DiCarlo, Commanding Officer for the Special Investigation Section.

WEDDINGS

KOLLMANN, JOHN G., Major, Property Division and the former Madeliene T. Smith, Computer Programmer, Planning and Research Division, April 3.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KUNKEL, ERIC DAVID, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Christopher Kunkel, Western District, March 23, 7 lbs. 3 oz.

TURNER, CHRISTINA LYNN, daughter of Darkroom Technician and Mrs. Theodore Turner, Laboratory Division, March 24.

RETIREMENTS

SCROGGS, CHARLES H., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 27 years, April 1.

TABOR, EDWARD J., Police Officer, Southwestern District, 12 years, April 1.

GILBERT, GEORGE D., Police Officer, Community Services Division, 20 years, April 8.

RUDEL, JOHN C., JR., Sergeant, Traffic Division, 40 years, April 14.

FORD, HENRY, Police Officer, Tactical Section, 27 years, April 15.

FINAL ROLL CALL

BIRMINGHAM, GEORGE E., Police Officer, retired from Southwestern District, April 2.

IN MEMORIAM

FUCHS, EVA E., wife of retired Police Officer George G. Fuchs, Community Services Division, Youth Section, February 8.

SAX, HORACE D., father of Police Officer Gerald Sax, Northern District, February 26.

KROKOWSKI, GEORGE, father-in-law of Police Officer Rona'd White, Traffic Division, Foot Traffic Section, March 14.

BOCKLAGE, JOHN, brother of Police Officer James Bocklage, Northeastern District, March 18.

KRASKA, MARIE, mother of Police Officer Walter M. Kraska, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, March 16.

WELLS, FITZHUGH L., father of Sergeant James K. Wells, Southeastern District, March 18.

SNYDER, JOHN F., father of Principal Clerk Evelyn Snyder, Administrative Bureau, March 18.

BODANI, ANN ELIZABETH, mother-in-law of Police Officer Robert Atkinson, Central District, March 24.

EVANS, CHARLES R., father-in-law of Police Officer Charles Stettes, Communications Division, March 26.

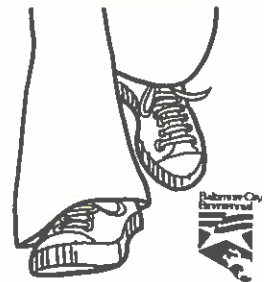
COPPINGER, WILLIAM F., father of Captain Thomas Coppinger, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, March 27.

GRUMPMAN, HELEN W., grandmother of Police Officer William Port, Northwestern District, March 29.

LEVINSON, DAVID, father of Police Officer Paul Levinson, Northern District, March 31.

KLINE, ARTHUR W., father of Police Officer James Kline, Northeastern District, April 2.

KOLLMANN, JOHN G., father of Major John G. Kollmann, Jr., Property Division, April 3.



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

April 28, 1976

Officer Jimmy D. Halcomb Slain

It was Good Friday in Baltimore. Worshipers, many of them, had returned not too many hours before from afternoon worship services. Others, cleaning up the dinner dishes, were preparing to attend evening services. Many persons were participating in the Pass-over observances. Still others had spent the ninety degree afternoon in bars, were tilting beer cans on the front steps seeking relief from the steaming temperatures. It wouldn't be accurate to say that it was just a normal April Friday. It was too hot, more like July than springtime. It was much too hot.



JIMMY D. HALCOMB

The sun was crimson as it settled over the Western part of the city. Storefronts, church steeples and rows of houses created shadows which lengthened quickly. It was getting cooler.

Officers were patrolling the streets, appreciative of the relief that the quickening darkness would provide. It wasn't really getting busy yet, not for a Friday

night. Then the bullets began pouring out of the 1300 block West Lombard Street. The darkness became heavy.

A volley from a high powered rifle sent bullets ricocheting along Lombard Street. Another burst and shells whined north on Carey Street. Officers from the Southern, Southwestern and Western Districts responded as did the Quick Response Teams of the Tactical Section.

In the military the incident would have been termed a fire-fight. But for the police and citizens, who sought protection and cover it was unreal. It took forty five minutes for the situation to be resolved. The suspect, an 18 year old male, surrendered to officers after telephoning his intentions to the Communications Division of the Department.

It became quiet again and the neighbors returned to their front steps. Stories of what had happened were interspersed with personal perspectives. "Where were you when it started?"

The press, which had shown part of the incident live to the rest of the state, asked questions. Neighborhood residents appeared on television, they knew what had happened . . . they saw it all.

For police there began the laborious task of reconstructing the incident which left one of their brothers mortally wounded, five others sustaining gunshot wounds. Evidence was collected, photographs made, statements prepared. This process would continue for a long time.

At University Hospital medical specialists quickly administered to the injured. Families arrived, some relieved that their loved ones were not injured. Others heard the dreaded news. Shock, emotion and grief were real. It affected everyone.

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City Hall Incident

During the lunch hour Baltimore's City Hall, like many major offices, undergoes a change. Although the level of activity is barely diminished many of those who work in the building are either coming or going from a lunch break, are out of the building enjoying the noon meal or are filling in while someone takes a break.



THOMAS G. GAITHER

That's the way it was on Tuesday, April 13, 1976 when a man got off the elevator on the 7th floor of the temporary City Hall in the 100 block East Redwood Street demanding to see the Mayor. A short time after the initial contact with the receptionist this man was spreading terror through the two adjoining buildings which are housing City Government while City Hall is being remodeled.

Within a few minutes an aide to the Mayor was shot and seriously injured, one City Councilman was fatally wounded, a second councilman taken hostage

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Jimmy D. Halcomb



May 8, 1944



April 16, 1976



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Everyone.

Officer Jimmy D. Halcomb was 31 years old. Assigned to the Operations Unit of the Western District he had been one of the first to arrive at the scene.

The sniper fired a round which penetrated the automobile Officer Halcomb was using for cover. He lost consciousness immediately and seconds later he was gone.

Twenty-five year old Officer James A. Brennan of the Western District was

crouching behind a van a few feet south on Carey Street. He went down, seriously wounded. The other officers behind the van made him as comfortable as possible. Officer Roland W. Miller, 23 of the Western District, who was beside Officer Brennan sustained a minor wound in the left arm. They were to wait long minutes for relief.

Officers Neal C. Splain, 28, Officer Calvin R. Mencken, 33, and Officer Arthur E. Kennell, Jr. 27, all of the Southern District were hit by a shotgun blast which came from the rear of the

building. A civilian was also wounded.

Officer Halcomb's funeral, on April 20, was attended by hundreds of officers from more than fifty police jurisdictions. His family, scores of friends and neighbors heard the words of hope and consolation spoken from the altar. The distance to the cemetery was short but the walk was long.

At the conclusion of the brief ceremonies they gave Mrs. Angela Halcomb the American Flag and we said goodbye to a brave officer.



JAMES A. BRENNAN



ARTHUR E. KENNEL, JR.



NEAL C. SPLAIN



CALVIN R. MENCKEN, JR.



ROLAND W. MILLER

City Hall Incident

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and also seriously wounded and a Baltimore Police Officer was down with a serious leg injury. Those moments brought into sharp focus some of the most serious problems confronting cities and governments in the '70's.

Baltimore City Councilman Dominic Leone died as the result of a single gunshot wound. Councilman Carroll Fitzgerald and Miss Kathleen Nolan, the Mayor's aide, are recovering from gunshot wounds which caused massive serious injury. Baltimore Police Officer Thomas Gaither continues to recover from a leg wound sustained while the suspect was being apprehended. The suspect, 34 year old Charles A. Hopkins is also recovering from gunshot wounds.

Moments after the initial call for assistance to City Hall members of the Department had apprehended the suspect, searched and secured both buildings. Thousands of downtown employees milled about at the scene, the tragic curious trying to witness history being

made. Members of the Traffic Division stood by keeping the area accessible to ambulances and other officers.

That the suspect was apprehended while still in the act of attempting to get to the Mayor and before he could accomplish this phase of his bizarre mission, is a tribute to the members of the Department who responded quickly and took command of the situation. This feeling is reflected in the communication, received by the Police Commissioner, and reprinted below:

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

In reflecting on the tragic events of Tuesday and sorting out the things that happened, one of the things which is now most apparent to me is the exceptional police response and handling of the entire matter. Surely no one could have foreseen and thus prevented what happened, but when the first frantic call for help was issued from my office, I deeply believe that it was immediate police response which kept more persons from being injured. Many officers entered the building rapidly, with no thought of personal risk, knowing fully that a dangerous gunman was loose somewhere in the building.

Despite inferences to the contrary in some news reports, the police response to our plea for help was exceptional. Please let your men know that those of us who were here at the time of the shootings are extremely grateful for their quick and efficient action.

*Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Mayor*

No Death Penalty

The following letter has been received from the Honorable William A. Swisher, State's Attorney for Baltimore City, concerning the death of Officer Jimmy D. Halcomb.

"Unfortunately, immediately after Officer Halcomb's tragic death, hopes were raised that we would be able to successfully prosecute his killer under the death penalty law. This speculation resulted from a misconception of the capital punishment statute as well as from incomplete information about the particular facts of this case.

"At present, the killing of a police

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Officer John A. Swiec, Southern District, received a minor gunshot wound to the left shoulder when he recently aborted the hold-up of a service station in the Southern District. During the hold-up attempt one of the suspects was mortally wounded by the officer but not before his coat was partially blown away by the suspect's shotgun. Two other suspects were arrested hours later.

No Death Penalty

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officer does not automatically constitute a capital offense. Our legislature has amended the death penalty statute to include this crime, but the amendment becomes effective on July 1, 1976. The facts of Officer Halcomb's tragic death, however, do not fit under the present law.

Where a defendant's purpose is not to escape or avoid an arrest, but rather to provoke a gun battle - hopeful of being fatally wounded in the process, his crime is first degree murder but not under the present capital punishment law.

"Under these circumstances, obtaining a capital indictment would only have raised false hopes and ultimately caused disillusion. Prosecution under a capital indictment would only result in acquittal and, possibly, the defendant's outright release. We have charged Williams with every crime we can convict him of, and we have done so promptly in order to preserve important testimony.

Our office shares your grief and frustration, and pledges continued support for your dedicated efforts!"

NEWS IN BRIEF

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Shella Stewart on her recent loss.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Welcome aboard to Police Officers Wendel France, Barry Fried, Howard Jacobs, Paul Loomis, David Werner and James Ramsey.

Bon Voyage to Sergeant Clifton Rineheart, and good luck in your new assignment.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WALTERS, SAMUEL EDWARD, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James S. Walters, Jr., Northwestern District, 9lbs.

BLAHATO, WILLIAM MICHAEL, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Eugene Blahato, Central District, 8lbs., January 28.

OTTAVIANI, TONY and GINA, son and daughter twins of Detective and Mrs. Phillip A. Ottaviani,

Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, 6lbs. 1 oz. and 5lbs. 6 oz., respectively, March 24.

BERTAZON, NATALIE NICOLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. William Bertazon, Eastern District, 6lbs. 10 oz., March 30.

SISTRUNK, SAUNDRA ELIZABETH, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Odie L. Sistrunk, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, 8lbs. 3 oz., April 12.

FINAL ROLL CALL

PICH, WILLIAM A., Police Officer, retired from Northern District, April 6.

CHANCE, STERLING G., Police Officer, retired from Northern District, April 14.

HALCOMB, JIMMY D., Police Officer, Active Duty, Western District, killed line of duty, April 16.

SCHMIDT, FRANK, Lieutenant, retired from Northern District, April 17.

IN MEMORIAM

STEINBACH, CHESTER, uncle of Sergeant Thomas Worthington, Central District, April 5.

NOVAK, NICHOLAS, father of Police Officer Robert Novak, Southwestern District, April 6.

SCRUFER, MARY, mother of Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling, Planning and Research Division, April 6.

WILHELM, FRANCIS (MRS.), mother of Police Officer Walter Havenstein, Western District, April 8.

DUBIEL, ANDREW, father-in-law of Police Officers Willard Larah, Central District and Joseph Hamilton, Southern District, April 9.

McWHIRTER, ELIZABETH, mother of Police Officers James McWhirter, Western District and Sheila Stewart, Central District, April 9.

SELBY, LULA GERTRUDE, grandmother of Police Officer George Selby, Tactical Section, April 10.



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Police Agent Program Expanded

On April 28, 1976 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau presented certificates of appointment to eleven new Police Agents. The Department has 115 Agents presently serving in virtually every District and Division.

The Police Agent Program had its beginning in September of 1969 when Commissioner Pomerleau appointed six Police Officers to the position of Police Agent.

The Police Agent Program came about as the result of a Task Force Report on Police issued by the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice in 1967. The report stated that, "a critical need exists in law enforcement to identify the tasks that require the highest degree of judgment, intelligence, education, initiative and understanding of a community and

of human behavior; to assign these tasks to the most competent personnel, and to accord proper status to the officers who perform these tasks." The Baltimore Police Department became the first agency in the nation to fully develop a Police Agent Program.

To qualify for the position a candidate must meet the entrance level requirements for the position of Police Officer and hold a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university. In addition to the Baccalaureate Degree, an individual must complete a minimum of one year in the Patrol Division as a Police Officer.

The selection process also includes an oral interview, a physical examination, psychological testing and a review of the officer's past performance.

No insignia of rank nor supervisory

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Published Figures Adjusted

In the April 5, 1976 edition of the national news magazine U.S. News and World Report an article about crime in the United States was accompanied by a chart which showed crime increases in many large cities which had actually experienced decreases.

A letter from the Police Commissioner to the Editor of the publication resulted in a correction which appeared in the April 26, 1976 edition of U.S. News and World Report. The correspondence which resulted in this correction follows:

Mr. Howard Flieger
Editor
U.S. News and World Report

Dear Mr. Flieger:

This letter is in response to the U.S. News and World Report, April 5, 1976 issue, Special Section — "Are Big Cities Doomed."

As the Chief Administrator of the Baltimore Police Department and Chairman of the Major Cities Chief Administrators representing the 30 largest urban area police agencies of the several states, I am obligated to call to your attention what appears to be a statistical error in crime data reflected therein — Page 51 pertains.

According to our data, the gross percentage change in reported Index Crime in Baltimore between 1970 and 1974 was minus 6.6%, not plus 22.7% as this article relates. While many of the 50 cities listed did have gross increases during the referent period, none were as high as the article relates. Several of these, in fact, experienced significant decreases.

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Subsequent to the incident on West Lombard Street, Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police contacted Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau and offered to loan the Department an armored personnel carrier. Commissioner Pomerleau accepted the gracious offer and the APC was delivered and assigned to the Tactical Section. The vehicle can carry and protect five men from all ordnance commonly used on the street today. Training has been completed and operators are on duty at all times.

Police Agents

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authority accompanies Police Agent status. Agents, along with all other Police Officers, have supervisory authority only when designated as officer-in-charge.

The Baltimore Police Department continues to attract college trained men and women to the profession of law enforcement. Prior to 1967 there were 22 people in the Department with Baccalaureate Degrees. This total has increased more than 10 fold. Currently there are 268 Police Officers and Police Agents, 53 Sergeants and 19 Lieutenants with Baccalaureate Degrees from more than 70 colleges and universities. Four Police Agents, two Sergeants and three Lieutenants have Masters Degrees in addition to their Baccalaureate.

A desire for further education has encouraged 388 members of the Department to attend colleges while off-duty. Many of these people are working toward a degree, others are taking courses relative to their work in law enforcement.

The Baltimore Police Department recognizes that the Police Agent Program and the furtherance of higher education by members on all levels helps increase the professionalism of the Department and the service to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Police Agents appointed on April 28 and their assignments are as follows:

TACTICAL SECTION

Agent Andrew Gerakaris
Northeastern University
B.S. Criminal Justice - 1974
Agent Charles C. Law
Fisk University
B.A. Speech - 1971.
Agent John C. Meyer
Youngstown State University
B.S. Law Enforcement - 1974.
Agent Edwin W. Schillo, III
University of Baltimore
B.A. English - 1971

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Agent Eugene M. Blahato
Hofstra University
B.A. English - 1971
Agent Joseph I. McMahon, Jr.
University of Maryland
B.S. Community Development - 1974

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Agent John R. Draa
Youngstown State University
B.S. Police Science and Law Enforcement

EASTERN DISTRICT

Agent John E. Gavrilis
University of Baltimore
B.S. Criminal Justice - 1974
Agent Joseph A. Segreti
University of Maryland
B.A. Law Enforcement - 1973

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Agent Edward C. Koluch
Towson State College
B.S. Sociology - 1974

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Agent Charles T. Nelson
Towson State College
B.S. History and Political Science - 1974

Figures Adjusted

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While our data source is apparently the same, that is the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports, we believe the data base used by your staff may lack compatibility with the comparative year 1974. Uniform Crime Reporting data as published by the FBI is voluntarily submitted to them by the various law enforcement agencies at the state and local levels. The Bureau is in effect a clearinghouse, functioning in this instance under the guidance of the Uniform Crime Reporting Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Prior to January 1973 the Crime Index was comprised of Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Larceny of Property Valued at \$50 and Over, and Auto Theft. Because of the difficulties experienced in property valuation, effective January 1, 1973, the Larceny category was amended to include all larcenies reported to the police regardless of value. Since this change, pre-1973 total index crime data must be adjusted to include all larcenies in order to calculate accurate crime trends. The tables to accomplish this are published in the pre-1973 FBI Uniform Crime Reports but are easily overlooked.

The difference is quite significant:

Baltimore — Total Index Crime Including only Larceny \$50 and Over in the Base year 1970 — Statistically Invalid

1970	1974	% Change
62,150	76,235	+22.7%

Baltimore — Total Index Crime Including all Larcenies in the base and comparative year — Valid Comparison

1970	1974	% Change
81,602	76,235	-6.6%

I am hopeful your awareness of the impact of crime data upon your readers in general, more particularly, those who occupy decision-making positions regarding the economic growth and development of the urban areas will prompt a review of the April 5 article. Perhaps your staff could further research the reported crime trends data and provide an appropriate vehicle for publication of the results. I would be most pleased to be of assistance in this endeavor should you so desire.

Sincerely,
D. D. Pomerleau

Mr. Donald D. Pomerleau
Commissioner, Police Department
City of Baltimore

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

Your recent letter to Mr. Flieger has been referred to me.

You are quite right, an error in calculation was made in the material to which you refer. Unfortunately, despite checking and rechecking, these errors do sometimes creep in. The correct figures were published in our issue of April 26, tearsheets of which are enclosed.

It was thoughtful of you to call this matter to our attention.

Sincerely yours,
John H. Adams
Executive Editor

NEWS NOTES

All personnel of the Department who have been assigned a 2" barrel Colt revolver are directed to return their 158 grain 38 cal. semi-wad-cutter +P ammunition.

This action is taken because Colt industries does not recommend +P ammunition for use in Detective Specials, Cobras, Agents and Diamond-Back model revolvers.

All personnel are advised against the use of 158 grain 38 cal. +P semi-wad-cutter ammunition in personal revolvers manufactured by Colt Industries.

Smith & Wesson .38 Special Firearms are designed to fire all brands of commercially manufactured .38 cal. special cartridges. Aluminum alloy frame revolvers, however, are not recommended for +P use.

Charter Arms does not recommend +P ammunition for any model except their new Police Bulldog .38 Special.

Questions concerning the use of +P type ammunition may be referred to the Headquarters Gun Shop, extension 2298.

On April 26, 1976, Governor Marvin Mandel issued an executive proclamation designating the Third Sunday in May of each year as Fallen Heroes Day to memorialize the law-enforcement officers and fire-fighters in the State of Maryland who have been killed in the line of duty; and calling upon the citizens of Maryland to arrange for appropriate ceremonies on Fallen Heroes Day to honor the valiant public servants who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the people of the State of Maryland.

The 1976 Legislature passed House Joint Resolution 68 requesting the Governor to issue the proclamation.

Eighty-four Baltimore Police Officers have been killed in the line of duty since 1870.

Graduation & Commendation Ceremonies

Certificates of completion were presented by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau to thirty-one officers graduating from the Department's Education and Training Division on April 30, 1976. The Class of 75-9 concluded many weeks

of intensive academic and law enforcement training in preparation for their careers.

The commencement address was delivered by the Honorable Robert F. Sweeney, Chief Judge of the District Court of Maryland. After his remarks to the officers, their families and friends, Judge Sweeney assisted Commissioner Pomerleau in distributing the Certificates to the graduates.

During the ceremonies, Officer Daniel W. Shea was presented the Commissioner's Award of Excellence. This award is given to that graduate who, in the opinion of his classmates, best exhibits those qualities which exemplify the professional police officer.

Commendation ceremonies were held immediately following the graduation exercises. Eighteen Baltimore Police Officers and seven civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

Shortly after 4:30 P.M. on October 27, 1975 Officers Timothy B. Ridenour and Bernard Harper, Southwestern District, received a call for a disorderly man in the Uplands Apartment complex. Upon their arrival they observed a partially nude man hanging christmas ornaments on the trees outside. The officers called for a wagon and attempted to take the man into custody. A scuffle ensued during which Officer Ridenour's revolver was taken by the suspect. Shots were fired and Officer Ridenour was mortally wounded. Officer Harper obtained cover and returned fire. The cruising patrol arrived and Officer Francis M. Schmitz, Jr. also engaged the suspect. Officer Harper retrieved a shotgun from his vehicle and fatally wounded the suspect. Officer Ridenour succumbed to his injuries a short time later.

Officers Edwin R. Bollack and John F. Rybarczyk, Jr., Western District, confronted two armed suspects attempting a hold-up. A shoot-out resulted during which one suspect was wounded and the other surrendered.

The arrest of the two suspects cleared three additional commercial robberies and produced a total of 49 charges being placed against the suspects.

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Youth Diversion Implemented

Twenty-one graduates were presented with Certificates of Completion on Thursday, April 29, 1976, by Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia and Chief of Patrol - Colonel Bishop L. Robinson, in company with other Command Staff members. The recipients constituted the first graduating class of Youth Services Officers assigned to the newly implemented Pre-Intake Adjustment Program.

The new program is intended to assist youths who come into contact with the Police within the parameters of a specified thirty-four offense list.

The Youth Services Officers who are assigned to each Patrol District, shall work to help prevent those youths who come into contact with the Police from subsequently escalating their illegal activities into more serious behavior.

This primary objective will be realized by using Community-Based Resources as a source for rehabilitative referrals. The Youth Services Officer shall determine what type of available referrals will be used in the best interest of the child.

In the face of spiralling levels of juvenile contribution to serious crime, the Pre-Intake Adjustment Program is a sincere effort on the part of the Baltimore Police Department to successfully adjust and divert child offenders.



Members of the Department were saddened at the recent loss of Rookie, the 15 year veteran mascot of the Mounted Unit. Over the years thousands of school children visited the little pony who once in his career led the famous Preakness Parade.



Deputy Commissioners Frank J. Battaglia, Operations Bureau and Thomas J. Keyes, Services Bureau congratulate Sergeant John C. Rudel, Jr., Traffic Division, during a retirement party in his honor on April 14, 1976. Sergeant Rudel retired as the most senior active member in the Department with 40 years of service.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Administrative Unit — We, the girls, of this Unit, would like to thank Detective Harry McDonald for his thoughtfulness during "National Secretary's Week", April 19-24, 1976.

PERSONNEL DIVISION — Members of this Division wish to extend congratulations and best wishes to Principal Clerk Linda L. Sloan on her recent promotion.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FURBUSH, TRACEY LATANYA, daughter of Finger-print Technician Bernadette Furbush, Central Records Division, 7lbs. 8 oz., March 7.

SHAULIS, PETER GEORGE, son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Peter C. Shaulis, Central Records Division, 6lbs. 11 oz., April 26.

WEDDINGS

HAMLIN, WILLIAM GEORGE, Northern District, and the former Sarah Elizabeth Miller, April 10.

RETIREMENTS

L'ECUYER, ELMER L., JR., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 21 years, April 8.

DEPAOLA, WILLIAM J., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 23 years, April 8.

PARKS, ALFRED L., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 21 years, April 8.

PORTER, JOSEPH J., Police Officer, Eastern District, 19 years, April 8.

WOODSON, JUNIOUS M., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 9 years, April 8.

NAWROCKI, MARY L. G., School Crossing Guard, Southeastern District, 6 years, April 8.

DEPPER, RAYMOND R., Police Officer, Communications Division, 21 years, April 29.

KRICK, RAYMOND E., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 18 years, May 3.

McKAY, DONALD S., Sergeant, Traffic Division, 27 years, May 3.

LAWLER, MARGARET A., Senior Clerk Typist, Criminal Investigation Division, 19 years, May 6.

IN MEMORIAM

HARTIGAN, HAROLD, father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Shaffer, Eastern District, April 12.

DAVIS, HENRY, grandfather of Police Officer Freddie Massey, Tactical Section, April 13.

DAME, MARY, mother-in-law of Police Officer Lawrence T. Maguire, Education and Training Division, April 13.

BLUNT, SALLY, mother-in-law of Administrative Assistant Vera H. Smith, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, April 13.

MAYHUGH, BERTHA, mother-in-law of Police Officer George H. Ling, Jr., Northern District,

April 14.

WALTERS, ANN, sister of Police Officer Albert Smith, Northwestern District, April 14.

MEYERS, JOHN B., JR., father of Police Officer Raymond Meyers, Southwestern District, April 15.

ANDREYCHUK, MICHAEL, father-in-law of Police Officer Charles Baer, Southeastern District, April 18.

LOVELL, HERBERT, father-in-law of Police Officer James Finn, Northwestern District, April 18.

RORKE, JOHN J., father of Sergeant John Rorke, Tactical Section, April 18.

COOPER, SARA, grandmother of Police Officer Jonathan Lusher, Southeastern District, April 19.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM E. (MRS.), sister of Police Officer Thomas Webster, Personnel Division, Medical Section, April 22.

McKINNEY, STELLA B., mother of Police Officer Carl D. McKinney, retired from Central District, April 22.

CURRERI, FRANK, father of Detective Carmelo Curreri, Criminal Investigation Division, Crimes Against Persons, April 23.

FERTITTA, SALVATORE, grandfather of Sergeant Charles Fertitta, Northeastern District, April 24.

FORTNER, REDA, sister of School Crossing Guard Margaret Sprouse, Southern District, April 24.

MULLIGAN, VERA, mother of Police Officer Michael Mulligan, Tactical Section, April 27.

GOLDSMITH, MARTIN LEE, father-in-law of Police Officer John Sheckells, Traffic Division, Traffic Investigation Section, April 27.

TEVIS, PERCY, father of Senior Clerk Robert Tevis, Southeastern District, April 27.

SCHMIDT, CARL L., grandfather of Police Officer James R. Schmidt, Eastern District, April 29.

FINAL ROLL CALL

AIRES, PAUL, Lieutenant, retired from Southwestern District and father of Police Officer Paul Aires, Jr., Eastern District, April 28.



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Carbon Monoxide Study: Police Levels Found Normal

On December 9, 1975 a press conference was conducted by Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau on the subject of carbon monoxide intoxication. During the course of that press conference the Commissioner announced that a "study would be undertaken to determine what the average carbon monoxide level actually is among police officers in the urban area."

This study, a joint effort of the Maryland State Department of Licensing and Regulation, the Division of Labor and Industry, Maryland State Medical Examiner's Office, the Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore Police Department has been completed.

Test results indicated that while

smokers generally exhibited higher levels of Carboxyhemoglobin (Carbon Monoxide) than did non-smokers there were no significant differences found in officers with different duty assignments or between officers using different make and model patrol cars. According to the conclusions in the study the "average carboxyhemoglobin levels and expired air carbon monoxide levels for all officers in the categories were well within the normal no-effect range.

Officers tested were volunteers drawn from all police districts and headquarters who performed in a variety of modes. They were divided into three basic sampling types; Vehicle Patrol,

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Waste Watching ... IT PAYS!

Recently Mayor William Donald Schaefer, through the Conservation Steering Committee of Baltimore City, announced the Improvement Suggestion and Employee Incentive Awards System. The objective of the program is to secure for the City of Baltimore the maximum benefits to be derived from the conservation of all its resources.

City employees are being asked to submit suggestions that will conserve the City's resources, increase efficiency or otherwise reduce costs.

The Conservation Steering Committee has published the Improvement Suggestion System which provides incentive awards to be paid for those suggestions that, upon implementation, result in a net savings of \$250.00 or more of resources for the first year after adoption.

Awards generally will range from \$25.00 up to \$500.00 for suggestions of great importance or saving to City residents or employees. Cash awards will be evaluated and decided upon by the Incentive Awards Board through the Comptroller's Office.

All employees of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, whether full or part-time, are eligible to submit suggestions.

For suggestions to be considered, they must be submitted in writing on a special Improvement Suggestion Form. These forms are available from the Administrative Lieutenant of each District or at the Headquarters Building, Evidence Control Unit.

Conservation is viewed as a way of life for now and the foreseeable future, so be a Waste Watcher ... It PAYS!



On May 14, 1976 more than 250 police officers and firefighters from a dozen jurisdictions in the State participated in the dedication of an area at the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens for police and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The Baltimore Police Department was represented by Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Operations Bureau and the Department's Honor Guard.

Retiree Badges

In response to many requests, the Police Commissioner has approved the issuance of our new badge for retirees requesting same. The expense must be borne by the individual, inasmuch as budgeted funds are not available. Under the current contract, which expires June 25, 1976, the cost of the badge of rank of Chauffeur through Sergeant is \$4.29, and for the rank of Lieutenant and above \$6.61. Payment must be made by either check or money order, payable to the Howard Uniform Company and mailed to the Services Bureau, Baltimore Police Department, 601 E. Fayette Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, together with the name and address of the retiree, including the date of retirement and rank held at that time. It is imperative that all requests be received by June 15th in order to purchase these badges under the existing contract.

Commendations

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BRONZE STAR

While on patrol, Officers Michael T. Callahan and Norman E. Meads, Jr., Central District, observed flames and smoke bellowing from a residential dwelling. After notifying the Fire Department, the officers entered the building which had also caught fire and continued their rescue. One of the evacuees had been overcome by smoke inhalation.

While on patrol, Officer John G. Cree, Jr. and David E. Webb, Central District, affected a car stop. As a result of this incident the officers arrested the two occupants for possessing dangerous drugs, carrying a concealed weapon and car theft. Further investigation revealed that the occupants had committed homicide in Texas and had disposed of the body in North Carolina.

The suspects have been returned to Texas for trial.

Officer Gregory D. Thurston, Southeastern District, was on patrol when he was hailed by a hold-up victim who pointed out the fleeing suspect. Officer Thurston gave chase and in the ensuing gun battle, the suspect shot a by-

stander in the leg before he was finally captured by the officer.

The suspect is now serving a 15 year term in the penitentiary.

Responding to a call for a burglary in progress, Officer James A. Howell, Central District, observed two suspects carrying merchandise from a food market. Officer Howell gave pursuit and apprehended one of the suspects. A search for the second suspect led him to a dumpster in which he shined his flashlight. Two distinct clicks were heard inside where Officer Howell found the suspect. As the suspect was being taken from the dumpster the officer observed a handgun being pointed at him. Reacting quickly, Officer Howell disarmed the suspect and placed him under arrest.

The handgun was found to be fully loaded with two live rounds in the cylinder which had misfired. The revolver was later found to be capable of firing.

Officer Peter M. Howe, Central District, was off-duty in a tavern when an armed man entered and announced a hold-up. While the suspect held the customers at bay, Officer Howe maneuvered himself to a position near the door. When conditions were favorable, Officer Howe produced his off-duty revolver and identified himself as a police officer. The suspect was distracted enabling Officer Howe, with the assistance of a customer, to grab the suspect's weapon and subdue him.

During a three day period, in December of 1975, four armed hold-ups occurred in the Northern District. During one of the hold-ups a proprietor was shot and killed.

A short time after the hold-ups, Officers Bobby L. Jones and James M. Whipp, Northern District, received information concerning a possible suspect. The officers launched an intensive investigation lasting several days which included canvassing many areas, interviewing witnesses, examination of fingerprints, firearms and other evidence. The officers' investigation culminated with the arrest of three suspects, one of whom was in Virginia, and the recovery of the handgun used in the homicide.

Officer Joseph J. Schaech, Eastern

District, responded to a hold-up alarm at a supermarket. Upon his arrival he approached a clerk in the crowded market and inquired as to any trouble. The clerk nervously replied that everything was alright. Suspicious, Officer Schaech walked around the store and saw a suspect holding the store manager with a .38 cal. revolver. Officer Schaech carefully approached the suspect from the side, when he suddenly turned and pointed his weapon at the officer. Officer Schaech lunged at the suspect, pushing the revolver to the side and with the assistance of other officers subdued the armed man.

Officers David B. Prettyman and Robert O'Connell, Southwestern District, received information concerning a suspect wanted for an armed assault and robbery which had occurred a short time before. The officers responded to an apartment building and went into the hallway when Officer O'Connell observed the suspect standing under a dimly lighted stairwell. The suspect was ordered to place his hands against the wall and acted as if he was complying when he wheeled around and produced a handgun. Officer O'Connell lunged at the suspect and a struggle ensued during which shots were fired. The suspect was able to flee but was soon pursued by Officer Prettyman. During the running gunbattle, the suspect was fatally wounded by Officer Prettyman.

Responding to a call of a robbery in progress, Officer Wendell M. France, Northwestern District and Officer Vernon E. May, Sr., Western District, found a suspect inside a tavern holding the patrons at bay with a rifle. As the suspect emerged from the bar he was ordered to surrender, instead the suspect fired at the officers. Shots were exchanged and the hold-up man was mortally wounded. Subsequent investigation linked the suspect's weapon to five additional armed hold-ups and two shootings.

NEWS NOTES

The Dundalk-Patapsco Neck Historical Society is searching for information regarding the descendants of Thomas Shaw. During their research they discovered that his great grandson George

R. Willis, born October 31, 1851, was President of the Board of Police Commissioners from 1904 to May 4, 1908. Anyone having any further information concerning Thomas Shaw's descendants should contact the Society at P.O. Box 9235, Dundalk, Maryland 21222.

On Tuesday, June 1, 1976 the Blood Mobile will be at the War Memorial Building from 9:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be the final appearance for the Blood Mobile for this fiscal year. This appearance is for Police Department Personnel only.



Nearly 200 members of the Department compiled the unofficial tally from the primary election on May 18, 1976. The results began coming into the War Memorial Building at 9:00 p.m. and by midnight the final totals were posted.

Carbon Monoxide Study

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Foot Patrol and Office Duty.

Of those tested 95% recorded carboxyhemoglobin levels of from 2% to 12%. The lowest readings were at the 1% level and the highest was 15%. This indicates that members of the Baltimore Police Department fall into the same category as the general population in regard to carbon monoxide levels.

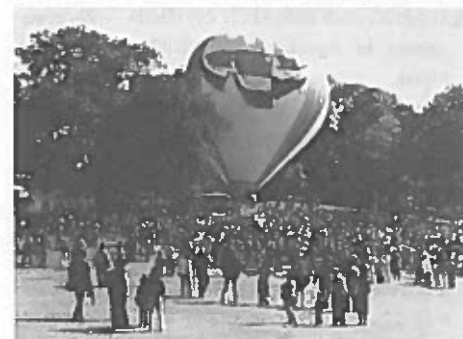
On December 9, 1975 Dr. Russell S. Fisher, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Maryland talked about a study which determined normal carboxyhemoglobin levels found in a survey made in the mid-West. Dr. Fisher said, "... I think perhaps one of the most interesting studies in that area was one done in (a) Missouri-Illinois Red Cross

Volunteer Blood Program and published a few years ago in the AMA. They took 16,649 bottles of blood that were donated by obviously healthy, willing people and tested them and one percent of them went over ten percent and some of them ran as high as 18.2 percent of carbon monoxide saturated hemoglobin in their blood. So, we're talking about ranges that are in fact normal."

Officers who participated in the study filled out questionnaires which were designed to determine whether the officer smoked or not, where he worked and on what shift he was working when the test was conducted. Those who participated collected expired air samples on first arising on the morning of the test day. This was done by taking a deep breath, holding it for 20 seconds and exhaling into a flexible plastic container. A second expired air sample was collected from the officer when he reported for the shift to which he was assigned. Venous blood samples were collected from approximately 50% of the participating officers at the time of the second expired air sampling. The officer then began his normal day's work, including such activities as smoking while on vehicle patrol, issuing parking citations, conducting investigations, driving in traffic, and issuing speeding tickets. During this time, a count was kept of the number of cigarettes smoked by each officer. At the end of the shift, another expired air sample was collected and blood samples were collected from approximately 50% of those participating. Thus, for each officer, three expired air samples were collected, data regarding exposure was obtained from the questionnaires, and for approximately 50% of the officers, blood samples were collected at the beginning and end of the shift.

Commissioner Pomerleau has expressed his appreciation for the cooperative efforts which made the carbon monoxide testing possible. He noted that prior to the tests there was no scientific study to indicate how police officers, working in an urban area, would compare with the general population. "As a result of these cooperative efforts," he said, "we now know that our police officers register normal carbon monoxide levels regardless of whether they work in patrol cars, offices or walk foot patrol."

Preakness Week



NEWS IN BRIEF

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend heartfelt congratulations to Police Officer Milton F. Kryzstofiak, Jr. who became the uncle of identical twins (boys) on May 6.

WESTERN DISTRICT — Belated welcome aboard to Lieutenant James L. Rainey.

TACTICAL SECTION — Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Police Officers Albert Sharpe, Thomas Gaither, William Perry, John J. Stickles and Joseph Goldburn.

Welcome aboard to Agent Richard M. Mosquera and Police Officers Robert K. Edgley, II, Stanley L. Lawrence and James A. Cantrell.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Welcome aboard to Agents Gene O'Sullivan and Alex Klosek.

Congratulations to Sharon Verna Brown, daughter of Administrative Assistant Verna Brown, who received her Masters Degree from Frostburg State College on May 9.

Congratulations to William Edward Melling, son of Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling, who graduated from the University of Maryland on May 23. He is the fourth of her five children who are college graduates. Her youngest, John, will enter Duke University in January.

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Officer Donald Myers on his recent loss.

Congratulations to the Central District "Choppers" on their second consecutive Red Division Championship in the Law Enforcement Duckpin Bowling League. Members of the team are Sergeant G. Towson, Police Officers J. Gruse, R. Glassmyer, R. Weimer, W. Rhodes and retired Police Officer B. Digelman. The competition was not as stiff this season as in the past.

Congratulations to Central All Stars who won the Blue Division in the Bowling League. The

All Stars went into first place the last frame of the first round and never lost it in the Blue Division. Members of the team are Sergeant R. Brander, Team Captain Police Officer John Williams and Police Officers A. Yankowsky, John Cox, Robert Piechocki and William Senseney.

TRAFFIC DIVISION — Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Frances R. Streett, Administrative Section, who celebrated her 25th Anniversary with the Department on May 10.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Bon voyage to Police Officer James Cantrell and good luck in your new assignment. Also, Community Relations Aide Thelma Williams - we will miss you.

Welcome aboard to Agent William P. Bullock and Police Officer Burton Israel.

RETIREMENTS

RANKE, VERNON C., Lieutenant, Tactical Section, 29 years, May 13.

PORTER, SCOTT E., Sergeant, Western District, 30 years, May 20.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

KERNER, JASON EDWARD, grandson of Senior Clerk June Voight, Planning and Research Division, 8 lbs. 7 oz.

BRETT, COURTNEY ALLANA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Thomas Brett, Tactical Section, April 27, 8 lbs. 6 oz.

RAUB, HEATHER LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Gary Raub, Western District, May 1, 8 lbs. 7 oz.

GRIFFIN, JAMIE DANIELLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Elmo Griffin, Central District, May 3, 7 lbs.

ROBERTS, COURTNEY LEIGH AND KELLY MARIE, twin daughters of Police Officer and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Southern District, May 7, 4 lbs. 5 oz.

and 4 lbs. 15 oz., respectively.

OAKJONES, TIMOTHY LAWRENCE, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Donald E. Oakjones, May 7, 7 lbs. 3 oz.

WEDDINGS

ZIMMERMAN, MICHAEL JAMES, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Catherine Stasans, May 8.

IN MEMORIAM

(KALTREIDER) ABBOTT, JANE C., sister of Police Officer William T. Abbott, Southeastern District, April 28.

DUVALL, MILTON FREDERICK, father of Detective Milton Duvall, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes, Area I, April 30.

HUNDERTMARK, HERMAN, father of Police Officer Albert Hundertmark, Southeastern District, May 2.

CHESONIS, REX JOHN, father-in-law of Police Officer Robert Letmate, Tactical Section, May 2.

FITTS, JAMES, uncle of Police Officer Ronald Hubbard, Tactical Section, May 7.

DONNELLY, ALBERT G., father-in-law of Detective James P. Klien, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, May 8.

WYNEGAR, MACH, uncle of Sergeant David Wyne-gar, Northern District, May 9.

BUTLER, (MRS.) KENNIE V., mother of Police Officer Raymond J. Butler, Education and Training Division, May 11.

FINAL ROLL CALL

GORMAN MAURICE F., Sergeant, retired from Southwestern District, May 1.

MASON, JAMES E., Lieutenant, retired from Pine Street Station, May 10.



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Safety Cities Begin 9th Year

Two tiny "cities" within Baltimore are bustling with activity. As little citizens walk the avenues past tiny stores and churches, Lilliputian cars cruise the streets. In the center of the little towns stand men dressed in blue uniforms who seem to be giants when compared to the miniature metropolis around them.

"Safety Cities" East and West recently opened their gates for the ninth year to Baltimore's Junior Citizens. 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.



Safety Cities East and West have opened their gates to the younger citizens of Baltimore where they will learn the basics of pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Safety City East, located in the 4900 block Eastern Avenue and Safety City West, located in Druid Hill Park are both realistically equipped with automatic signals, stop signs and pedestrian "walk - don't walk" devices. Streets, alleys and driveways crisscross the villages separating the tiny churches, schools and homes from each other.

During the springtime walk through tours, the officers instruct the children on the various traffic signs and their

meanings, the proper methods of crossing streets, alleys and driveways, and the safe play areas.

The summer sessions at Safety Cities will begin on June 21. This phase is expanded to give each visitor 4 hours of instruction over a two day period. The sessions deal with the various problems encountered by young pedestrians and how to solve them.

Bicycles and miniature electric automobiles operated by the students, are utilized to demonstrate the proper defensive driving techniques and skills required to operate them safely within the law.

Beginning this year, at Safety City East, a two hour comprehensive Safety Program, featuring a bicycle rodeo will be conducted on Wednesdays from 8.00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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"Good Guys Nite"

Tickets are now on sale in all Districts and Divisions for the 2nd Annual "Good Guys Nite" baseball game at Memorial Stadium, Friday, June 25th. At 5:30 P.M., the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" will take on the "Smokeaters" of the Baltimore Fire Department in a re-match. That game will be followed by the Orioles and Cleveland contest.

Last year's encounter ended in a one to one tie with post game promises from both managers that this year will be different. WFBR Radio's Charlie Eckman, the Gangbuster coach, is thinking about calling a cab for the Smokeaters

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"Hey Good Buddy"

The energy crisis of 1974 produced the beginning of a new way of life for most Americans. As the availability of gas and oil declined the prices rose. New terms became household words . . . "gas lines," "waste watchers," "inflation," "E. P.A.," "55 M.P.H." and "look out for smokey."

In an effort to find fuel, truckers began to form an extensive communications network with citizen band radios. A colorful dialogue of slang and call names, "handles," became the lingo of the truckers. "Good buddy," "smokey," "rockin' chair," "front door," "back door," "truck 'em easy," and "flip-flop," are a standard part of CB jargon. The romance and publicity of the CB radio eventually caught the fancy of nearly everyone. The popularity is such that today CB radios are the most popular electronic gear on the market.

CB Clubs have sprung-up nationwide with their members becoming watchdogs of the highways. Stories abound of the helpfulness of CBers to accident victims, lost travelers, Police Officers or of just being a friendly person to talk with on long trips.

CB radios have also attracted another type of enthusiast, the criminal element. Because CB radios are primarily used in automobiles, they have become extremely vulnerable to theft. The potential CB thief usually has no trouble finding his mark. Aerials that may range from small trunk lid units to an expensive whip type many feet long, enable a thief to quickly identify a vehicle with CB gear.

A stolen CB radio is very difficult to identify. The serial numbers are often nothing more than a printed gummed label stuck somewhere on the unit. When a unit is stolen the label can be removed

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Safety Cities

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Upon completion of the two day course each child receives a "Safety City Citizen" certificate.

The officers also have electric engravers at each location. These are used in conjunction with "Operation Identification" to mark bikes with their owner's identification for ready recognition in case of theft.

Safety Cities is just one of the Traffic Safety Unit's orientation programs for school age children. During the fall and winter months, the Unit visits hundreds of elementary school classes to discuss pedestrian safety. Devices such as slide shows, the "Talking Bicycle" and the "Talking Stoplight" fascinate the students and make learning fun. This past winter the program was presented to more than 111,000 children.

Safety Cities are especially pleased to honor reservations for the children of Departmental personnel. Reservation and additional information concerning activities at either Safety Cities location may be obtained by calling 396-2339. After June 21, 1976, reservations may be made by calling 539-5075.

Post Scripts

Dear Deputy Battaglia:

May I extend on behalf of the men and women, physicians, nurses and other health personnel of the University of Maryland Hospital, our appreciation for your kind words about the care given so recently to members of your Department.

Such praise is very meaningful to the institution and to those who make up the institution-the health manpower of your University of Maryland Hospital. We are particularly delighted to note that you singled out Nurse Sheryl Ricketts, and we know that she is representative of the entire staff of this great institution.

If at any time we may be of assistance to you and/or to members of your Department, please do not hesitate to feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,
/s/ G. Bruce McFadden
Director

Dear Sir:

I want to take this opportunity to thank those men who responded to my request for whole blood during my recent open heart surgery. Although my request for blood came at such short notice, Mr. James Korona of the Fiscal Affairs Division and Coordinator of the Blood Program immediately placed my request on teletype. My operation was a complete success. Thanks again and God Bless you all.

/s/ Retired Sgt. Salvatore Corona
Formerly of C.I.D. States Attorney
Office Unit

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

In behalf of the Sons of The American Legion Squadron (SAL) of our Post, please convey our thanks and deep appreciation to the officials in charge of the Baltimore City Police Department's K-9 Unit, for permitting Officer (Trainer) John Barnard, and K-9 Patrolmen George Parsons and James Schuch to visit our Post on Monday, April 12th to provide us with a demonstration by "Kurt" and "Big Boy".

The approximately sixty youngsters and their parents who were present were certainly impressed by the demonstration as well as the remarks of Officer Barnard, who enlightened his audience as to the beginning, training and purpose of the K-9 Unit.

To think that these Officers visited our Post on their own time is truly indicative of their dedication not only to the K-9 Unit to which they belong, but of the calibre of men and women that comprise our Baltimore City Police Department. They are truly a credit to your Department.

Thanks again.

Respectfully yours,
/s/ Irvin F. Stiller
Post Commander

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau,

Now that the shouting and the tumult over the 101st running of Preakness has subsided, I must write to tell you how much we appreciated the cooperation of the Baltimore City Police Department. Their assistance before and during the

Preakness was an excellent job well done.

It isn't easy to single out anyone particular officer for his outstanding job, for the entire contingent of Police was splendid in every way. Deputy Commissioner Battaglia and his men have been most helpful.

All of us at Pimlico owe each and every member of your force a debt of gratitude.

Sincerely,
/s/ Chick Lang
General Manager

Tear Gas Gun Ruling

The March 1, 1976 issue of "The Attorney General's Digest," stated the following, under the heading "Recent Important Decisions of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals" concerning tear gas pistols.

Appellants were convicted of felonious assault and unlawful use of a handgun in the commission of a felony. The gun they used was a tear gas gun. The Court held that the tear gas gun is a handgun under Article 27, §36B (d). They further stated that a weapon in the form of a pistol which will or which is designed to expel, by explosive force, tear gas in the form of finely divided solids or particles is a handgun. The Court stated additionally that a tear gas gun comes under all of the handgun statutes and would require a permit before being lawfully carried.

"Good Guys Nite"

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coach, WBAL-TV's Vince Bagli and is sure the meter will be running early in the game.

With all the predictions of a victory coming from both sides the game is certain to be a hard fought contest.

Tickets, \$2.50 for an upper reserved chairback seat, for the "Good Guys Nite" double header can also be purchased at the advance sales window at the stadium as well as the stadium box office until game time.

Make your plans now to bring the entire family to Memorial Stadium, Friday, June 25, 1976.

"Hey Good Buddy"

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or substituted with another.

More expensive radios may have their serial numbers engraved on the case, but these can easily be filed down through the thin sheet metal. Once the gummed label is removed or the stamped number obliterated the owner has little chance of recovering his radio even if the police locate it. Recently fifteen CB radios were recovered from a suspect stolen CB ring. Of those fifteen radios, only one has been identified.

The Baltimore Police Department has been receiving an average of seven reports per day of stolen CB sets. This figure translates into more than one thousand stolen radios since the beginning of the year. Citizen band radios cost an average of \$170.00 per unit. This equals more than \$145,000 of mobile electronics gear stolen this year. Of the many sets which have been placed in the Evidence Control Unit fewer than 10% have been or can be identified by the rightful owner.

Recent figures indicate that citizen band radios are the leading single item stolen in the city.

In an effort to combat the rising theft of citizen band radios and to assist in the identification of stolen sets, the Community Relations Section of the Baltimore Police Department has launched a citizen band radio engraving program as an extension of Operation Identification.

The Community Relations Section recently completed two engraving sessions in which approximately 900 citizen band radios were marked with their owner's drivers license soundex number. During the most recent three day campaign, Community Relations personnel marked sets at each of the nine Police Districts.

The engraving process, which takes only a few minutes, is done with an electric stylus pen. The make, serial number and owner's name are recorded for easy reference in case of theft.

Prior to the campaign, thousands of fliers were distributed throughout the city promoting the free service. Ad-

ditionally, local newspapers, radio and television stations participated in the promotion campaign. Perhaps the most effective advertisement however, came from the CBers themselves.

As enthusiasts had their units engraved they returned to their vehicles and notified other "good buddies" on the air that the Police Department was marking CB sets.

The Community Relations Section is contemplating a third engraving session this summer. Hopefully the CB enthusiasts will respond in even greater numbers to participate in this worthwhile program.

Soon we may hear, "10-4 good buddy, put the pedal to the metal down to smokey's place and he'll chisel your handle on your ears. Truck on down good buddy, it's a freebie! 10-4 we're gone. Bye-bye!"

GOOD BUDDY

(All CBers)

Don't scream Mayday if your set is stolen.
Let us engrave your Ears (radios), 10-4 (o.k.)

Just Say Smokey Sent You

Location: All District Stations
Date: May 7, 8 and 9, 1976
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

"Some People Steal You Know"

Your Driver's License number on the set will help in the event it is ever stolen.

Truck'em Easy
(have a good trip)

Another courtesy of your
Baltimore Police Department



Departmental Elections

Elections for positions on the Board of Trustees of the Fire and Police Employees Retirement System and for positions on the Departments Personnel Service Board will be jointly conducted on July 7, 1976.

Candidates who may be interested in standing for election to the Board of Trustees of the Fire and Police Em-

ployees Retirement System, may obtain petitions at the 12th floor, temporary City Hall. A potential nominee requires at least 50 signatures of Police Department members of the F & P Retirement System. All signed petitions must be presented to the temporary City Hall before 4:00 P.M. on June 18, 1976.

The Personnel Service Board, which handles grievances and suggestions from members of the Department was authorized in 1966.

Members of the Department will vote to fill the expiring terms of one lieutenant, one sergeant, two police officers and one civilian.

Personnel wishing to be nominated as a representative of the Personnel Service Board may obtain a nomination blank from the clerk of his District, Division, or Unit, beginning May 26, 1976. The completed blank must be received in the Personnel Division no later than 9:00 A.M. June 23, 1976.

NEWS NOTES

The Education and Training Division is planning to coordinate inner-Departmental pistol team competition at the new Gunpowder Range. Any members of the Department who are interested in forming or joining a team should call extension 2518. All requests should be in no later than June 30, 1976.

The Military Police Field Office located in the Central District Station is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. The personnel in this office will assist in any matters regarding Military Personnel.

If immediate action regarding Armed Forces Personnel is needed after hours, the Military Police Desk Sergeant at Fort Meade may be called at 677-6677. This is a local call from the Baltimore area.

The Central District Field Office may be contacted at any time by calling 967-7676 or 967-7627. After hours, an automatic answering service will take any messages. When personnel arrive back at the office they will answer all messages.



Captain James J. Cadden, Commanding Officer of the Crimes Against Persons Section of the Criminal Investigation Division, bids farewell to Detective Furrie L. Cousins, Jr., Homicide Unit, during his retirement party held recently. His retirement marked the end of a 24 year career which included 21 years as a Homicide Detective.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TRAFFIC DIVISION — Congratulations to Mrs. Shirley Martin on her recent promotion to Principal Clerk and best wishes on her new assignment.

Congratulations to Captain Walter T. Jasper who celebrated his 29th anniversary with the Department on May 12.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Sincere sympathy to Crime Lab Technician Ernest Bouyoucas on his recent loss.

Many thanks are due to Jean Krause, Joe Reltz and Bob Smith for their tremendous efforts in making the first annual Crime Laboratory reunion such a huge success. A good time was had by all. Let's do it again next year!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION — Youth Section
- Congratulations to Police Officer Robert Ross who became a grandfather on May 13. Granddaughter, Nichol Lynn Boys weighed 10 lbs.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Members of this Division wish to extend congratulations to Computer Operator Mary R. Smith and Roger Greene on their engagement.

Welcome aboard to Principal Clerk Loretta Schmidt and Clerk Phyllis Brockington.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Narcotic Unit - Members of this Unit extend deepest sympathy to Detective Charles T. Smoot, Jr., on his recent loss.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Get well wishes to Police Officer Guy Covert, a patient in Maryland General Hospital. He would like cards and visitors.

Get well wishes to Police Officer Edward Szczyk, a patient in Bon Secours Hospital. He would also like cards and visitors.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to School Crossing Guards Rita Herold, Katherine Vogelsang and Beatrice Fryer.

Members of this District wish to extend deepest sympathy to the family of School Crossing Guard Margaret Scheidt recently deceased.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — Congratulations to Police Officer Joseph Engle who became a grandfather for the tenth time on May 30. Bobbie Jo Engle is the newest edition and weighed 4 lbs. 15 oz.

IN MEMORIAM

WEBER, JOHN BERNARD, uncle of Police Officer Richard E. Sloan, K-9 Unit, May 11.

BERNHARD, WILLIAM E., father of Police Officer Wesley Bernhard, Northeastern District, May 14.

RICASA, GODOFREDO, grandfather of Police Officer Bert Ricasa, Northeastern District, May 14.

PATTON, EDWARD L., father of Police Officer Richard Patton, Central Records Division, May 15.
THOMAS, RUSSEL, uncle of Principal Clerk Jacinta T. Ambush, Western District, May 16.

WHITTINGTON, ELDRIDGE, uncle of Robert H. Whittington, Community Relations Aide, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, May 17.

STEWART, JENEVI, aunt of Police Officer Ronald Colligan, Northeastern District, May 19.

SMOOT, WILLIAM R., SR., grandfather of Detective Charles T. Smoot, Jr., Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotic Unit, May 23.

SHEPPARD, CARRIE, grandmother of Clerk Margaret Bacon, Eastern District, May 25.

ESSEL, MICHAEL, uncle of Detective George Dennstedt, Criminal Investigation Division, Pawnshop Unit, May 25.

CARPENTER, ADA, mother of School Crossing Guard Frances Bevans, Western District, May 26.

BIESIADA, VICTORIA, grandmother of Police Officer Leonard Podgorski, Northeastern District, May 28.

SAUNDERS, GARRETT, uncle of Police Officer Gary Shamleffer, Tactical Section, May 28.

HADFIELD, STANLEY F., father-in-law of Detective William Brown, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, May 29.

HAHN, RAY THURSTON, father of Police Officer Ray Hahn, Northern District, May 29.

FINAL ROLL CALL

SCHEIDT, MARGARET, School Crossing Guard, Active Duty, Southwestern District, May 24.

RETIREMENTS

DOBYNS, GRIFFIN S., Police Officer, Western District, 27 years, June 3.



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A Commentary:

The American Dream

In a few days we will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Looking back on the accomplishments of this great nation we realize that no other has come so far in so short a time.

To our shores came thousands from Europe, Africa and Asia. They arrived from different backgrounds and with differing abilities and motives. Many did not come voluntarily. Once here, however, these diverse peoples created a new nationality. They became Americans.

Two hundred years ago names like Washington, Jefferson, Franklin and Adams were well known. These and others are recognized as our Founding Fathers. History treats them kindly for the nation they gave us. But there were countless others, whose names are not in the history books, who actually made this nation a reality. Farmers, merchants, soldiers, doctors and craftsmen took a raw wilderness and, by their industry, turned it into the greatest nation the world has ever known. They were able to accomplish this seemingly impossible task because they shared what has become known as the American Dream. Simply stated, that dream is Freedom. It says, "it can be done. We can do it."

The American Dream remains viable. It has led the nation to achievements which, when shared with our international neighbors, have benefited the entire planet. That dream led to the development of today's advanced technology, medical achievements and a peaceful direction for our energies. It was the American Dream which walked man on the moon. It has also sent planes and medical aid to victims of natural disasters the world over.

It is the American destiny to be involved. As a national individual this nation cannot say "no" to someone in need. As a nation with a moral commitment to do the right thing we will continue to lead, to be a beacon to all.

Two hundred years ago it was the "Spirit of '76" which created this nation. Today the "Spirit of '76" remains kindled. Our greatness is not diminished. In spite of problems and setbacks we remain the primary source of hope and enlightenment for those who wish to be free. As long as that Spirit remains the American Dream will continue to be realized.

Policing Baltimore...

The Ordinance of January 1, 1857 marked a complete reorganization of the Baltimore Police Department. It put an end to the old watch and police system and became effective on March 1, 1857.

The Ordinance authorized the manpower of the Department to be as follows:

- 1 — Marshal
- 1 — Deputy Marshal
- 8 — Captains
- 8 — Lieutenants
- 24 — Sergeants
- 350 — Police Officers
- 5 — Detective Police Officers
- 8 — Turnkeys

The salary scale was authorized to be the following:

Marshal	\$1,500.00 per year
Deputy Marshal	1,000.00 per year
Captain	13.00 per week
Lieutenant	11.50 per week
Sergeant	10.50 per week
Police Officer & Detective	10.00 per week
Turnkeys	7.00 per week

The city was divided into four districts and the manpower into two shifts; day and night. The Districts were Middle, Eastern, Western and Southern. The Middle District had the most manpower with 76 police officers working the night shift and 38 working day. Each district was assigned a number of reserve men to replace those who were sick or A.W. O.L. The reserve force was paid only for days worked.

Every member of the force was required to buy his own uniform. The Department supplied a black belt with "Police" stamped on it, a number to be worn on the hat and a baton 22 inches

Gangbusters Say "... Ain't No Way!"

Tickets are selling briskly for "Good Guys Nite" which will feature a double header baseball program at Memorial Stadium Friday. At 5:30 P.M. the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" will take on the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smokeaters". That game will be followed by a contest between the Orioles and Cleveland Indians.

Last years hard fought contest ended in a one to one tie at the end of 5½ innings when the game was called due to rain.

The managers of the clubs will again be WFBR's Charley Eckman, for the "Gangbusters" and Vince Bagli of WBAL-TV for the "Smokeaters".

According to Charley Eckman, the "Gangbusters" are slightly better this year than the "Smokeaters." He attributes this advantage to superior pitching, better hitting and not taking the "Smokeaters" as lightly as they did last year. Manager Eckman likens this year's "Gangbusters" to last year's Colts. No one took the team seriously until they came out smokin'.

Battle lines have been drawn and "wagers" placed on the outcome of the game by both coaches. If the "Gangbusters" are victorious Mr. Bagli has agreed to clean the Mounted Unit's stables. If, by some miracle, the "Smokeaters" come out on top, Mr. Eckman will polish the brass fire pole at Engine House Number Six. When pressed for a prediction on the game, Mr. Eckman simply said, "Ain't no way I'm gonna polish any poles!"

Proceeds from the game will be donated to Angels Haven, a non-profit non-sectarian home for mentally retarded children.

Angels Haven is self sustaining. The \$120,000 spent annually to support the Home is acquired through contributions from throughout the city, county and state.

The Home is kept in immaculate condition and is deemed a fine organization for our agency to assist through the proceeds derived from "Good Guys Nite".

Tickets for the "Good Guys Nite"

double header can be purchased at the Advance Sales Window at the Stadium as well as the Stadium Box Office until game time. Ticket price is \$2.50 for an upper deck reserved chair back seat.

Make your plans now to bring the entire family to Memorial Stadium, Friday, June 25, 1976 to see the "Gangbusters" call a cab on the "Smokeaters".

Policing Baltimore

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long and 1¾ inches thick. Revolvers and other arms were kept in the station houses and were procured for use in emergencies.

The Detective Bureau was established for the first time in Baltimore as a result of this legislation. These five men were the only members of the force allowed to work and be in public in plainclothes. All other members were required to wear their uniforms whenever in public on duty or off.

This new innovative police force was a more efficient organization than the old watch and police system. The Department's power to preserve the peace though, diminished when the turmoil preceding and during the Civil War impacted upon Baltimore. This period of the Department's history will be the subject of a future NEWSLETTER as a part of the nation's Bicentennial Celebration.

CONSERVO

Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently announced the winners of the City's Conservation Program Waste Watcher Dog Naming Contest. The dog, a St. Bernard has been used to identify the City Conservation Program since it began a year ago, and the contest was held to promote interest in the City Conservation Program.

More than 1,700 persons returned entry forms with names ranging from Freddie Frugal to Kilo the Watts Dog. The name entered most often was Thrifty, while 1,269 individual names were entered.

First prize of two box seat tickets to

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THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S GANGBUSTERS

Reading left to right; First row, Stephen Machlinski, S.D.; Michael Sloman, S.E.D.; Robert E. Shaffer, C.D.; Sergeant George W. Towson, C.D.; Albert L. Johns, C.D.; Charles F. Cichon, N.E.D.; Robert B. Dapp, N.E.D.; Gary T. Childs, C.I.D., Property Crimes; Second row, Daniel J. Markowski, C.D.; Michael J. Andrew, S.W.D.; Howard R. Bowman, Jr., N.E.D.; William H. Hausner, N.E.D.; Colonel Wilbur C. Miller, Chief, Community Services Division; Sergeant John S. Ellwood, N.W.D.; Sergeant Anthony C. Collini, N.D.; Leonard A. Willia, C.I.D., Homicide.

The Cowpens Flag

During graduation ceremonies conducted on March 12, 1976, Mr. Lee Bur-lage of the American Legion, Parkville Post, presented a replica of the "Cow-pens Flag" to the Baltimore Police Department. The American Legion has adopted the Cowpens Flag as their official Bicentennial Standard.

The Cowpens Flag was one of the 27 official flags of the United States of America. It is the earliest known 13 star - 13 stripe U.S. Flag still in existence.



The "Cowpens Flag", recently presented to the Department by the American Legion of Maryland, is on display in the Headquarters Lobby.

According to the American Legion, Color Guard Sergeant William Batchelor of the Maryland Light Infantry, carried the original flag in the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina on January 17, 1781. Sergeant Batchelor was severely wounded in that revolutionary war battle and was sent home with his flag.

Sergeant Batchelor gave the flag to his son, Ensign Joshua Batchelor of the 27th Maryland Militia, who carried it into the Battle of North Point on September 12, 1814. It was during this battle that the British made their celebrated bombardment of Fort Mchenry.

So far as is known, the Cowpens Flag with its 12 stars arranged in a circle and one star in the center, is the first U.S. Flag made in conformity with the original Congressional Flag Act of June 14, 1777. The Act stated "... that the Flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the

Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." The Act was approved June 14, 1777.

The original flag is presently in the State House in Annapolis, where it is on public display in a glass case.

Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes accepted the Cowpens Flag which has been placed on public display in the Headquarters Building Museum and where it will remain through the Bicentennial year.

Sergeant Graduates From Northwestern

Sergeant Frank A. Russo of the Traffic Division was one of seventy-seven law enforcement officers from agencies throughout the United States, Guam and Taiwan, who graduated from the nine month college accredited Traffic Police Administration Training Program at the Traffic Institute, Northwestern University, June 12, 1976.

The graduates were honored at a dinner held Friday, June 11, 1976, in Skokie. Director James M. Slavin presented each officer with a gold Traffic Institute Key commemorating the students successful completion of the management-level program. The officers, their families, guests and chief of police were addressed by Chicago Police Superintendent James Rochford, who represented the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and Dean William C. Bradford, Associate Provost of Northwestern University.



Sergeant Frank A. Russo, of the Baltimore Police Department (center) and 2/Lt. George C. Wyatt, Maryland State Police receive Graduation Certificates from Director James M. Slavin after completing the nine month Traffic Police Administration Training Program at Northwestern University.

Post Scripts

Dear Chief Pomerleau:

On behalf of the staff of Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens I wish to convey our thanks to you for the contribution made by your personnel and your Departmental Color Guard at the dedication of the Police and Firefighters Memorial.

We would appreciate it if you would convey our thanks to the personnel of your Department's Color Guard and the other officers in attendance.

Sincerely,
/s/ John W. Armiger, Sr.
Chairman of the Board

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau,

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Officers V. P. Cole and J. B. Richardson for their assistance in retrieving my keys from my locked automobile in the 1600 block Park Avenue on May 4, 1976.

If these officers had not been so prompt and so concerned, I could possibly have had problems with the citizens in that neighborhood harassing me and attempting to take medical supplies from me. We all appreciate this service provided by the Baltimore City Police Department.

Sincerely,
/s/ M's Corinth Thoma,
Registered Nurse
Visiting Nurse Association
of Baltimore City

Dear Col. Miller:

As Chairman of the Baltimore City Bicentennial Committee, I would like to thank the City Police Department for their assistance and support during CRAFTS '76. We were assured of security and patrol throughout the five days and received both without question.

We appreciate your cooperation not only in this event but with regard to the other Bicentennial events being held throughout the year, past and future. Thank you again for the support and assistance of the Baltimore City Police Department during the Bicentennial year.

Sincerely,
/s/ Walter S. Orlinsky

NEWS IN BRIEF

TACTICAL SECTION — Congratulations to Sondra Diane McMeekin, daughter of Police Officer Paul McMeekin, Headquarters Security, who received her Masters Degree from Johns Hopkins University on May 21.

EASTERN DISTRICT — Eastern District's "Grim Reapers" cut to size IID's "General Complaint," Sunday June 6, 1976 with Score 18 to 11. This is a sustained case of excessive forces.

Members of this District wish a speedy recovery to Daisie Spiwak, wife of Lieutenant Mervin Spiwak, after her recent stay at Sinai Hospital.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — Congratulations to Sergeant Eugene J. McGraw on his 30th anniversary with the Police Department as of June 10. **AND STILL GOING STRONG!**

LABORATORY DIVISION — Congratulations to Joe Reitz, Firearms Unit, upon receipt of the Key Man Award for 1976 for outstanding contribution to the Association Journal, presented by AFTE (Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners) at their spring seminar in June at Ontario, Canada.

RETIREMENTS

COUSINS, FURRIE L., JR., Police Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, 24 years, June 1.

FREY, CARL G., Sergeant, Western District, 23 years, June 3.

BALZANO, JOSEPH R., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 6 years, June 3.

WEDDINGS

MCCARTER, OSBORNE, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Evelyn R. Duncan, March 23.

KOWALEWSKI, DIANE, daughter of Police Officer

Stephen Kowalewski, Communications Division, and George McDaniel, June 11.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MILLER, JENNIFER LEIGH, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. Charles Miller, Traffic Division, 7 lbs. 6 oz., May 1.

OWENS, SELENA FAYE, daughter of Police Officer Edith Owens and husband, Western District, 7 lbs. 4 oz., May 8.

VAUGHN, JERALD FREDERICK, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Frederick Vaughn, 7 lbs., May 16.

SIEGMUND, LORI LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Thomas Siegmund, Southwestern District, 5 lbs. 13 oz., May 18.

EDISON, WILLIAM T., III, son of Police Officer and Mrs. William Edison, Southwestern District, 6 lbs., June 1.

HOWARD, TERRI LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Melvin E. Howard, Jr., Traffic Division, 8 lbs. 13 oz., June 3.

IN MEMORIAM

FURNKASE, SEBASTIAN W., father of Police Officer Wesley Furnkase, Northern District, May 31.

SMITH CECELIA, grandmother of Police Officer Cornelius Hairston, Tactical Section, June 2.

BOSSLE, MARY, mother of Sergeant Edmund Bossle, Northern District, June 3.

DURR, FRANK, grandfather of Aide Brenda D. Costley, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, June 3.

FINAL ROLL CALL

CARTER, CHARLES W., Police Officer, retired, Communications Division, June 4.

COLLINS, HOWARD E., Sergeant, retired, Northeastern District, June 4.

CONSERVO

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ten Oriole baseball games was awarded to Ms. Linda Parker, Health Department, for the name CONSERVO. Conserve now becomes the official name of the Waste Watchers Dog and future use of the logo will bear the name.

Second prize was awarded to James D. Maddock, Jr., for the name B.O.W.S.E.R. (Baltimore outlaws waste and saves energy regularly.) Mr. Maddock wins two tickets to the New Mechanic Theater and dinner for two at the Nobska Restaurant.

Third prize of a \$50.00 gift certificate to the Lexington Market was awarded to Naomi E. Abbey, Department of Public Works, for her entry, Sentry.

William Hughes, Law Department, won fourth prize for the name Watcho and ten free paddle boat rides at Harbor Boating Constellation Dock.

Edna F. Foy, Police Department, retired, was awarded fifth prize for the name Konservo and a family ticket to the Bicentennial Baltimore City Fair, good for all three days.

The City Conservation Program has realized a 15% reduction in energy use in city office buildings in the first six months of its operation. The Improvement Suggestion Program (Newsletter May 26, 1976), which rewards employees who contribute money saving ideas, has, to date, produced ideas which will save the city \$50,000 in the first year of implementation.



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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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Foxtrot:

Patrol Support Recognized

The Baltimore Police Department's Helicopter Unit, which has become an invaluable support tool for the Patrol Division, has received acknowledgement for its abilities and accomplishments from many quarters.

The Unit's Commander Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger has completed a survey of the helicopter operations of the Police Bureau of Richmond, Virginia. The following letter details the reaction to his professional input to that organization:

Dear Lieutenant Raffensberger:

In recognition of your outstanding service to law enforcement, the Richmond Bureau of Police takes pleasure in awarding you the Service to Law Enforcement citation certificate.

In January, 1976, as a result of a serious accident involving one of the police helicopters, the Richmond Bureau of Police was in the process of locating a police helicopter expert to come to our City to evaluate our helicopter program. As a result of several telephone calls to cities with police helicopter programs, it became obvious that you were the expert we were looking for. You were contacted and arrangements were made for you to come to Richmond and conduct a survey. The survey was conducted, a complete objective report was filed and many recommendations were made. As a result of your recommendations, our program has been improved and this will enhance our effectiveness. We are indebted to you, and our community will greatly benefit from your contribution of time and effort.

For your assistance and outstanding

service, you have earned the Service to Law Enforcement citation certificate. I join with all members of the Bureau of Police in congratulating you for your dedication to our Bureau.

*Very truly yours,
s/Colonel Frank S. Duling
Chief of Police*

The pilots and aerial observers of the Helicopter Unit have logged more than 350 more flight hours in the first six months of 1976 than they did last year. Along with this increase they have assisted ground units in nearly 1,000 more calls for service than in the comparable period last year. This has resulted in the helicopter crews assisting in more than 350 arrests in the first six months of this year, an increase of more than 35% over the first six months of 1975.

Lieutenant Raffensberger attributes this increased utilization to the members of the Patrol Division. He says that officers on the ground have now become completely aware of what helicopters can do and do not hesitate to call on "Foxtrot" in cases where an aerial vantage point will be of assistance.

In addition to service in spotting suspects hiding on the roofs of buildings, helicopter crews have assisted in foot chases, automobile pursuits and in many on-view sightings, which when transmitted to ground units have resulted in arrests of the wanted persons.

On a recent weekend the crews of the Helicopter Unit assisted patrol units in the arrest of 20 suspects. Lieutenant Raffensberger pointed out that participa-

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Good Guys Night

More than one thousand sworn and civilian members of the Department and their families were on hand June 25th to cheer on the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" to a 6 to 4 run victory over the "Smokeaters" of the Baltimore Fire Department.



The Police and Fire Department Honor Guards displayed the Colors during opening ceremonies.

It was a hard hitting five inning game with the "Gangbusters" chalking up nine baseknocks to the "Smokeaters" eight. We quickly overpowered them though in the first inning gaining four tags on home plate.



Sergeant Anthony Collini, N.D., pitched an 8 hitter and struck out 5 "Smokeaters".

The leading hitter was Officer Daniel Markowski, designated hitter, Central District, who had two doubles, one single, four RBI's and one stolen base.

The other two "Gangbuster" runs were knocked in by Sergeant John S. Ellwood,

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Graduation And Commendation Exercises

Thirty-one Probationary Baltimore Police Officers graduated from the Department's Education and Training Division on July 2, 1976. The ceremonies marked the end of a rigorous training program designed to prepare the new officers for their law enforcement careers.

The Honorable William A. Swisher, State's Attorney of Baltimore, delivered the Commencement Address to the officers. After his remarks to the graduates, their families and friends, Mr. Swisher assisted Commissioner Donald D. Pomereau in distributing Certificates of Graduation to the class. During the Ceremonies, Officer Jennifer M. Wehr received the Commissioners Award of Excellence. Officer Wehr was also the Class Commander of Class 76-1, the first female ever appointed a class commander.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies ten Baltimore Police Officers received awards for outstanding service to the community.

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

While on routine patrol Agent Glenn D. Hauze, Western District, responded to an assist call from an officer who had located a stolen jukebox in a private dwelling. While Agent Hauze searched the area for suspects another assist call was broadcast from the officer who had now been shot and was being pinned down by automatic weapon fire.

Upon arrival, Agent Hauze saw a suspect standing in a doorway firing at the officer who had little cover and who was unable to leave his exposed position. Agent Hauze, drew attention to himself, came under fire and was wounded in the shoulder. However, the diversionary tactic had succeeded in allowing the wounded officer to reach safety.

Although wounded, Agent Hauze refused to leave the scene until adequate help was present and only then allowed himself to be transported to the hospital.

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Patrol Support

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tion by members of his unit is not restricted to aerial duties alone. When the weather is not suitable for flying the flight crews patrol high impact areas in cruisers or on foot, and have directly involved themselves with the patrol function.

This involvement both in the air and on the ground has caused the Aerial Observers of the Unit to appear frequently in court to support patrol officers who actually made the arrests. In several cases, the aerial observation of the flight crews have added considerably to the testimony in court.

Judge Edgar Silver, who was presiding in the Northern District Court, described a case in which the Helicopter Unit played an active and important role not only in assisting grounds units which arrested a purse snatch suspect but also in testimony during the resulting trial. Judge Silver said that the testimony he heard indicated that a suspect had taken a woman's purse and had fled the immediate vicinity by the time ground units arrived. The suspect, additionally, had combed the braids out of his hair and had removed a brightly colored shirt which he wore when the crime was committed. He did this under the watchful eye of Officer Charles George who, with his pilot, was hovering above the crime scene.

Judge Silver said that Officer George was able to observe the man changing his appearance as he was running through a wooded area which was not accessible to ground units. Officer George's testimony left no question of identification of the suspect and that this testimony enabled him as a Jurist to have more than ample evidence, which convinced him beyond a reasonable doubt that the suspect had committed this crime.

"This case," according to Judge Silver, "pointed out that the Helicopter Unit can do things that ground units simply cannot. It was a great opportunity for me to see how this unit can aid in law enforcement."

"It is the finest addition to police

equipment in modern times," the judge continued, "when the suspect emerged from the woods the grounds units were armed with the new description passed on by Officer George. Without it this criminal might still be loose today free to victimize innocent people. The victim, due to her advanced age, would have had difficulty in identifying the suspect."

Officer George's reaction to the kind and enthusiastic words of Judge Silver typify the spirit of the members of the Helicopter Unit. He said simply, "I'm glad that I could help."

K-9 Training And Services Known Nationwide

The Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Unit provides a variety of unique services which support the members of the Patrol Division. These teams of specially trained dogs and handlers, in addition to being an invaluable police-community relations tool, are able to assist fellow officers in a number of situations.

The Department's K-9's conduct detailed searches of buildings and have on numerous occasions located wanted suspects who would have avoided detection by man alone. The dogs are also specially trained to locate suspects who have secreted themselves in wooded areas or fields which are overgrown with brush. In some cases, even the Department's Helicopters would not have been able to locate the hiding suspects.

Members of the Patrol Division need to know that the K-9's are also available to conduct field searches for lost or missing children or even to locate a suspect in a crime. K-9's can often pick up the wanted person's scent at the crime scene and then follow his otherwise invisible trail through streets and alleyways and into buildings if necessary.

The Department's K-9's are also nationally recognized for their ability to locate hidden caches of narcotics in almost any type of environment. Supervisors can avail themselves of this

special ability by contacting appropriate K-9 officers after the service of a Search and Seizure Warrant. The dogs in several cases, have located marijuana and other substances which have escaped discovery by human searchers.



Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau recently presented Certificates of Graduation to three New York State Troopers who attended the Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Training Center. The Troopers were (L to R) Trooper John Keough and Barretta, Trooper John Curry and Crow, Trooper Arthur Krug and Jicky. Also participating in the ceremonies were Sergeant Thomas A. Knott and Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia.

A number of K-9 teams are also extensively trained to locate various types of explosive devices. This extensive training which must be carried out vigorously throughout the year enables our K-9's to locate the suspect explosive without actually touching either the device or the package in which it is contained. The advantages of this program are evident.

The wide variety of services which are offered by the K-9 Unit are a direct result of the high level of training and re-training they receive from the Department's K-9 instructors. The Department is well known for the fact that all of its dogs are obedience trained which gives the dog and the handler the ability to work closely in situations where each member of the team must be able to anticipate the other's reactions.

This training resulted in the Baltimore Police Department's K-9 Training Unit being selected to train dogs and handlers from law enforcement agencies the world over.

Recently three members of the New York State Police Department and their K-9 partners received Training Certificates from Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau. The K-9's, named "Jicky", "Barretta," and "Crow" were specially trained in Obedience, Agility, Track-

ing and Explosives Detection. These dogs and their handlers became the first Explosive Detection K-9 teams to be assigned to the New York State Police Department. They will be extremely active during the upcoming Democratic National Convention, in New York. Additionally they have already been scheduled to assist New York law enforcement agencies in several sensitive operations throughout the summer.

Currently in training at the K-9 center are two members of the El Paso Police Department. The dogs and handlers will be the first K-9 teams in that Department's history. In addition to undergoing the full training program the handlers were given special training as instructors. They will, as a result, be able to train additional handlers and dogs as the El Paso Police Department's K-9 program expands.

"Thank You"

On June 25, 1976, the Baltimore Police Department's "Gangbusters" played the Baltimore Fire Department's "Smokeaters" in a benefit baseball game held in the Memorial Stadium.

I would like to personally express my appreciation to all of those who participated in this event by purchasing tickets and attending the ball game.

It was a fun filled evening with plenty of excitement.

The "Gangbusters" won the game 6-4, but it is not the baseball score that matters. It is the children for whom the benefit was held, therefore they are the real winners.

Thanks for your support.

Wilbur C. Miller
Colonel
Community Services Division

Colt Nite

Tickets are now on sale for Colt Nite to be held at the Navy Marine Corps Stadium in Annapolis, Maryland on Saturday July 10, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. The game between the Baltimore Colts and the Philadelphia Eagles will benefit Buddies Incorporated.

Buddies Incorporated is a non-profit

volunteer organization which funds the Police Boys Clubs. In addition to the Boys Clubs the organization also funds Camps Ritchie and Perkins. These camps provide summer recreation to inner-city children who otherwise would probably never have the opportunity to attend any type of camp.

All tickets are general admission and are available at any District Station House for \$2.00.

Good Guys Night

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N.W.D., who hit a triple and singled, and Officer Robert B. Dapp, N.E.D., who singled.

Firing from the pitcher's mound for the "Gangbusters" was Sergeant Anthony C. Collini, N.D. He held the "Smokeaters" to 8 hits and struck out 5 batters.



Designated hitter Daniel Markowski's, C.D., big swing resulted in 4 R.B.I.'s.

A quick change in coaches was caused by illness and WFBR's Charley Eckman placed the "Gangbusters" in the very capable hands of WFBR's Tom Marr. His good judgement and keen eye kept the team on the winning track by outmaneuvering WBAL-TV's Vince Bagli the coach for the Smokeaters.



In a post game review "Gangbuster's" coach WFBR's Tom Marr and Fire Department Chief Thomas A. Burke discuss the hard fought game.

In the nightcap to the two-night double header the Baltimore Orioles were defeated by the Cleveland Indians 5 to 6.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — The District wishes to extend deepest sympathy to Sergeant William Stickline on his recent loss.

Get well wishes to Officer Edward Szewczyk who is recuperating at home.

Congratulations to School Crossing Guard Edna Bell who was a recipient of an appreciation award from Grove Park Elementary School for a job well done.

To all of the School Crossing Guards assigned to the Northwestern District (UN-SUNG HEROINS) HATS OFF FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

LABORATORY DIVISION — A big welcome back is extended to Officer C. Gene Higdon of the Latent Print Section.

Congratulations to the former Cadet George P. Trainor who was recently sworn in as a Police Officer.

Congratulations to Joe Reitz, Firearms Unit, who was nominated as one of Baltimore's Best. We are proud to have you among us.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — A speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Typist Deborah Chryanowski. We all miss you "Debbie".

Congratulations to Computer Programmer Marie "Mitzi" Lease on her engagement to Mr. Wayne Fitch.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Narcotic Unit — Congratulations to Sergeant Ralph G. Clements, Sr., as of 23 March 1976, Sergeant Clements has donated three (3) gallons of blood to the Blood Bank.

PROMOTIONS

NEUBAUER, FREDERICK W., Lieutenant, Central District, July 1, 1976.

WEDDINGS

DUERR, JOHN, Police Officer, Northwest District and the former Florence Migge, May 8.

RETIREMENTS

ALFORD, JOHN V., Police Officer, Property Division, 22 years, June 21.

DILLINGHAM, HARTMAN F., JR., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casualty Section, 19 years, June 29.

EDELMANN, CARL H., JR., Police Officer, Eastern District, 8 years, June 29.

LERNER, JAMES R., Police Officer, Northeast District, 15 years, June 29.

CRAIG, JOHN H., Police Officer, Southeast District, 32 years, July 1.

BELL, FRANK S., Police Officer, Southern District, 24 years, July 1.

IN MEMORIAM

ELLISON, ELLA MAE, mother of Police Officer Boysie Watkins, Western District, June 4.

SOBOLEWSKI, VIOLA, mother of Police Officer Daniel J. Sobolewski, Education and Training Division, June 4.

KIRHAGIS, JAMES C., father of Police Officer Christopher Kirhagis, Southeastern District, June 6.

AKEHURST, LEONARD, father-in-law of Police Officer John Gilmore, Tactical Section, June 9.

RODGERS, CHESTER, uncle of Sergeant Bessie R. Norris, Personnel Division, June 10.

LESTER, WALTER B., SR., father of Flight Officer Lawrence G. Lester, Tactical Section, Helicopter Unit, June 10.

TINKER, ELIZABETH, mother of Police Officer Charles T. Tinker, III, Northern District and mother-in-law of Police Officer Richard Sloan, Tactical Section, K-9 Unit, June 11.

STOUT, RICHARD, brother of Police Officer Paul L. Stout, Communications Division, June 11.

PFAFF, PAULINE, aunt of Sergeant Robert M. Leftwich, Tactical Section, June 11.

SMITH, CHARLES L., uncle of Police Officer Zelts-

chel, assigned to the Tactical Section.
HAMILTON, JANE, aunt of Police Officer Ronald Sanders, Eastern District, June 13.

BROWN, HERMIONE D., sister of Major Clarence E. Roy, Director Community Relations Section, June 15.

OXENDINE, WILTON, father-in-law of Detective Sergeant Gordon A. Sonney, assigned to the Internal Investigation Division, June 16.

FINAL ROLL CALL

MORAWSKI, MARION MELVIN, Police Officer, retired, Southwestern District, June 16.

RANDLE, HARRY R., Police Officer, retired, Communications Division, June 20.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM EDWARD, father of Police Officer Steve Williams, Applicant Investigation Section, June 25.

NEWS NOTES

The 1st Annual Retreat for the ladies of the Baltimore Police Department will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House overlooking the Potomac October 18-20, 1976.

The three day event, sponsored by Loyola on the Potomac will feature a varied program of religious activities for the participants.

Cost for the retreat is \$35.00 for adult women and \$18.00 for teenagers, this includes all activities, meals and an "all you can eat" picn'c. A \$10.00 deposit is required by July 20, 1976.

Further information and registration may be obtained from Officer Frederick A. Kestler, Property Division, at 396-2052.



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Tall Ships Arrive In Baltimore

The Sea and man's conquest of it has always been an important part of this nation's development. The role of the sailing ships was a significant one in this development. They closed the then seemingly tremendous gap between this land and Europe as well as the rest of the world.

The stately appearance of the Tall Ships in Baltimore as a part of the Nation's Bicentennial Celebration give testament to the role their predecessors played. With them came hundreds of thousands of visitors not only from the metropolitan area, but also from surrounding states. They came by car, on foot and by boat.

Incidents handled by officers detailed to the harbor area for Operation Sail were minimal consisting primarily of lost children and a few disabled cars

and boats. Most of the day was spent giving directions and controlling the flow of vehicular, pedestrian and boat traffic.

Special events were held throughout the harbor area all during the week. They included a pre-recorded greeting broadcast from the Department's Helicopter in the native language of the crewmen as the ships arrived and ended with a visit by the President of the United States Gerald Ford.

In appreciation for the Department's assistance in making Operation Sail a success Captain E. M. Juta of the Tall Ship the Eendracht, from the Netherlands, presented the Commanding Officer of the Tactical Section Captain Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr. with an engraved plaque commemorating the event.

K-9 Graduation Ceremonies

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

Among the graduates were two members of the El Paso, Texas Police Department as well as a member of the Frederick County Police Department. The officers and their dogs from El Paso, Senior Patrolman Richard Edens and Barnaby; and Officer Marcos Payan and Lee will be the core of the newly established K-9 Unit for their Department. Officer Wayne D. Bruchey and his dog Blackie returned to apply their newly acquired skills in Frederick County.

The new members of the Department's K-9 Unit are: Officer James A. Bowen and Sparkie, Officer Thomas R. Cassidy and Cisco, Officer Charles L. Hill and Duke, Officer A. Jones and Xeric, Officer Linwood R. Phillips and Fritz, and Officer Gaetano Tumminello who re-trained with Wyatt.

Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1976

TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1976	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	136	103	— 33	— 24.3
FORCIBLE RAPE	232	213	— 19	— 8.2
ROBBERY	4,612	3,636	— 976	— 21.2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3,168	2,752	— 416	— 13.1
BURGLARY	8,055	7,308	— 747	— 9.3
LARCENY	14,530	15,879	+ 1,349	+ 9.3
AUTO THEFT	3,664	2,771	— 893	— 24.4
GRAND TOTAL	34,397	32,662	— 1,735	— 5.0



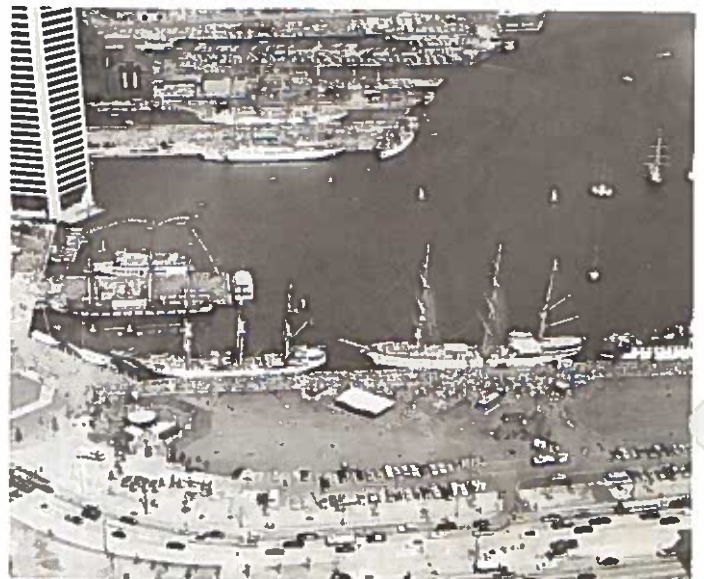
Nine officers parade their new "partners" in review during recent graduation exercises at the Education & Training Division's K-9 Training Center.

The nationally recognized training program stresses obedience training as

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K-9 Graduation

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well as maneuvers which K-9 teams employ during their daily law enforcement duties. These include procedures to be used on a search for a subject or an object in an open area or building as well as effective preventive patrol methods.

Training does not end upon graduation. All teams in our K-9 Unit receive an additional two days of retraining about every three weeks. These sessions are devoted to sharpening the working relationship between the dog and master which helps to perfect their performance in the field.

Also in attendance during the ceremonies were a number of citizens who donated their dogs to the K-9 Unit. Many thanks were extended to them for their generosity. Refreshments and a demonstration followed the graduation during which time members of the Command Staff offered their congratulations and best wishes to the officers and their families.

Colt Nite

More than 11,000 fans were on hand at the Navy Marine Corps stadium in Annapolis on Saturday, July 10, 1976 to witness the Baltimore Colts play the Philadelphia Eagles in a benefit football game for Buddies, Incorporated.

The sale of Colt Nite tickets are the primary source of funding for the Police Boy's Clubs through Buddies, Incorporated. In addition to the Boys' Clubs the organization also provides support for our Boy Scouts and Camps Ritchie and Perkins.

This year, members of the Department sold more than 17,000 tickets. When the final tally is in total gate receipts are expected to be nearly \$40,000.

The game will be long remembered by the fans as a hard fought contest between the first and second year members of each club. The final outcome of the contest wasn't known until the final quarter when the Colts blocked a desperate extra point attempt by the Eagles with less than two minutes to play. The Colts came away with a 21 to 20 victory.

Departmental Salary Increases Outlined

Below is listed the salary increases for the sworn members of the Department effective July 1, 1976.

	First Year	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
POLICE OFFICER	\$10,300	11,330	11,845	12,360	12,875	13,905
POLICE AGENT	14,523	Flat Salary				
SERGEANT	14,832	15,450	16,192			
LIEUTENANT	16,759	17,519	18,437			
CAPTAIN	19,258	20,212	21,218			

2½% Longevity increment after 15 years service. An additional 2½% longevity increment after 20 years service. An additional 1% increase for all sworn personnel will be effective March 1, 1977.

CIVILIAN SCALE (Grade 21 through 39)

3% increase or a minimum of \$300.00.

NEWS NOTES

Recently Mr. Joseph A. Reitz, Firearms Unit Supervisor, Laboratory Division, attended the annual meeting of the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners.

The five day meeting convened in Toronto, Canada and was attended by representatives of thirty-eight states and two foreign nations.

The host for the meeting was the Centre of Forensic Sciences, Ontario, which presented varied topics of interest to the members in attendance. Tours were conducted through the Forensic Centre and the Winchester Plant in Cobourg, Ontario, where demonstrations of new rifling techniques and ammunition manufacture were presented.

A banquet was held at the conclusion of the meeting during which Mr. Reitz received "the Key Man of the Year Award" from the Association. The award is presented annually to a member for outstanding contributions to the Association. "The Key Man of the Year Award" represents the highest award for 1976 that can be bestowed upon a member by the Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners.

The Property Division has received numerous calls from retired members concerning the retiree version of the

new Baltimore Police Department Badge. The Property Division received 491 requests for new badges and ordered them from the manufacturer in bulk. Manufacture and delivery will require two to three months.

Retirees who have ordered badges will be notified via the NEWSLETTER when they are available for pick-up.

Elections

The following members of the Department were elected on July 7, 1976 as representatives of the Personal Service Board and Fire and Police Employees Retirement System Trustees.

PERSONAL SERVICE BOARD

LIEUTENANT

Lieutenant John A. Barnes (Elected)

SERGEANTS

Sgt. Charles R. Daugherty (Elected)
Sgt. Kenneth J. Anderson (Alternate)

POLICE OFFICERS

Off. George F. Eckert (Elected)
Off. Charles M. Markiewicz (Elected)
Off. Sam P. Suter (Alternate)
Off. Joseph R. Muller, Sr. (Alternate)

CIVILIANS

Sr. Adm. Asst. Joseph Walker (Elected)
Adm. Asst. Catherine Dorsey (Alternate)

F & P EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TRUSTEE

Sgt. Charles R. Daugherty (Elected)



Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes, Services Bureau, congratulates Officer Marvin J. Seyfer, Property Division, who became the first member of the Department to donate four gallons of blood to the Red Cross Blood Program. Officer Seyfer's generosity was commemorated by a golden lapel pin from the American Red Cross.

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — An opening walk, a booted fly ball and a fielder's choice gave the Police Boys' Club an early advantage at Carroll Park on June 24, but Yale Heights hurler Pete Legambi, Jr., none-the-less boasted a no-hitter in the seven-inning contest that saw Yale Heights top PBC 4 to 2. The young right hander who struck out ten Police Boys batters is none other than the son of Sergeant Peter S. Legambi, OUCHI

Congratulations to Sergeant Roger "Links" Leonard on receiving the winner's trophy from Anne Arundel County Police Chief Edward Pra-

ley, who awarded the sergeant the prize after "Links" led a field of 70 golfers on June 10, carding a 5-over-par 77. It was the AA County Police Department's annual outing at the Downs Golf and Yacht Club.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Vice Section - Best wishes to Frances S. Fody on her retirement June 30. Good luck, Fran! We'll all miss you.

Frances S. Fody would like to express her thanks to all the gals for the delightful dinner they had for her on June 23 at Winterling's and to those who were unable to attend but contributed so generously.

TRAFFIC DIVISION — Congratulations to Police Officer Thomas Marlowe who celebrated his 29th anniversary with the Department on July 2; and to Police Officers Charles Alfinito and Ronald Teufer who celebrated their 17th anniversary on July 2.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION — Community Relations Section - Major Clarence E. Roy, Jr. extends sincere expressions of appreciation during his period of grief.

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Police Officer and Mrs. Michael Heaps who adopted their second child, a boy. He was only 6 weeks old when he first came to them. His name is David Michael. Members of this District wish the very best to the new parents and their fortunate "chosen child."

RETIREMENTS

BOLTON, CARL J., Police Officer, Communications Division, 20 years, July 1.

ASCHENBACH, Alfred W., Police Officer, Northeastern District, 17 years, July 6.

GUINN, HARRY L., Police Officer, Northern District, 21 years, July 6.

GHANT, WILLIAM H., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 24 years, July 15.

FINAL ROLL CALL

ROZ, MICHAEL, Police Officer, retired, Northeastern District, July 1.

FORD, EDMOND V., Sergeant, retired, Southwestern District, July 3.

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL, CHARLES F., uncle of Police Officer Alfred R. Michael, Jr., Tactical Section, May 28.

STICKLINE, CHARLES, father of Sergeant William Stickline, Northwestern District, June 18.

GILLEY, CLARA, aunt of Police Officer John E. Mitchell, Southern District, June 20.

NELSON, ELSIE, aunt of Radio Technician Donald Esslinger, Communications Division, June 22.

McMEEKIN, ALICE, mother of Police Officer Paul McMeekin, Tactical Section, June 22.

WEAVER, NAOMA, wife of Sergeant Robert Weaver, Northeastern District, June 22.

VOEGLEIN, REGINA, mother of retired Lieutenant John Fuchs, formerly of Northeastern District and retired Police Officer George Fuchs, formerly of Youth Section, and mother-in-law of Police Officer Joseph Fulton, Eastern District, June 22.

PARIS, MARION, mother of Police Officer Mitchell Paris, Jr., Tactical Section K-9 Unit and Police Officer Louis Paris, Southwestern District, June 23.

McCORMICK, ETHEL, aunt of Police Officer Larry Endrich, Tactical Section, June 23.

HARRIS, JAMES, father of Computer Type Operator Theresa Harris, Central Records Division, June 25.

DOWLING, MARY E., mother of Police Officer Herbert Dowling, Northeastern District, June 25.

GLOVER, WILLIE J., stepfather of Press Operator Robert Ray, Central Records Division, June 26.



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Baltimore Says "Well Done . . ."

The recent Bi-Centennial and Ethnic Celebrations attracted well over a million visitors to Baltimore. During the special events which included the July 4th celebration at Fort McHenry, Operation Sail, the Estonian Festival, the Italian Festival as well as the Irish Festival, hundreds of members of the Department were detailed to assist in crowd and traffic control. The professionalism exhibited by those assigned to the detail is reflected in the numerous letters of appreciation received from many of visitors and officials. Below are a few of those many "thank you's."

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

A word of thanks should go to you and the department from those of us who visited "Operation Tall Ships" this past week.

The manner in which the heavy traffic was directed and the friendly and co-operative attitude of your men is certainly to be commended.

It helped to insure the success of the undertaking.

Yours truly,

/s/ Morton A. Goldstein

Dear Mr. Pomerleau:

On behalf of the Estonian Salute to Bicentennial - ESTO '76, Executive Committee we would like to thank you for your support and superb cooperation

during the Estonian World Festival here in Baltimore City, July 5 to 11th of this year.

Baltimore City Police Force is highly commended by Estonians who gathered from all over the Free World to Baltimore. Their courteous and watchful presence was felt and appreciated by everyone. ESTO '76 officials owe to the Baltimore Police many thanks for helping us to secure an unviolent and happy week.

Please extend to all your people our sincere appreciation and Thank You for the job well done.

Respectfully,

/s/ Kaljo Popp

Chairman

/s/Meeta Liiv

Executive Secretary

Unique Field Training Program

Two Illinois State Troopers are currently in training with the Baltimore Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division. Trooper David M. Reed has been assigned to the Homicide Section and Trooper Willard G. Rowe to the Special Investigations Section. Both Troopers will be with the Department through this week.

The impetus for the Troopers visit came as the result of a letter to Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau from Superintendent Dwight E. Pittman, Commander of the Illinois State Police.

The Illinois State Police is expanding their Criminal Investigation Bureau to accommodate a pilot program in two of their 17 statewide districts.

The Illinois State Police chose experienced troopers and sent them to an intensive six week training program at their State Police Training Academy in Springfield, Illinois. During the introductory criminal investigation training, the troopers received specialized investigative training from a host of guest lecturers.

In addition to their academic training, Superintendent Pittman felt that it would be beneficial if the troopers could be exposed to the investigative functions of several selected agencies.

The Baltimore Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division was chosen, along with several other cities, for several reasons. The Criminal Investigation Division enjoys a national reputation for competence and professionalism in the investigatory field. Clearances for cases investigated by this

Department Hosts A.L.E.A. Conference

The Baltimore Police Department will host the 6th Annual Conference of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association from August 8 through 12, 1976.

The Airborne Law Enforcement Association is comprised of law enforcement agencies from the United States, Canada and Mexico, which operate either helicopters or fixed wing aircraft.

The conference will be held at the

Hilton Hotel in downtown Baltimore with conference activities taking place at the War Memorial Plaza, the Inner Harbor and at the South Terminal of Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

About 500 law enforcement officials are expected to attend this national conference which is being coordinated by Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger of this Department's Helicopter Unit.

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Training Program

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Division are consistently above the national average clearance rate. In 1975, for example, the Homicide Section cleared 84.6% of all reported homicides in Baltimore versus an 80% national clearance rate. Thirty-three percent of reported burglaries were cleared by the Property Crimes Section as opposed to 18% nationwide. In total, the Baltimore Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division bettered the national average of cases cleared by 11.1%. Baltimore is also the location of the Francis Glessner Lee Homicide Seminar. This Seminar, one of the foremost of its kind, is presented annually by the State Medical Examiners Office to investigators from many jurisdictions throughout the United States and Canada. The Seminar originally was held at Harvard University in 1940 through an endowment of Mrs. Francis Glessner Lee. Mrs. Lee was extremely interested in the field of Forensic Science and upon her death bequeathed a large part of her estate to Harvard University for forensic study. The Seminar was moved to Baltimore in 1968 where it has remained under the auspices of the State Medical Examiners Office. Practical exercises, demonstrations and lectures are provided to the participants to improve their investigative techniques.

Each trooper is receiving a week of field training in the Homicide Unit as well as the Special Investigation Section.

Trooper David M. Reed, a 9½ year veteran of the State Police, has been given an extensive indoctrination to the role of a homicide detective. The trooper is assigned daily to a detective for direct participation in any homicide investigation. This exposure coupled with discussions with Lab Technicians, the States Attorney's Office, the Medical Examiner's Office and inter-departmental liaisons is designed to prepare the trooper for duties in his home state.

While Trooper Reed is assigned to the Homicide Section, Trooper Willard E. Rowe, also a 9½ year veteran, is observing the functions of the Special Investigation Section. Trooper Rowe has been assigned to each major unit of the Section which includes the Auto Theft Unit, Arson Squad and the Check and

Fraud Unit.

The Baltimore Police Department is pleased to be a participant in this unique inter-agency field training program.

NEWS NOTES

A program of free guided bus tours of outstanding Baltimore neighborhoods and homes, sponsored by the City's Home Ownership Development Program, is being offered to the public on an on going basis. This program acquaints prospective homebuyers with the multiplicity of home buying opportunities and programs that exist within our city.

The bus tours acquaint people with the history and architecture of each area, and feature distinctive homes that have been skillfully renovated, as well as homes that are still in progress. Homeowners and homesteaders share their knowledge and experiences as home renovators. Information is offered about homesteading, tax sale, and other buying programs.

Tour participants board the chartered bus at Poly-Western High School and cover such areas as Charles Village, Reservoir Hill, Union Square, Ridgely's Delight, and Federal Hill. Refreshments are served on route.

Reservations may be made by calling Nell Stanley at 396-3124. Reservations are limited to 47 persons per tour.

"Tip Of The Hat" Award

The Personnel Service Board has presented the Tip Of The Hat Award to the Police Department's #1 Pistol Team for winning 21 out of a total of 22 matches in the Winter Indoor Police Pistol League. The team consists of six members listed below:

Sgt. John Laufert, Team Captain - SD
Sgt. Kenneth Peach - ISD
Off. Daniel Sobolewski - E & T
Off. Edward McCarthy - Property Div.
Off. Van Deanes - CD
Off. Robert Myers - Services Bureau

Also bearing honorable mention in the same Winter Indoor Pistol League was the Police Department's #2 Pistol Team for winning 18 out of a total of 22 matches and placing fourth. The team consists of six members listed below:

Off. Harry Twigg, Team Captain - ED
Off. William Markwordt - ED
Off. Lawrence Tawney - NED
Off. Alexander Pelsinsky - SD
Off. Herman Bullinger - Comm.Div.
Off. Conrad Turner - Prop. Div.

New Mascot For Mounted Unit

The Baltimore Police Department's Mounted Unit, which has paraded and patrolled at the annual Preakness Race for more than 50 years, was recently given a new mascot by Mr. Herman Cohen, President of the Maryland Jockey Club.

The new member of the Unit is a year old stable pony appropriately named Preakness, which Sergeant Thomas W. Whalen, Mounted Division, accepted in the winners circle at Pimlico Race Course after the running of the fifth race. The race was run in honor of the Baltimore Mounted Police.

Rookie, the Unit's previous mascot, had led the parade of the Mounted Unit on Preakness Day for 10 years. He was 14 years old when he passed away in April.



PREAKNESS

Lieutenant Colonel Maurice M. Guerasio, Traffic Division, also attended the presentation ceremonies along with four other members of the Mounted Unit.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Preakness was taken to his new home in the Mounted Unit's stables at Holiday and Bath Streets.



Police Agent Andrew Gerakaris, Tactical Section Stop Squad, is congratulated by Captain Joseph R. Bolesta, after being chosen class representative during a recent 2 week Narcotic Seminar presented by the Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, D.C.



Mr. J. Howard Holzer Council for the Greater Northeastern Baltimore Association, Inc., presented Police Agent Wallace C. Brenton, III, Northeastern District, an engraved plaque commemorating their selection of him as their "Policeman of the Year." He was chosen for his outstanding service to the community which included 196 criminal arrests during 1975. Also on hand was his District Commander, Major Richard L. Connelly.



During retirement festivities Officer John A. Craig, Southeastern District, was recently "tried" before Judge Martin A. Kircher in the district roll call room. Officer Craig was charged with "false pretense" for drawing a salary while pretending to be a police officer for 32 years. Because many officers testified in his behalf, Judge Kircher found him not guilty.

Ten Members Receive Commendations

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SPECIAL COMMENDATION

While on routine patrol on March 8, 1976, Officer Thomas J. Niemiera, Central District, heard what sounded to be several gunshots. Proceeding to the scene he saw a body lying in an alley and an armed suspect running. Officer Niemiera pursued the suspect on foot for a short distance when the suspect turned and pointed his weapon at the officer. Officer Niemiera fired his weapon at the gunman without apparent effect. The pursuit ended in a bar where the officer placed the gunman under arrest after a brief struggle. The suspect complained of being shot and was taken to Mercy Hospital where it was found he was suffering from a gunshot to the right thigh.

The suspect is awaiting court action on charges of homicide.

BRONZE STAR

Responding to a hostage situation, Major Harry C. Allender, Northwestern District, was advised that a man with a history of violent behavior was holding two persons at gun point in a house. On several occasions during the incident Major Allender, without regard for his personal safety, placed his life in jeopardy to save others. He took command of an extremely hazardous and explosive situation which not only involved the lives of the hostages, but of citizens and police officers in the area.

The unharmed hostages were eventually released by the suspect who in turn surrendered to police officers without further incident.

At about 1:00 a.m. on February 28, 1976, officers of the Southeastern District responded to the scene of an incident in which a sniper had shot and wounded a police officer.

Officer Calvin K. McCleese, the operator of a cruising patrol wagon, drove his vehicle into the fire zone so that the wounded officer could be removed.

Agent John R. Draa, Officer William M. Downing and Officer David N. Datsko shielded the wounded officer with their

bodies as they applied first aid, until he could be removed. Agent Draa and Officer Downing also accompanied the officer to the hospital and continued emergency care until he was delivered to an attending physician.

The suspect sniper was finally isolated and surrendered to the police.

During a car stop, Officer Thomas F. Gerst, Jr., Southern District, disarmed and arrested a traffic violator who had pointed a pistol at him when asked to identify himself. The officer's prompt action also prevented the suspect from securing a sawed off .20 gauge shotgun which was hidden under the front seat of the car.

Further investigation revealed the suspect to be a felon wanted for armed robbery.

Officer William E. Newman, Jr., Northern District, received information from a citizen of a hold-up in progress at a nearby business establishment.

After notifying the Communications Division of the incident, Officer Newman proceeded to the location and saw two suspects leaving the scene.

While pursuing the two fleeing suspects, Officer Newman was fired upon by one of the suspects. Returning fire, Officer Newman struck one of the suspects in the shoulder who was subsequently arrested by back-up units.

While on routine patrol, Agent William P. Bullock and Officer Brent D. Bryson, Western District, observed smoke coming from the second floor of a three story apartment building. In spite of heavy black smoke, the officers entered the building and were forced to crawl on the floor until each apartment was cleared. A woman was led to safety from the first floor. On the second floor a seventy year old crippled man was rescued. A very senile woman was discovered on the third floor who had to be forcibly removed.

During the course of the rescue, Officer Bryson was overcome by smoke and lack of oxygen but soon recovered.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to the family of retired Sergeant Edmond V. Ford recently deceased.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officers Charles Porter and Michael Kisner.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — This District will be one of the teams representing the Baltimore Police Department, in the Anne Arundel Law Enforcement Tournament on August 21st and 22nd. The Soft Ball Game will be played at Anne Arundel County Police Headquarters. All Maryland Law Enforcement Agencies are represented including two teams from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Bon voyage to Police Officer Peter Katich and good luck in your new assignment.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Frederick Neubauer on your recent promotion and good luck to you in your new assignment.

EASTERN DISTRICT — The "Stanley Steamers" of this District, Operations Unit, were sustained in a case of excessive force in their recent softball game against I.I.D.'s "Rawling's Raiders" — Steamers 12 Raiders 7.

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Members of this District wish a speedy recovery to Police Officers Henry "Hank" Gourdin and James "Jim" Kelly both recently hospitalized.

Get well wishes to retired Police Officer Frank J. Diller, Sr. who is recovering at home from recent surgery.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Congratulations to the Special Investigation Section softball team who defeated the Abandoned Vehicle Division softball team 50 - 5 at their home field at Herring Run School on July 9, 1976.

My sincere thanks to all members of the

Baltimore Police Department for their support by campaigning and voting for me in the recent election for Trustee to the Fire and Police Pension Retirement System. I would also like to thank all the Sergeants for their expression of confidence in re-electing me as their representative on the Personnel Service Board — Charles R. Daugherty.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUNDT, JOSEPH PAUL, son of Crime Lab Technician and Mrs. David E. Mundt, Laboratory Division, 8lbs. 5 oz., May 27.

WILSON, DAVID, son of Computer Type Operator Charlotte Wilson and husband, Planning and Research Division, 6lbs. 2 oz., June 11.

KENNEL, SCOTT ERIC, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Arthur Kennel, Southern District, 7lbs. 4 oz., June 16.

MUSGROVE, MICHAEL SHAWN, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Brady P. Musgrove, Western District, 6lbs. 15 oz., June 21.

JENKINS, CHRISTINE ANN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, Western District, 6lbs. 13 oz., June 23.

CUDA, TAMMY LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul Cuda, Northeast District, 7lbs. 10 oz., June 17.

SMOOT, REBECCA CHRISTINE, granddaughter of Police Officer Roy T. Smoot, 8 lbs. 5 oz., June 30.

LANHAM, JASON SETON, son of Lieutenant and Mrs. Richard A. Lanham, Internal Investigation Division, 7 lbs. 10 oz., July 2.

FINAL ROLL CALL

LITZ, Joseph, Sr., Sergeant, retired, Traffic Division and father-in-law of Police Officer Raymond Boblitz, Traffic Division, July 20.

STACHOWSKI, WALTER J., Police Officer, retired,

Northern District, July 25.

IN MEMORIAM

McMILLIAN, FOSTER W., father of Detective Roger McMillian, Inspectional Services Division, June 27.

HAYES, MAY, sister of Police Officer Franklin Hubbard, Traffic Division, June 27.

FOSS, CLAYTON, husband of School Crossing Guard Pearl Foss, Southeastern District, June 28.

MANTIKAKIS, NICHOLAS, grandfather of Detective John Gavrilis, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, June 29.

McKENZIE, DANIEL, son-in-law of Police Officer Charles M. Markiewicz, Personnel Division, Recruitment Unit, June 29.

GREEN, GEORGE W., III, father-in-law of Police Officer George Quasny, Southern District, July 1.

SMITH, ANNA M., mother-in-law of Lieutenant Jess Baker, Southeastern District, July 3.

PHELAN, FRANCIS LEO, brother of retired Emergency Call Clerk Paul Phelan, Communications Division, July 3.

BLACK, REBECCA, wife of Police Officer Clayborne Black, Northern District, July 3.

RITTER, STACEY, 10 year old niece of Detective Tom Russell, Criminal Investigation Division, Homicide Unit, July 4.

SOWERS, CLARENCE W., father-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Tobin, Southern District, July 4.

ROBERTS, JOHN PATRICK, husband of Emergency Call Clerk Florence Roberts, Communications Division and uncle of Police Officer James Bocklage, Northeastern District, July 5.

KEMP, MARY K., sister of Police Officer Robert M. Leeper, Jr., Education and Training Division, July 6.



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A.L.E.A. Conference: A Success

The Helicopter Unit of the Baltimore Police Department last week hosted the Sixth Annual Conference of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association. The week long gathering of pilots and aerial observers from throughout the United States met at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel.



Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau welcomes A.L.E.A. members at opening ceremonies.

This was a working conference with technical meetings beginning at 9:00 o'clock each morning. Featured speakers were drawn from leading police departments and federal agencies, as well as representatives of the aircraft and helicopter industry.



Safety and aircraft maintenance were among the most important of the subjects covered during the four day meet-

ing. A presentation entitled "The Will To Live", delivered by Brigadier General William W. Spruance (Ret.) of the Delaware National Guard was one of the highlights of the session. General Spruance, who survived the crash of a jet plane, is recognized as one of the foremost experts in the field of crash survival and his comments applied not only to emergencies which involve aircraft but automobiles as well.

Among the other presentations which drew particular attention was one entitled "Accident Behavior", featuring Dr. Robert Yanowich of the Federal Aviation Administration.



Associate FBI Director Richard G. Held

In addition to the professional program a special schedule of events designed to highlight the city of Baltimore involved both the conferees and their families. A crab feast, tour of the U.S.S. Constellation, tour of the inner harbor and trips to the Headquarters of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Naval Academy gave the Conference visitors a first hand look at our area.

The conference closed on Thursday, August 12, 1976 with a banquet at the Hilton. The featured speaker, who was

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Effective Campaign Against Scofflaws

Recently a gentleman stood before the payment window at the Bureau of Collections, Parking Fines Division, in the Municipal Building on Holiday Street. A forlorn look crossed his face as he watched the clerk count the \$1,300.00 he had just given her. With receipt in hand, he slowly walked toward the impound lot on Fallsway and Hillen Street with a myriad of thoughts in his mind.

This scene has been repeated more than 1400 times since February of this year when the Traffic Division of the Baltimore Police Department launched an intensive campaign to recoup outstanding multiple parking violations under City Ordinance 768, or Scofflaw.

On January 1, 1976 Local Ordinance 768 had a new provision added to it. This provision provides that vehicles, which have been cited for parking violations at least three times and where a period of thirty days or more has elapsed since the third violation, may be impounded.

The scofflaw campaign came about early this year when it was found that the Parking Fines Division had on file more than 32,000 unsatisfied summonses on more than 6,000 vehicles. Monetary value of these summonses amounted to more than \$360,000.00 in unclaimed revenue. The Traffic Division immediately took steps in an attempt to satisfy these scofflaws.

A Command Post was established in the Traffic Division of the Headquarters Building and records compiled of all known scofflaws, via computer printouts. Each week, the Bureau of Collections,

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Parking Fines Division provides the Command Post with two types of computer printouts. A large master printout is retained by the Command Post. This printout contains vital information on each scofflaw including where and when each parking violation was issued and the fine. A smaller "mini-printout" is provided which is distributed to each traffic officer assigned to scofflaws listing the tag number, State of issue, vehicle type and fines.



Officer Phil Walter patrols for scofflaw violators near a hospital on Fayette Street. A number were found this day.

Each day officers patrol random areas in their search for scofflaws. Certain areas where numerous violations are likely to occur are often checked. These may include schools, court houses, shopping districts, hospitals and office buildings. Another technique is to choose a block at random and check each vehicle parked there. The master computer list is utilized since it contains the name of the violator and each location and time where he was cited. The assumption being that the violator will probably park near the location again.

If an officer finds a vehicle listed on his mini-printout he immediately calls the Command Post by radio for verification of the license number.

To avoid the possibility of a mistake, the Command Post utilizes a multiple verification system. First the tag is checked against the Command Post's computer printouts. Secondly the officer on duty checks a "towed file". This file lists vehicles that have recently been towed to the impound lot for outstanding citations. The file precludes the possibility that a cleared vehicle be towed again before the following week's com-

puter list is received by the Command Post. The Command Post then contacts the Parking Fines Division by land line for final verification.

After all verifications are cleared, the Command Post notifies the field officer that the car is wanted for scofflaw. A tow truck is dispatched and the vehicle is taken to the impound lot. An on view number is issued and a Miscellaneous Incident Report is written by the field unit.

If the owner returns to the scene where the vehicle is being towed, he is given a printed notice by the field unit that states why the vehicle is being towed and how it may be retrieved.

Often owners return to their vehicles after they have been towed for scofflaw. Usually the person will notify the police that his vehicle has been stolen. A list of all vehicles impounded is kept in the Communications Division. A call by the responding officer to Communications quickly notifies the owner of the scofflaw violation.



Officer Ronald Burdyski coordinates Traffic Field Units from the command post in the Headquarters Building, Traffic Division.

Fines for scofflaws can be expensive. In addition to the face value of the citation, charges of \$2.00 per month per ticket and an \$18.00 towing fee is charged before the owner can obtain his vehicle. Since February of this year more than \$390,000.00 has been collected from scofflaw violations. The figure increases with an average of more than 10 vehicles being towed per day.

The scofflaw campaign has realized immediate success in recouping revenue for the City of Baltimore. This success would not have been possible however without the close cooperation between the Department and the Bureau of Collections. Through these continued efforts the blatant disregard of parking citations by some citizens will surely decline.

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introduced by Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau was the Honorable Richard G. Held, Associate Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



Brigadier General William W. Spruance (Ret.) receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger, Helicopter Unit.

Many of those who were making their first visit to the Baltimore area decided to stay after the conference concluded so that they could visit more of the many attractions which Baltimore has to offer.



Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

On behalf of the Baltimore Jewish Council, I wish to thank you and the members of your force for the outstanding cooperation which you gave us in facilitating the Israeli Missile Boats, Tarshish and Yaffo, during their Bicentennial visit to Baltimore. Members of your force demonstrated a great deal of patience, understanding and courtesy to the thousands of individuals who lined up on Pier 4 to visit the ships. Without the cooperation of your force, visits of this magnitude would not have been possible. With best regards.

Sincerely yours,
/s/ Stanley Sollins
Executive Director

My Dear Mayor Schaefer:

Like many other people I don't go into the inner city as frequently as I once did. This past week I went to the inner harbor twice to see the tall ships. I was amazed to see the change in the area. It was a delightful place — well designed, well executed with much of the friendliness that existed years ago. It has been an incentive for me to return soon again whether it be to attend an activity or just to stroll along the park of the inner harbor.

To be able to visit the tall ships here has been an unforgettable experience for me. I know that you probably had the final word in permitting Operation Sail to come to Baltimore. To you, personally, I would like to express my appreciation for the wonderful opportunity you have given the people of this area. There are many people responsible for so extensive an undertaking, and I am grateful to the excellent job done by all. The Police Department personnel are doing a great job. There must have been many trying moments for them with the crowds of people and the maze of traffic. Each time I saw a policeman he was smiling through all these tribulations, and those I spoke with were enthusiastic and friendly — happy to be a part of Operation Sail. They were patient with the people pressing to board the ships or to take pictures and appealed to the people to help them make things go

smoothly. Their attitude is largely responsible for the pleasant time everyone seemed to be having.

My sincere thanks again to you and all those responsible for Operation Sail.

Sincerely,
/s/ (Mrs.) Dorothy M. Becker
Long Green, Maryland

NEWS NOTES

Sergeant Herbert W. Ey, Southern District, has recently been elected to the Maryland Boxing Hall of Fame for his life time contributions to elevate the sport. From 1953 to 1965, Sergeant "Buddy" Ey taught approximately 2500 entrance level police trainees the art of self defense at the old Police Academy on 34th Street.

The induction ceremony will take place on September 19th at the Northpoint Plaza where twelve other individuals will be also honored at the dinner-dance. The Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, will be the guest speaker. Also in attendance will be Kid Gavilan, former world welterweight champion and Jim Karvelas who will be the Master of Ceremonies. For further information contact Mr. Joseph Poodles at EA 7-6805 or Sergeant Ey, extension 2499.

Effective February 2, 1976 the States of Louisiana has become a member of the non-resident violators compact.

Under the terms of the reciprocal agreement, residents of a participating state receiving a summons for minor traffic violations in Maryland may be allowed to proceed on their way after having signed the summons. This same courtesy is extended to Maryland drivers traveling in participating states.

States having reciprocal agreements with the State of Maryland are now: Louisiana, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia.

Mopeds Are Bikes

A recent change in the Motor Vehicle Laws redefines a bicycle from vehicles propelled exclusively by human power to those operated by human power or

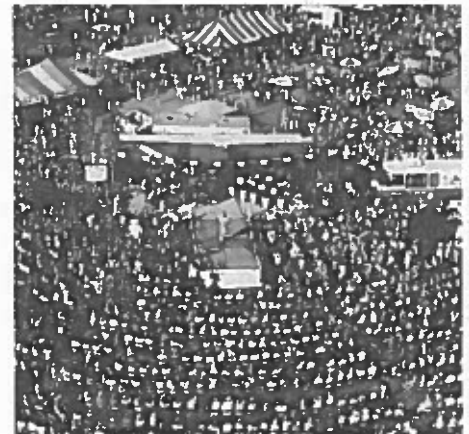
with assistance of a motor of less than 50 cubic centimeters or less than one horsepower.

Motor-Assisted Pedal Vehicles, commonly known as MOPEDS, do not require license tags or insurance and the operator does not have to wear a helmet. The law does require that operators have a valid driver's license.

Like bicycles in Maryland operators of MOPEDS must observe all traffic laws and where bikes are prohibited, such as controlled-access highways, MOPEDS are likewise prohibited.

This new law does not effect minibikes which are powered completely by motor and are not intended for pedaling.

Italian Festival



A festive crowd of more than 200,000 people presented no problem for the officers assigned to the annual Italian Festival, the largest ethnic festival in the State of Maryland, held recently at the Inner Harbor.



On behalf of Mayor William Donald Schaefer, Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Operations Bureau, proclaimed singer Al Martino as an honorary citizen of Baltimore. Mr. Martino was the feature entertainer at the Italian Festival.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Allender's Warriors from Borrell's Barge on their 9-6 softball victory over Rawlings Raiders from I.I.D. Land. Any team wishing to sustain a softball loss, contact Sergeant Ellwood at the "Great Northwestern . . ."

Bon voyage to retired Police Officer Richard Heidecker.

Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer William Burch on his recent loss.

Speedy recovery and get well to Police Officer Bertina Silver — we miss you.

Welcome back after long illnesses to Police Officers Ronald Larmore and Edward Szewczyk.

Get well wishes to Police Officer George Sykes, a patient in St. Agnes Hospital.

PATROL DIVISION — Condolences to Administrative Assistant Barbara Brandner on her recent loss.

Condolences to Police Officer Stanley Brown on his recent loss.

Get well wishes and a speedy recovery to Police Officer Milton Arczynski, presently confined to University Hospital.

WESTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to our softball team, managed by Police Officer Robert "Rabbit" Rabold, who defeated the Northern District softball team by a "close" score of 23 to 7.

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Principal Clerk Lois Maleski on her recent loss.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — Members of this Division wish Police Officer Henry Stoney a speedy recovery from injuries sustained in an unfortunate accident. The guys in the Radio Shop send a special "Get Well" message.

Congratulations to Roy T. Smoot, Jr., son of Police Officer Roy T. Smoot, who graduated with high honors from UMBC in May and also on his being selected by the University of Mary-

land Medical School to begin attendance in August, 1976.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to Crime Lab Technician Don R. Jennings on his recent loss.

Congratulations to Latent Print Expert Al Woolridge, Supervisor of the Latent Print Unit, recently elected to the Regional Vice-President of the International Association for Identification while attending a seminar in Ashville, N.C.

Congratulations to Joseph Ellis, son of Criminalistics Section Supervisor John D. Ellis, Mobile Section, who passed his CPA examination.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION — Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sergeant Joseph J. Palmere, Jr., recuperating at home from a back injury.

TACTICAL SECTION — The undefeated Tactical "Titans" softball team was finally overcome after a hard fought contest with "Rawling's Raiders" from I.I.D. Lightning never strikes twice!

RETIREMENTS

SKIDMORE, EDGELL O., Police Report Reviewer, Central Records Division, 7 years, July 15.

McGRAW, EUGENE J., Sergeant, Communications Division, 30 years, July 22.

HEIDECKER, RICHARD T., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 14 years, July 22.

TREZISE, DONALD E., Police Officer, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 6 years, July 22.

WILLIAMS, LEROY H., Lieutenant, Communications Division, 29 years, July 26.

LEVY, JACK I., Police Officer, Northern District, 25 years, August 4.

POPIK, ROBERT D., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 19 years, August 9.

POSEY, DONALD F., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 19 years, August 9.

FINAL ROLL CALL

QUINN, FRANCIS M. JR., Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, Mounted Unit, July 26.

PRUIT, SHERMAN LEE, Police Officer, retired from the Southeastern District, August 1.

SIEMANSKI, FRANK, Sergeant, retired from Eastern District, August 1.

HEFNER, ELMER, Police Officer, retired from Property Division, was formerly of the Traffic Division, August 9.

IN MEMORIAM

RUSZALA, CASMIR, step-father of Police Officer Marion Buchacz, Communications Division, July 10.

BOSSLE, FRANCIS X., SR., uncle of Sergeant Edmund L. Bossle, Northern District, July 10.

WESLEY, GEORGEANNA, grandmother of Police Officer Stanley Brown, Chief of Patrol's Office, July 10.

KREBS, CHARLES, grandfather of Police Officer John Krebs, Southeastern District, July 11.

DYSON, ANN, grandmother of Police Officer David Crawford, Northeastern District, July 12.

ADAMS, LILLIAN M., widow of retired Sergeant William Adams, formerly of the Eastern District, July 12.

CHOMET, SAUL, father-in-law of Police Officer Arnold Davis, Traffic Division, July 12.

FARACE, JOSEPH, father of Lieutenant Philip Farace, Tactical Section, July 12.

LOPEZ-CEPERO, JOSE MARIANO, father of Police Officer Jose E. Lopez-Cepero, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, July 13.

LEWIS, JOSEPH HENRY, father of Fingerprint Technician Bernadette Furbush, Central Records Division, Identification Section, July 14.



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Communications . . .

An Evolution Of Technology

The Baltimore Police Department's Communications Division is in the process of converting and expanding its radio network from the present 10 channels to 15. When completed the new network will provide each police district with its own separate operating channel.

Additionally a second City Wide channel will be added. City Wide #1 will accommodate the Traffic Division, Tactical Section, Mobile Crime Lab, Helicopter Unit and Emergency Vehicle Unit. City Wide #2 will be an access channel for obtaining wanted and stolen checks as well as miscellaneous information.

The Criminal Investigation Division will be assigned a separate channel. The Inspectional Services and Internal Investigation Divisions will share a separate channel.



Today's Communications Center has 18 dispatching consoles designed to operate on all of the 15 radio channels. This Center is in direct communication with virtually every officer on duty at any given moment.

A tactical channel is being installed to be utilized in special situations. Scheduled civic events such as the Baltimore City Fair, emergency situations, and other circumstances in which a com-

mand post is established will be serviced by this channel. A separate Command Channel will also be maintained.

A typical six channel walkie-talkie will be equipped to carry, in addition to its own district channel, the other two districts in its area, both City Wide channels and the special tactical channel.



For the first 7 months of 1976 Emergency Call Clerks received 812,052 citizen requests for Police service.

The conversion of the communications system is being accomplished by radio technicians assigned to the Communications Division. As personal portable radios are brought to the radio shop for conversion, on a scheduled basis, similar units already equipped to operate on the new channel are loaned to the district until work on their own radios is completed.

The issuance of the five additional channels represents a major step forward in the sophistication of the Baltimore Police Department's communications capability.

In 1966, under the guidance of Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, the Communications Division began its programmed modernization.

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Policing Baltimore 201 Years

The use of the clacker, the espantoon and the recall light as forms of communications have become tools of the past in the Baltimore Police Department. Their importance though was as great in years past as the walkie-talkie is to the officer on his beat today.



The Clacker (left) was the earliest means of communication which was later replaced by the espantoon. The whistle was also used as a means of communication and is still used today for traffic control.

As far back as 1775 there was a recognized need to be able to communicate. Every hour from 9 P.M. to day-break the members of the Night Watch were required to call out the time. If the familiar call was not heard at the appointed hour, other watchmen as well as citizens in the area would come to investigate. This practice was discontinued in 1843 when it was pointed out that it notified thieves where the watchmen were. There were also captains of the watch appointed who periodically checked the watchmen at their stands. While making their nightly rounds these officials also passed on pertinent in-

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Communications

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On May 21, 1967, a new radio communications center was made operative at a tremendous savings. After receiving a private contractor's estimate of \$105,800 for the proposed construction the Department was able to build the facility using its own technicians and expertise for just \$20,000.



In 1967 the Communications Center was located on the 5th floor of the Central District. Each Patrol Area was assigned a single channel.

The new communications center was able to transmit on four rather than two radio channels. The number of dispatchers was increased from four to eight. Each of the three patrol areas, consisting of three districts each, was assigned a separate channel. The fourth channel was utilized for all other units, such as the Criminal Investigation Division, Traffic Division and the Tactical Section. This first City Wide channel also received descriptions and field inquiries.

The "new" system also introduced the Emergency Call Clerk concept. Eight "Complaint Answering Positions" manned by civilians, were created to receive citizen calls for service. Formerly, dispatchers were required not only to converse with field units via radio but also to receive the telephone calls for service from citizens as well.

In order to enhance efficiency an IBM card system was introduced for the recording of calls for service, relaying the information to the dispatcher and to provide the Central Records Division's Staff Review Section with a means of report accountability from field units.

An intercommunications system was initiated with which an Emergency Call Clerk could signal the dispatcher when an urgent call for service was received.

The dispatcher then became a third party to the conversation enabling him to immediately transmit the necessary information to units in the field. Implementation of this particular system resulted in an immediate increase in the number of apprehensions of suspects involved in serious crimes in progress.

The newly designed center was also the first to utilize the present emergency telephone number, 222-3333.

In early 1968 the personal portable radio was introduced. The 450 MHZ units provided better reception and transmission characteristics into and out of buildings. Their shorter range also reduced the possibility of radio interference with and from other nearby agencies. This innovation led to the end of the old recall light system for men on foot patrol.

Later in 1968, the Communications Division installed terminal lines which provided access to the MILES System and the NCIC network. The Metro-Net was also introduced to enable dispatchers to communicate directly with neighboring jurisdictions.

In 1969 a "Radio Repeater" system was developed and activated by the Department. This enables officers to hear messages from other field units as well as those of the dispatcher. In addition to keeping officers abreast of each other's activities and expediting assistance when needed, the repeater system provides better coordination of communications.

In 1969 the technical aspects of the Communications Division were assumed by civilian personnel. These experienced radio technicians brought with them a wide range of professional experience and training which further enhanced the capabilities of the unit.

On September 7, 1972, the Communications Division moved to its present location on the 4th floor of the Headquarters Building. The new Communications Command and Control Center was designed so that future technical advancements can be incorporated without the need for major physical alterations or interruption to normal operations. The actual communications complex was installed above specially designed raised flooring which covers literally miles of cables and wiring. Access

is readily available to any wiring location without the necessity to cause major interruptions in the communications process.

Each of eighteen dispatching consoles is designed to operate on all of the fifteen radio channels with the capability of expanding to twenty-four.

Radio dispatchers are the key element to any communications system. The dispatcher is in direct and constant communication with virtually every officer on duty at any given moment.



A new concept in 1967 was the establishment of "Emergency Call Clerks" to receive citizen calls for service.

During the first 7 months of 1976 the Communications Division received 812,052 requests for service from the citizens of Baltimore, an increase of 45,390 requests from the same period in 1975. Of the requests received, 448,266 calls for police response were dispatched. The increasing number of requests for police service underlined the need to change to the 15 channel mode of operation. It is interesting to note that in 1933 when radio communications were first established for the Baltimore Police Department with a single channel, there were 3,500 requests for police service for the entire year.

The Communications Division is, no doubt, the nerve center of the Department. The equipment and systems which comprise the Communications Division are among the most modern, versatile and efficient to be found anywhere in law enforcement. Numerous Police Departments from throughout the United States and many foreign countries as well, have sent representatives to inspect the Baltimore Police Department's facilities and have then patterned their own communications systems upon it.

The single purpose of a communications system in law enforcement is to

support the officers in the field. With its modern equipment, experience and dedicated personnel the Baltimore Police Department's Communications Division is proud to do its part in helping to deliver vital services to the citizens of our community.

Post Scripts

Dear Commissioner Pomerleau:

I have been awfully slow getting a note of appreciation to you people for the wonderful job you did for us while we had our Clydesdales in Baltimore prior

to and through the Preakness.

It is difficult to express in words just how much it meant to us having your people escort us and help us get around the Baltimore area.

I certainly hope that you will express our appreciation to all of your men that were involved as escorts or working with us while we were in your area.

Again, I want to thank you personally and for Anheuser-Busch for this wonderful cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harlan L. Conley

Manager, Clydesdale Operations

Pistol Team Wins Highest Award

On July 24, 1976 the Baltimore Police Pistol Team #1 and #2 concluded the 1976 Outdoor Season at a pistol match sponsored and conducted by the Allentown, Pennsylvania Police Department. The 18th Annual Outdoor Pistol Match, the highlight of the outdoor season, drew more than 300 law enforcement competitors.

Among 40 teams which were entered in the matches, the Baltimore Police No. 1 Team consisting of Sergeant John W. Laufert, Southern District, Officers Edward S. McCarthy, Property Division, Van D. Deanes, Jr., Central District and Robert E. Myers, Services Bureau won the Sam Miller Memorial Trophy for finishing in first place in A Division Center Fire.

The Baltimore Police No. 2 Team consisting of Sergeant Kenneth S. Peach, Inspectional Services Division, Officers Harry D. Twigg, Eastern District, William F. Markwordt, Jr., Eastern District and Lawrence A. Tawney, Northeastern District won the trophy for 3rd place in A Division.

This was the 2nd time during 17 years of competition against the finest teams on the east coast that a Baltimore Police Department's Pistol Team has captured the coveted Sam Miller Memorial Trophy.

NEWS NOTES

Recently, Mayor William Donald Schaefer transferred responsibility for the administration of the School Crossing Guard program from the Baltimore Police Department to the Department of Education.

In order to make the transition of the Crossing Guards as smooth as possible, Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau has designated Lieutenant Michael T. Rachuba and Sergeant James A. Durner of the Traffic Division, to assist Mr. Larry Borgan, Chief of School Security for Baltimore City Public Schools, in the coming months.

Classes will commence on September 7, 1976.

Policing Baltimore

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formation to the men.

The "rattle", which later was replaced by the "clacker", was the first tool for distant communications issued by the Department. The record of the Southern District beginning on July 2, 1845, bears the earliest known reference to the predecessor of today's walkie-talkie.

This all wood instrument was shaken to alert other watchmen that help was needed or to warn citizens that there was an emergency situation such as a fire.

On a still evening the sharp report of the officer's clacker, as he spun it, could be heard for blocks in Baltimore.

The use of the clacker faded though as the espantoon became popular in law enforcement. It developed not only as an effective defensive tool but also as a means of communication. When the baton was rapped on the cobblestones it could also be heard for blocks. Al-

though most of Baltimore's cobblestones have been replaced or covered over by concrete or macadam an urgent rap is still occasionally heard.

Sudden emergencies occasionally arose during the 1800's that required the mustering of a number of officers. The time consumed in gathering a sufficient force of men off their beats would have been prohibitive. To handle such occurrences each stationhouse in the city maintained a reserve force of men. When a helpful citizen brought word from a beat officer that aid was needed these reserve men could be rushed to the scene.

This reserve force system was maintained through the turn of the century and was essentially the predecessor of the Department's current Tactical Section.

A complete transformation of the means of communication was begun on October 26, 1885. It was on this date that the call box system was begun in Baltimore. This system will be the subject of a future NEWSLETTER article.

The watch went their established rounds at the appointed hours. The officers patrolled the principle streets between the hours of 9 and 4 o'clock and found the watch on duty— All Well— The pikes and rattles were returned safe to the Watch house— The watch word for the night was Sunday night

This entry is from the Southern District record book on September 1, 1845 (exactly 131 years ago): "The watch went their established rounds at the appointed hours. The officers patrolled the principle streets between the hours of 9 and 4 o'clock and found the watch on duty — All Well. The pikes and rattles were returned safe to the Watch house — the watch word for the night was Sunday night."

NEWS IN BRIEF

TACTICAL SECTION — Best wishes and speedy recovery to: Police Officer Albert Sharpe, confined to University Hospital, Room 1131, 13th floor, after having open heart surgery; Police Officer Paul Dranbauer, convalescing at home after recent surgery; Police Officers William Perry, Robert Rubin, Robert Weir and Dennis Keeney.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division send warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Crime Lab Technician Charles Kern of the Mobile Unit.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Property Crimes Section — Any officer interested in forming a Motor Cycle Club, with membership restricted to Police Officers only, contact Sergeant H. E. Harper, Auto Theft Unit.

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — "After trouncing Tactical's elite QRT Titans 40-8, Rawlings Raiders narrowly defeated a much stronger and well balanced Tactical Foot Squad Team. Lightning strikes twice!"

WEDDINGS

BODROGI, THOMAS I., Crime Lab Technician and the former Gretchen G. Brown, August 21.

RETIREMENTS

SHANAHAN, JILL K., School Crossing Guard, Northern District, 23 years, July 21.

KNUTSEN, MATTHEW C., Police Officer, Southern District, 3 years, August 19.

PLUM, JOSEPH E., Police Officer, Northern District, 30 years, August 26.

DOWNEY, JOSEPH M., Police Officer, Northwestern District, 23 years, September 1.

KAVANAUGH, FRANCIS R., Police Officer, Personnel Division, 24 years, September 2.

SHIPLEY, JEAN F., School Crossing Guard, Northwestern District, 23 years, August 6.

ZAWADSKI, WINIFRED A.D., School Crossing Guard, Northeastern District, 19 years, September 3.

VELTEN, MARGARET K., School Crossing Guard, Northeastern District, 23 years, September 5.

FINAL ROLL CALL

BEAL, ROSALIE, Senior Clerk Typist, Active Duty, Central Records Division, August 15.

BLOCK, CHARLES E., Police Officer, retired from Traffic Division, August 19.

IN MEMORIAM

SHAW, CATHERINE, mother of Police Officer William Shaw, Southern District, July 16.

SAUNDERS, JAMES, brother-in-law of Detective Charles Walker, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Unit, July 16.

BRANDNER, FRANK A., father of Sergeant Gerard C. Brandner, Criminal Investigation Division and Administrative Assistant Barbara Brandner, Chief of Patrol's Office and father-in-law of Police Officer Gerard Heid, Northeastern District, July 17.

MOORING, GEORGE, grandfather of Police Officer Elmer Mooring, Eastern District, July 21.

FOUNTAIN, CLARENCE, uncle of Police Officer Charles T. Ratliff, Northwestern District, July 21.

LYTTON, JAMES W., father of Police Officer James D. Lytton, Northeastern District, July 21.

STICKEL, JOSEPH G., stepfather of Police Officer George Mitchell, Western District, July 25.

TUREK, MARGARET, grandmother of Police Officer Robert Hall, Traffic Division, T.I.S., July 27.

SAVALINA, PETER V., father of Police Officer Anthony Savalina, Central District, July 27.

WILLS, NANCY, mother of Frank Wills, Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, July 28.

AKEHURST, TERESA, grandmother of Police Of-

ficer John G. Gilmore, Tactical Section, July 30.

HALL, THOMAS, SR., father of Police Officer Thomas Hall, Jr., Western District, July 30.

TIRABASSI, HUGO, brother of retired Sergeant Louis Tirabassi, Eastern District, August 1.

BARTH, ANNA, mother-in-law of Sergeant Sanford Trojan, Southern District, August 6.

MAULK, MAMMIE, aunt of Police Officer Paul Stout, Communications Division, August 7.

BEAUCHAMP, JESSICA, aunt of Detective Lee M. Beauchamp, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Theft Unit, August 10.

WILLIAMS, WILLIAM E., father of Police Officer Steve Williams, Applicant Investigation Section, Personnel Division, June 25.

PHILLIPS, EDWARD, uncle of Police Officer Leonard Baze, Tactical Section, August 8.

POPKO, MICHAEL J., uncle of Senior Clerk Typist Lou Ann Greco, Internal Investigation Division, August 12.

LINDNER, RUTH, mother of Police Officer Brent Lindner, Southern District, August 12.

BUSNUK, DELORES M., mother of Sergeant Gerald Busnuk, Northern District, August 13.

CARR, EDWARD K., brother of Detective William Carr, Property Crimes, Criminal Investigation Division, August 15.

TRADER, WILLIS, uncle of Police Officer Allan Wharton, Northern District, August 17.

DODD, CHESTER, brother of Emergency Call Clerk Mae McCray and Emergency Call Clerk Ruth Dodd, Communications Division, August 18.

WILLIAMS, NETTIE, grandmother of Police Officer Vernion May, Sr., Western District, August 21.

SYKES, BARBARA, sister of Senior Clerk Typist Eunice Berry and sister-in-law of Senior Clerk Typist Shirleen Berry both of Central Records Division, Criminal History Section and Identification Section, respectively, August 23.

FAUST, DOROTHY, mother-in-law of Police Officer Grayson Baxter, Southeastern District, August 23.



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Department Recognizes Educational 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 Wednesday, September 8, 1976 a Special Recognition Ceremony was held to honor 78 members of the Department

who received college degrees or certificates during this past academic year.

In 1966 there were a total of 22 members of the Department with Bachelors Degrees and 50 with Associate in Arts Degrees. The Baltimore Police Department recognizes that the furtherance of higher education by members on all levels helps increase the professionalism of the Department and since 1966 has initiated a number of programs designed to encourage members to continue their education.

Under the direction of Police Com-

missioner Donald D. Pomerleau funds were obtained in 1967 to reimburse members of the Department who were going to college on their own time. This policy was coupled with the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration's educational assistance program under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1969 as outlined in General Order 70-06.

In 1969 the Department's unique Police Agent Program was established. To qualify for the position a candidate must hold a Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college or university and have completed one year in the Patrol Division as a Police Officer.

Currently the Department has 29 sworn and 6 civilian members with Masters Degrees; 327 sworn and 39 civilians with Bachelors Degrees; 217 sworn and 10 civilians with Associate in Arts Degrees or Certificates and 430 sworn and 76 civilian members presently enrolled in college.

During the ceremonies each participant was congratulated for their academic achievement by Commissioner Pomerleau, the Honorable Robert C. Murphy, Chief Judge, Maryland Court of Appeals and the Honorable Edward F. Borgerding, Administrative Judge, District Court of Maryland #1.

Those who received Masters and Bachelors Degrees are listed on pages 2 and 3. Those who were awarded Associate in Arts Degrees and Certificates are listed below:

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE
CENTRAL DISTRICT
Officer Theodore H. Johnson

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On Thursday, September 2, 1976 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau received the keys to a Chevrolet 12 passenger mini-bus. The keys presented by Mr. Charles W. Thomas, Jr. represent another donation to the Baltimore Police Department's Boys Clubs, from Saints and Sinners of Baltimore, Incorporated. This fine association of businessmen has donated more than \$56,000 in vehicles, sports equipment, Christmas presents, and recreational activities for members of the Boys Clubs.

The bus will be used to transport youngsters to and from baseball games, football games, basketball games, swimming sessions and a myriad of other activities in which the young men participate.

MASTERS DEGREE 1976



Lt. Donald E. Woods
I. S. D.



Sgt. Frank V. Broccolina
E. and T.



Sgt. John W. Madigan
Southeast



Sgt. John F. Meeks
E. and T.



Sgt. Joel W. Weiner
E. and T.

BACHELORS DEGREE



Major William F. Rochford
Central Records Div.



Lt. Charles M. Dickens
Northern



Lt. Herbert C. Hoover
E. and T.



Lt. John C. Schmitt
Tactical



Sgt. John D. Boyle
Northwest



Sgt. Sidney E. Lightfoot
C. I. D.



Sgt. Bessie R. Norris
Personnel Div.



Det. James A. Edmonds
I. I. D.



Off. Robert Franklin
Central



Det. Daniel T. Gunter
I. I. D.



Off. Thomas D. Nevin
Southwest



Off. John J. Parker
Northeast



Off. Wilfred E. Ponton, Jr.
Northern



Det. Philip D. Sukeena
C. I. D.



Computer Typer Operator
Theresa L. Harris
Central Records Div.



Det. Charles Hedrick, Jr.
C. I. D.



Off. Joseph T. Geffert
Southwest



Off. Robert E. Reeves
Eastern



Sgt. George L. Christian
C. I. D.



Sgt. Thomas W. Fischer
C. I. D.



Sgt. William R. Helmick
Southwest



Off. Leroy M. Holcomb
Southwest



Off. Cesar P. Lazo
Southwest



Off. John A. Nelson
Western



Polygraph Examiner
Michael J. Switalski
Laboratory Div.

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Officer William W. Miller
Officer Anthony F. Rinaldi
Officer Herbert E. Swinson

NORTHERN DISTRICT

Officer William J. Garmer
Officer Michael D. Hires
Officer Siegfried W. F. Weber

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Sergeant Norman J. Parker

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Officer Wendell M. France
Officer Lloyd W. Green

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Sergeant William B. Smith

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Officer John P. Grosskopf

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Lieutenant Joseph H. Cooke

Lieutenant Harry T. Simmont, Jr.

Officer William J. Smith, Jr.

Officer Arthur C. Welsh

Officer Bernard Harper

WESTERN DISTRICT

Lieutenant James L. Rainey

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Sergeant Harry E. Harper

Detective Barrington L. Branch

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Officer George A. Weber, III

Officer William J. Woods

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Officer Melvin E. Diggs

Officer Steve H. Williams

INTERNAL INVESTIGATION

Detective Franklin M. Galaski

TACTICAL SECTION

Officer David E. Manning

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Officer Earl R. Kratsch

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Sergeant Roger T. Leonard, Jr.

ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Officer Francis J. Huffman

Officer Stephen W. Quinter

Officer Harry L. Van Cleaf

NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Officer Herbert N. Hewlett

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Lieutenant Emmett V. Jones

Detective John R. Buettner

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Officer Charles V. Wernz

TACTICAL SECTION

Officer Richard R. Walsh

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Officer Billy R. Vest, Sr.

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION

Report Reviewer (Trainee) Dolores

F. Coogan

CATONSVILLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Officer James L. Miller

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT

Sergeant William M. Staley

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT

Officer Wilbert L. Markins

WESTERN DISTRICT

Sergeant Clifton M. Cavey

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Officer Thomas F. Lloyd

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Associate Degrees

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Officer Paul P. Wingate (Certificate)

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Sergeant Larry E. Johnston

Officer Thomas E. Douglas

ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TACTICAL SECTION

Officer Michael W. Grove

In addition to above Officer Robert G. Leonik, Northeastern District received a Bachelors Degree.

NEWS NOTES

The Property Division has received the retiree version of the new Baltimore Police Department Badge.

Retirees who have ordered badges may obtain them from the Quartermasters Unit, Mezzanine Level, Headquarters Building between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Retired members who are still interested in obtaining a retiree badge may call the Quartermaster Unit at 396-2077 for details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION — Youth Section - The Youth Section's "Stromberg's Streakers" softball team is taking on all comers. Please do not request a game unless you are prepared to lose. Record: 9 Wins - 1 loss.

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Our softball team lost to two strong teams to be eliminated from

the Anne Arundel County Tournament, but did beat the F.B.I. on August 6.

Bon Voyage to Police Officer Robert Berger and good luck in your new assignment.

Good luck and bon voyage to School Crossing Guard Jean Shipley on her retirement.

Lots of luck and best wishes to Police Officers Richard Heidecker and Joseph Downey on their recent retirement. A party, held in honor of both men at Neptune's Galley, was a gala affair and a good time was had by all.

Get well wishes and speedy recovery to Police Officer George Sykes, who recently underwent surgery. Also to Sergeant George McHargue, at home recuperating after being hospitalized.

Welcome aboard to Police Officers Ray A. Coleman and Joseph A. Sacco.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUNDT, JOSEPH PAUL, son of Crime Lab Technician and Mrs. David E. Mundt, Laboratory Division, 8lbs. 4 oz., May 27.

TROJAN, ERIC MARK, grandson of Sergeant and Mrs. Sanford Trojan, Southern District, June 11.

HANSEN, AMANDA KATHRYN, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Charles E. Hansen, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, 7lbs. 11 oz., July 5.

KARABAICH, JEFFERY THOMAS, son of Computer Programmer and Mrs. Thomas Karabaich, Planning and Research Division, 7lbs. 15 oz., July 5.

STUBEL, JAMES JOSEPH, son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Stubel, Southwestern District, 6lbs. 14 oz., July 8.

WATSON, VONDELEAH ANGEL, daughter of Computer Typer Operator Barbara and husband, Charles Watson, Planning and Research Division, 7lbs. 12 oz., July 9.

THOMAS, AMBERLY RENEE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Scott M. Thomas, Eastern District, 8lbs. 2 oz., July 10.

RICHARDSON, DANA LYNN, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Paul Richardson, Property Division, Motor Pool (Auto Serviceman), 8lbs. 4 oz., July 13.

SMOOT, TERI RENEE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Nathaniel Smoot, Northwestern District, 7lbs. 4 oz., July 18.

BUTTS, MARK ANDRE, son of Detective and Mrs. James P. Butts, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotic Unit, 8lbs. 3 oz., July 24.

TRIMBLE, FRANK E., III, grandson of Senior Clerk June Voight, Planning and Research Division, July 22, 8lbs. 2 oz.

GIZA, CHARLOTTE ROSE, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. James Giza, Planning and Research Division, July 26, 7lbs. 2 oz.

WOLF, ELIZABETH ANN, granddaughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Christopher Steeg, Community Services Division, Youth Section, 8lbs. 8 oz., July 29.

BURRIER, MATTHEW JESSE, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Steven M. Burrler, Inspectional Services Division, 8lbs. 8 oz., August 2.

HARDESTY, AMANDA JEAN, daughter of Dark-room Technician and Mrs. John J. Hardesty, Laboratory Division, 7lbs. 11 oz., August 4.

MAGUIRE, DAVID P., son of Sergeant and Mrs. David Maguire, Southern District, August 4, 6lbs. 10 oz.

TOMASCHKO, JENNIFER LYNN, daughter of Police Agent and Mrs. Louis Tomaschko, August 8, 7lbs. 12 oz.

BURKE, CANDICE MARIE, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Harold B. Burke, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, August 10, 6lbs. 11 oz.

RETHEMEYER, BRADLEY RYAN, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Otto Rethemeyer, Northern District, August 13, 8 lbs. 2 oz.

FINAL ROLL CALL

BRAGG, THOMAS T., Press Operator, Central Records Division, Reproduction Section, husband of School Crossing Guard Marie Bragg, Southeastern District, August 27.



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1976 United Fund - CICHA Campaign

"It's more than meets the eye"

Every year at about this time the posters go up, radio and television announcements begin and newspapers carry articles about the United Fund-CICHA Campaign. Each year we are asked to donate money to support dozens of projects which are designed to help our fellow man. And the advertising campaign must be effective because each year the contributions rise. Within the Baltimore Police Department there has been a significant increase, over the past several years, in donations to the annual effort of the United Way of Central Maryland.

The 1976 campaign will be successful too, with your help. As members of an agency which is dedicated to service to our community we will once again provide a substantial contribution. We'll do this because "it's the right thing to do."

But let us take a look behind the advertising, behind the posters, films and celebrities. Let us really see what the United Fund-CICHA Campaign does not only for our community but for us as individuals.

You know each of us is always on the lookout for a great buy. When something you need goes on sale you fight the crowds to get that product at the bargain price. Well something you need is on sale right now. For an unbelievably low price you can benefit directly . . . in fact this low priced investment could save your life or the lives of your loved ones.

Let's analyze what the 1976 UNITED FUND-CICHA CAMPAIGN

sale will get you for an investment of about 22 cents a day (the Fair Share contribution of a police officer).

That investment will be a major contribution to eliminating such health disorders as Multiple Sclerosis, heart disease, lung diseases, Diabetes, Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer, Alcoholism, Muscular Dystrophy, kidney disease, Epilepsy and Retinitis Pigmentosa, just to name a few. And the bargain doesn't stop there.

That small investment will aid the American Red Cross, providing disaster relief the world over, as well as processing the blood for our own Departmental Blood Program. Charitable organizations both locally and nation-wide, will benefit from your bargain price contribution. You'll be providing recreational activities such as the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, YMCA and YWCA for your own families and the families of countless others in the community.

For about 22 cents per day you'll be providing meals for the elderly, help for those who cannot see or hear. You'll be providing direct aid to hospitals, helping the crippled to become active members of the community once again. And that doesn't even scratch the surface.

The United Fund-CICHA Campaign - the United Way of Central Maryland - is a dynamic force in Central Maryland helping to meet the human needs of our community. The United Fund and CICHA include

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Policing Baltimore *201 Years*

As the 1976 United Fund-CICHA Campaign gets underway we are reminded that the Baltimore Police Department's History is steeped in the tradition of sharing with our fellow man. The following excerpts from the book entitled "Our Police", printed in Baltimore in January 1888, show how deeply this service to our community is rooted:

"While the city has been never noted for its local charities and for the promptness and liberality with which its people respond to cries of distress from other communities, there is one class to which more than to any other it owes its fame for munificence. For many years the police have taken a leading part in the prosecution of Baltimore's charitable works. Every winter they collect large sums of money and supplies for the relief of the suffering poor. In summer they have sold tickets for the benefit of the Free Excursion Fund. No great disaster in any sister city or distress in a foreign land brings an appeal to the charity of the world, but the police force of Baltimore takes the lead in devising and carrying out plans for making substantial response.

Of all the charities conducted under their auspices the most useful is the distribution of alms every winter among the deserving poor. The beginning of this custom is found some twenty years ago in the Southern police district, of which Jacob Frey, new marshal, was captain. The Southern district included some of the most wretched quarters of the city, and every severe winter the sufferings of its poor were truly pitiable. The winter of 1867-68 was a rigorous

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over 90 agencies and services working daily in the vital areas of health, social services, recreation and community action. Your Fair Share contribution will make many things possible in this community. For less than a quarter a day you'll be insuring that some day some of the problems and diseases each of us fear will no longer exist. That's a bargain that can't be beat.

When your unit's United Fund-CICHA Campaign representative comes around with your personal pledge card don't lose it. The bargain's too great. Check off a Fair Share contribution. It'll be deducted automatically . . . and you probably won't miss it. And even though you won't miss the contribution it will mean a lot, maybe even life, to countless thousands in the community.

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one, and many policemen, meeting on their rounds with cases of great distress, put their hand in their own pockets and gave of their scanty possessions, relief of the dire sufferings they witnessed. . .

Talking over these things in the station at night, the patrolmen found that there were few among them who did not meet with some sad cases. At the suggestion of Captain Frey a resolution was passed by the men by which they agreed that each of them would give 25 cents out of the their fortnight's pay for the relief of such cases of distress as came under their observation. For three months this generosity was continued and bore the most excellent fruit. A few newspaper reporters whose labors brought them into occasional contact with the same sufferers, contributed also to the fund. . .

During the following winters for some years the example of the Southern District was followed in other parts of the city. The charitable work was done

quietly and modestly, and not all the wealthy people knew of it. Many outside contributions began to be sent to the police to aid them in their errands of mercy, but there was no general public movement in that direction until, during the winter of 1881-82, Mr. A.S. Abell, of the Baltimore Sun, sent Mr. Frey, then deputy-marshal, \$600 to be distributed equally among the then six police districts, to be added to their relief fund. Other wealthy gentlemen, hearing of Mr. Abell's act, also sent large sums to Mr. Frey. The amount of clothing and provisions contributed was largely increased at the same time, so that the office of the Marshal of Police assumed the additional duties of a bureau of relief. . .

After this the amount of contributions to the 'Police Winter Relief Fund,' as it began to be called, increased greatly each year until in the winter of 1885-86, a particularly severe season, more than \$18,000 in money and provisions, and clothing valued at more than \$10,000, were sent in by the people of Baltimore for distribution.

'The Free Excursion Fund' is a charity of some twelve years' standing. On April 26, 1881, it began a few days before the annual benefit for the fund, the Evening News published . . . (an) editorial article, supposed to have been written by a prominent Protestant clergyman of this city. Its sentiments found a responsive echo in the hearts of the entire community, and the sale of seats for that year's benefit was very much larger than usual. . .

Thanks to the efforts of the police, without whose services the Free Excursion Fund could not last a single season, hundreds of poor mothers and their sickly babes are given occasional opportunities during the heated term to enjoy a day's recreation away from the noisome odors of their narrow alleys, and breathe for a few blessed hours Nature's own pure atmosphere on the bosom of the beautiful Chesapeake.

Prompt and earnest as the police have proved themselves in the relief of distress at home, they have been no less energetic in their practical sympathy for sufferers in distant parts. The yellow fever in New Orleans, the famines in Ireland, the floods along the Ohio, the earthquake in Charleston - these and a

score of other great visitations have again and again roused the sympathies of the citizens of Baltimore, but always the first and the leading channels of popular contribution have been the police. . .

An article in a Charleston paper subsequent to the earthquake excitement (after a devastating earthquake leveled the city of Charleston) said that if all the United States, in proportion to the population, had contributed as liberally as the City of Baltimore, the total losses of Charleston would have been made up. Mayor Courtenay sent special messages to Marshal Frey thanking him, both in his personal and in his official capacity, for his untiring efforts in behalf of Charleston."

These commendable endeavors have continued through the years. The police, of course, are no longer the source of distribution of services far and wide. The United Way of Central Maryland now channels relief in many forms to those in need. Additionally the United Way provides for research and relief for all types of diseases and other problems which affect each one of us.



Detective Ernell C. Thornton, Property Crimes Section, was shot four times on September 22, 1976 while off-duty in the 1700 block Pressman Street. The suspect was quickly apprehended and charged. The nine year veteran with the Department is recovering from his wounds in an area hospital.

Command Change

Due to illness Major James A. Kelly, District Commander of the Southern District has been assigned to the Casual Section of the Personnel Division.

Assigned from the Tactical Section to the Southern District was Captain Joseph R. Bolesta, Jr.

Loan Referenda

This November ten loan referenda will be included on the ballot. The below information is supplied to aid members of the Department in making an informed decision on each of these questions.

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION: Provides long term low-interest loans to home-owners to rehabilitate their homes. The Urban Homesteading Program is included in the loan.

INCINERATOR LOAN: To complete renovation of the incinerator on Pulaski Highway. The renovation is needed to increase disposal capacity, improve operating efficiency and provide a much cleaner method of burning.

AQUARIUM LOAN: To construct an aquarium on Pier 3 in the Inner Harbor. It is expected to attract 600,000 visitors and generate new jobs and additional tax revenues.

URBAN RENEWAL - Will finance continued improvements to residential and commercial areas. Included are the Park Heights, Poppleton and Inner Harbor West areas.

RECREATION AND PARKS - To provide funds to improve Druid Hill Park and Zoo as well as Herring Run Park.

INDUSTRIAL - To provide low interest loans to owners who want to modernize their industrial buildings and to developers to construct new industrial buildings. This loan is subject to approval of Question 18.

OFF-STREET PARKING - To provide park-and-ride lots, parking in older retail areas and Inner Harbor parking facilities.

STORM WATER - To finance flood control improvements in East Baltimore.

STREET LIGHTING - To allow completion of the program to replace mercury vapor fixtures with much brighter sodium vapor lights.

COMMERCIAL LOAN - To continue improving and strengthening older retail districts by providing low-interest loans to merchants.

Baltimore City Fair 1976

Weekends are normally quiet west of the Inner Harbor once the rush hour is over on Friday. The weekend of the 17th of September was the exception though as more than one million people headed for the area to spend their leisure time at the Seventh Annual Baltimore City Fair.

They were greeted by an expansive area filled with entertainment, amusement, displays, food and friendly people. The Fair featured a living, active City of Baltimore through its many neighborhood booths, crafts and institutional displays.

Members of the Department participated in the three day affair in a number of roles. Many were strategically spaced throughout the Fairgrounds on highly visible elevated platforms from which they provided security and information. Others patrolled the grounds and perimeter as well as provided traffic control.



NEWS IN BRIEF

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Vice Section - Congratulations to Sergeant Ralph G. Clements and his wife, Cheryl and also to Cadet Michael B. McCormick, who completed the basic Hang Glider course at Oregon Ridge Park. The Course required gliding from heights of 150 feet in addition to other glides in the Econa-flight course.

Fran Fody, formerly of the Vice Section, wishes to take this opportunity to thank each and every member from Captain Donald E. Einolf all the way down, for the great party and beautiful watch presented to her on August 18. Thanks too to retired Captain John Cunningham and Sergeant John Cunningham who also came to the party.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION — Congratulations to Joanne L. Sullivan, daughter of Emergency Call Clerk Dorothy Shipley, who received her Master's Degree in Library Sciences from the University of Maryland in August, 1976.

Retired Police Officer James G. Bush is presently at home recuperating from recent surgery. He would like hearing from his friends.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to the Southern District Softball Team for placing 5th in a field of 16 teams in the 1st Annual Maryland State Law Enforcement Softball Tournament. A job well done as this is the first year the team has played together.

TRAFFIC DIVISION — Congratulations to Lieutenant Michael T. Rachuba who celebrated his 25th year with the Department on September 20.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division extend deepest sympathy to the following personnel on their recent losses: Latent Print Expert Al Woolridge, Ballistics Technician Joseph Kopera, Crime Lab Technician Bernard Mag-

samen, Jr. and Police Officer Clifton White.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION — Best wishes to Police Officer Bryn R. Joyce and good luck in your new assignment.

Hurry back to Police Agent Michael D. Bass.

WESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Lieutenant Edwin J. Boston and Police Officers Raymond Leitner and Craig Grossman on their recent losses.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officers Erma Stevens and Scott Garrity, III on their recent losses.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Sergeant Robert G. Holland.

RETIREMENTS

SHORES, EDWARD E., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 25 years, July 1.

WOZNIAK, HELEN A., Principal Clerk, Property Division, 7 years, September 6.

BENTON, MARTHA R., Senior Clerk Typist, Central Records Division, 7 years, September 9.

LOCKARD, RUTH K. Z., School Crossing Guard, Southeastern District, 23 years, September 11.

DAWSON, MARY G. R., School Crossing Guard, Southwestern District, 22 years, September 16.

JERICEK, ROSE MARY, School Crossing Guard, Southern District, 23 years, September 16.

COOKE, ELIZABETH C., School Crossing Guard, Southern District, 20 years, September 17.

CROSBY, MARIE A. D., School Crossing Guard, Southern District, 20 years, September 17.

IN MEMORIAM

WILLIAMS, ROGER E., father of Principal Clerk Lois W. Maleski, Central District, July 31.

HATCHER, LEMUEL, uncle of Police Officer Calloway Hatcher, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, August 22.

HORELOCKER, HARVE, uncle of Police Officer Bingham A. Hunt, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, August 24.

CHYZANOWSKI, WALTER, father of Senior Clerk Typist Deborah Chyzanowski, Planning and Research Division, August 29.

TILGHMAN, ANN, sister-in-law of Lieutenant Herbert F. Armstrong, Communications Division, August 29.

STANSBURY, MARY, stepmother of Sergeant Howard Stansbury and grandmother of Police Officer Howard Stansbury, Jr., both of Eastern District, August 29.

STUMP, FRANCIS X., father-in-law of Lieutenant Colonel Edwin L. Lawrence, Deputy Chief of Patrol Area III, August 30.

MCALLISTER, CHARLES, father-in-law of Police Officer John Sieracki, Eastern District, August 31.

KEIM, EDWIN L., father-in-law of Police Officer Clifton F. White, Laboratory Division, September 1.

KISNER, HAROLD W., father of Police Officer Michael Kisner, Southwestern District, September 3.

LEITNER, JOHN, father of Police Officer John Leitner, Western District, September 3.

DENT, RANDOLF, uncle of Emergency Call Clerk Jeanne C. Carr, Communications Division, September 3.

ORTMAN, CHARLES, father of Lieutenant Dennis Ortman, Eastern District, September 5.

TUTT, PIERCE G., father-in-law of Computer Typewriter Operator Rebecca Tutt, Central Records Division, September 5.

THOMPSON, MICHAEL S., son-in-law of Detective Robert Payne, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, September 5.

HOOVER, WILLIAM, grandfather of Police Officer Scott Garrity, Jr., Southwestern District, September 5.

ROSENSTEEL, CHARLES, uncle of Sergeant Michael Fannon, Northern District, September 6.



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... Baltimore's Best ...



Southeastern District Officers Hezzie T. Sessomes, Jr. and William K. Pinkerton, III, are the subject matter for this prize winning photograph. (Photo compliments of Maltzer Advertising, Inc.)

One of the many highlights of the Baltimore City Fair was to be the announcement of the winner of the Baltimore's Best photography contest held this summer. Object of the contest, sponsored by the Mayor's Office, Zepp Photo Centers and radio station WAYE, was for an amateur photographer to submit a photograph which represented, demonstrated or symbolized the life, culture or heritage of Baltimore.

Of the scores of pictures submitted that of the two officers seen above was declared the winner. It was taken by Charlotte Crenson of Towson. M's Crenson was visiting the inner harbor while the Tall Ships were attracting hundreds of thousands to the city. The officers,

detailed to the Tall Ships event, were asked if they'd pose for a photograph. One of them said that it would be ok but he'd like to have a chance to comb his hair first. An appropriate rejoinder caused laughter and the smile indicated above.

First prize for this contest was a camera, a trip to Switzerland and Bavaria, film and processing. Additionally the winning photograph was displayed, bigger than life size at the city's booth at the Baltimore City Fair. That photograph attracted a lot of attention.

As far as the theme of the contest is concerned the photograph, taken by M's Crenson needs no additional caption.

Policing Baltimore 201 Years

The process of police communications was difficult and time consuming for the men in blue who patrolled the streets of Baltimore up until 1884. It was at this time that word reached Baltimore that the Chicago Police Department was instituting an innovative communications system called the Police Telephone and Alarm Telegraph.

Marshal of Police John T. Gray in company with Mr. James F. Morrison of the Gamewell Fire and Police Alarm Company were dispatched to Chicago to inspect this unique system. They were highly impressed with the network but immediately observed one drawback.

The electric stations were placed inside small round houses, which were similar to telephone booths. The disadvantage of such a set-up was obvious to Marshal Gray who pointed out that it would be difficult for an officer to bring a prisoner into the house with him or hold him with one arm outside the door while he operated the instrument.

The Marshal and Mr. Morrison rejected the round house idea and designed a simple metal box which could house the circuit and could be easily mounted on a pole. This unit became known as a "call box" and has been copied and praised by law enforcement officials as a more convenient and accessible unit than the round house.

The call box system was instituted in the Central District by the Baltimore Police Department on October 26, 1885 when 59 boxes were activated. It was activated in conjunction with the Patrol Wagon System and the combination proved to be so successful that the other

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three districts, Eastern, Southern and Western soon followed suit with their own call boxes and patrol wagons.

Each call box had both a modified telegraph and telephone inside. The telegraph consisted of a brass plate with five symbols on it and a pointer. When an officer made his hourly call-in or wanted to transmit other messages he would set the pointer to the proper signal and pull the lever. The message would be received by the station house through a ticker tape machine which would punch out the date, time, box number and pointer position.



The Gamewell Fire and Police Alarm Company and Marshal of the Baltimore Police Department John T. Gray designed the metal call box in 1885.

After the lever was pulled the pointer would return to the wagon call position as a safety precaution. If an officer needed a patrol wagon he merely had to pull the lever. The tape at the station house would show that a wagon was needed at that particular box and one would be immediately dispatched.

Another needle position when transmitted indicated to the station house operator that the officer wanted to talk on the telephone. With the phone he could pass on important information to the station and request help during sudden emergencies.

Calls to the station were easy, but only when such a call in was made could the station contact the officer. This problem



Recall lights were mounted on top of poles, on call boxes and also attached to poles. Although their use was discontinued in 1969 many can still be spotted throughout the City.

was soon overcome when the "recall light" was added to the system.

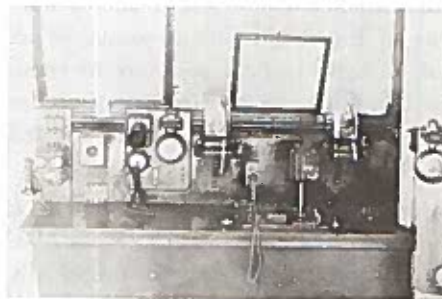
These lights were placed throughout the city in such a way to be highly visible for great distances. The dispatcher when he wanted to relay a message to a field unit could engage the light in one of two modes, either a steady burn or flashing. A steady burn indicated a routine call. A flashing light meant an emergency. This system worked well enough except for one nagging difficulty.

Since call boxes are essentially telephones, they require wires to be run from one terminal to another. To keep the wires secure and reliable they were run in existing underground conduits and attached to each other in a series circuit. The location and circuitry of the Gamewell System was therefore limited to where the underground conduits happened to run. The problem was that when the dispatcher engaged the call light for an officer in a certain Bailiwick, all the lights came on at all the other boxes on the same circuit. For ex-

the station would engage the light to call him to the box located at that corner. Unfortunately all the boxes on Pennsylvania Avenue on the straightaway from Lafayette to Garrison Boulevard were hooked to the same circuit so they all came on. If officers along the line happened to respond to the box before the assigned officer they were curtly told, "we don't want you." It isn't hard to sympathize with those early officers who, perhaps on a cold, rainy night responded many times to their call box only to be told that the call wasn't for them.



Officer George W. Miles signals the Central Station on October 26, 1885 marking a new era in communications for the Department.



The first communications console was set up in the Central Station and was linked to 59 call boxes throughout the District.

ample, if the officer was needed who worked the area of Pennsylvania Avenue and Lafayette Street the dispatcher at

Sometimes the call box operator at the station house would put the steady burn signal on and an officer would answer the light. When the officer was told the call wasn't for him he would depart only to see the light come on again moments later. Often the officer would assume that since he had just talked to the station the light must be for someone else and went on about his duties. When this happened the station operator might put the light on a flashing mode to make the officer respond back to the call box.

In 1949 the Gamewell System was

abandoned in favor of a telephone system that was tied into a centralized location on the 5th floor in the combined Central District/Headquarters Building at Fallsway and Fayette Street. This system utilized telephone company facilities which allowed for greater flexibility and control over the dispatch of calls for service.

One dispatcher was assigned to each patrol area of the city and was seated before a console that was essentially a telephone switchboard. As with the Gamewell System, the dispatchers were responsible for not only dispatching assignments but also receiving citizens' calls for service. Utilizing telephone company facilities allowed each call box to be placed on an individual circuit. This allowed only one officer to be summoned to his call box rather than all officers responding under the old system. If necessary, the dispatcher could activate as many recall lights as necessary and talk to a number of officers enmasse as in the case of a description. If all officers were not available at the same time however, the description could be missed by a few. To preclude this possibility a magnetic wire recorder was installed.

The dispatcher could either pre-record the description or record it as he was giving it out. If an officer who did not originally receive the description later called in the dispatcher would merely plug him into the recorder while he went about his business. The recorder allowed the dispatcher to let a unit hear a message while he remained free to converse with another footman.

In 1933 an event occurred in the Baltimore Police Department which would herald a new era in Police Communications. On March 4 Radio Station WPFH went on the air as the voice of the Baltimore Police Department.

The history of radio communications within the Baltimore Police Department and the subsequent demise of the call box era will be the subject of a forthcoming Newsletter article.

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

— ROBERT FROST

New Jersey Swine Flu Innoculations

Members of the Department who are 55 or older or who suffer from a chronic illness may receive the New Jersey (swine) flu immunization at any Baltimore City Health Clinic. This program is only for those members who are 55 or older or have chronic illness. The flu immunization program for members 18 through 54 years of age will be announced soon.

This strain marks a major change from viruses which are currently circulating. The danger is that few people have natural antibodies which resist the effects of the virus and resulting influenza. Since natural human resistance is low and the swine virus can be transmitted from person to person the potential is great that the flu could spread over a wide geographic area and affect an exceptionally high proportion of the population.

Experts believe that the swine strain could have a mortality rate similar to the Asian flu of 1957 which claimed an estimated 70,000 lives or the 1918 influenza pandemic which had a high fatality rate among healthy young men and women and claimed a world-wide death toll of 20 million with a half a million of the fatalities in this country.

It is generally believed that the effectiveness of the vaccine against influenza caused by the swine-like virus could be up to 90%. The vaccine contains a virus that has been killed and when administered it stimulates the production of antibodies in the person, without causing the flu.

The symptoms of influenza often come on suddenly and includes some or all of the following: fever, chills, headache, dry cough and soreness and aching in the back and the limbs. The fever seldom lasts more than several days.

When a person has influenza, or is just coming down with it, the fluids in his nose and mouth contain viruses. They are expelled into the air when he sneezes,

coughs or talks. The viruses then get into the noses and mouths of other people and cause disease in those who do not have immunity.

Due to the high citizen contact experienced by those in law enforcement, high priority is given to members of the Department. All are urged to participate in the vaccination program once it is initiated through the Medical Bureau.

What Makes Her Walk?

She Walks
Because You Care.

She Walks
Because You Give.

She Walks
Because
You're There.



Thanks
to You
It Works...
For All of Us.



RETIREMENTS

ROHDE, CHARLES R., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 12 years, September 16.
FARRINGTON, RICHARD A., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 19 years, September 22.

WEDDINGS

JAMES, RICHARD LEE, Police Officer, Central District and the former Diane V. Moss, August 15.
CALLAHAN, MICHAEL T., Police Officer, Central District and the former Deborah Jean Orr, August 17.
BROPHY, PATRICIA, Principal Clerk, Traffic Division and Mr. Philip Włodarczyk, September 3.
TOWNSEND, RONALD J., Police Officer, Tactical Section and the former Deborah Ann Sakers, September 5.
STEWART, SHEILA V., Police Officer, Central District and Detective Stephen S. McCown, Criminal Investigation Division, September 9.
MAGUIRE, JOHN R., Police Officer, Northern District and the former Catherine Ann Kinnear, September 17.

IN MEMORIAM

HUEBEL, CHARLES K., uncle of Mr. Donald J. Huebel, Supervisor of the Printing Unit, Property Division, September 6.
DORSEY, HOWARD L., grandfather of Cadet Leslie C. Douglas, Community Services Division, Community Relations Section, September 7.
JONES, AUGUST B., father of Police Officer William B. Jones, Traffic Division, September 8.
DUGAN, AGNES, aunt of Police Officer Barbara Imhoff, Southern District, September 8.
BARBIER, ROBERT D., nephew (4 years old) of Police Officer Joseph Longo, Traffic Division, September 9.
GROSSMAN, ALBERT, father of Police Officer Craig Grossman, Western District, September 9.
LEONZIO, EUGENE, son-in-law of Sergeant Charles Loizeaux, Northeastern District, September 10.

McMEINS, ROY, father of Police Officer William McMeins, Communications Division, September 11.

BOSTON, ETHEL, mother of Lieutenant Edward Boston, Western District, September 11.

BUTCHKO, MICHAEL, father-in-law of Police Officer Joseph N. Swigar, Central District, September 11.

RARANTAS, CHARLES L., father-in-law of Sergeant John R. Pierce, Southeastern District, September 11.

LaMARTINA, ETHEL B., mother of Detective Ronald LaMartina, Criminal Investigation Division, and Police Officer Anthony LaMartina, Central District, September 12.

WINGERT, VERA, mother of Police Officer Erma Stevens, Southwestern District, September 13.

BOSAK, ELIZABETH, mother-in-law of Detective Walter Meehan, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, Area III, September 13.

KOONTZ, MARGARET, grandmother of Police Officer William Koller, Traffic Division, September 13.

DONOHUE, LEO T., uncle of Sergeant Timothy O'Connell, Northwestern District, September 15.

FUNK, DAVID A., father of Sergeant Joseph M. Funk, Eastern District, September 17.

WHITE, JOHN T., uncle of Police Officer John T. Brown, Northeastern District, September 17.

FELTHOUSE, ELSIE V., mother of Police Officer Calvin Felthouse, Northwestern District, September 20.

SMITH, BARBARA L., wife of Police Officer Robert M. Smith, Community Services Division, Youth Section and mother of Computer Operator Mary R. Smith, Computer Section, Planning and Research Division, September 21.

CINCOTTA, Frederick, uncle of Senior Clerk Typist Jackie Kreipl, Northeastern District, September 21.

McCALLISTER, JOSEPHINE, grandmother of Police Officer William McCallister, Northeastern District,

September 22.

HASKINGS, RICHARD, JR., father of Police Officer Johnny Fisher, Eastern District, September 22.

DONNELLY, DOUGLAS A., father-in-law of Police Officer Ronnie Grace, Traffic Division, September 23.

MORIARTY, FRANCIS E., father of Police Officer Henry Moriarty, Southwestern District, September 25.

RILEY, JAMES J., half brother of retired Senior Clerk Typist Margaret Lawler, Criminal Investigation Division, Check Unit, September 27.

CARNES, MARTIN R., grandfather of Police Officer James P. Carnes, Eastern District, September 28.

MARKWORDT, HENRY W., grandfather of Police Officer Edward Domzalski, Southeastern District, September 29.

HELLMAN, MARY M., aunt of Police Officer Frank J. Tuma, Jr., Communications Division, September 29.

DRAKOS, ELIE, aunt of Emergency Call Clerk Cornelia Rogers, Communications Division, September 29.

LINDEMAYR, HERBERT, SR., father of Police Officer Herbert Lindemeyr, Jr., Northern District, October 1.

SMICK, LORRAINE, mother-in-law of Police Officer David Cole, Traffic Division, Radar Unit, October 2.

KOLLMANN, EILEEN, mother of Major John G. Kollmann, Jr., Director of the Property Division, October 2.

POORMAN, MINNIE, aunt of Police Officer Allan J. Schatz, Southern District, October 2.

FINAL ROLL CALL

CLAYTON, WILLIAM B., SR., Sergeant, retired from the Northwestern District and father of Sergeant William B. Clayton, Jr., Property Division, September 8.



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Officers Cited For Outstanding Performance

Forty-seven members of the Department were recently commended by Deputy Commissioner Thomas J. Keyes for the exemplary manner in which they discharged their police duties during special ceremonies held in the Headquarters Auditorium. Also during the presentation twenty-one civilians received awards for outstanding service to the community.

SPECIAL COMMENDATIONS

As Officer John A. Swiec, Southern

District passed a service station, while on routine patrol, he observed a possible hold-up in progress. When he entered the building he encountered a suspect armed with a shotgun and after receiving a blast from the weapon which ripped apart his coat, he shot and killed his assailant. Another suspect in the hold-up then appeared from outside the station and fired a pistol at Officer Swiec striking him in the shoulder. The sec-

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Baltimore's Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently praised the joint efforts of the Police Community Relations Councils, the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland National Bank in scheduling more than 25 Halloween parties on the evening of October 30th. The programs, which began in the Northwestern District 4 years ago in an effort to reduce Halloween vandalism, feature movies, games and entertainment planned and supervised by council volunteers and police personnel. Looking on during the ceremonies are Major Clarence E. Roy, Jr., Community Relations Section, Mrs. Edith Hineline, Northwest District Community Relations Council, Mrs. Margie H. Muller, Vice President, Public Relations of the Maryland National Bank whose organization donated \$1,000.00 to each District Council, Deputy Commissioner Frank J. Battaglia, Operations Bureau and Mr. J. McClure Gillet of the Community Relations Coordinating Council.

Irish Police Visit Baltimore

As a part of a twenty day tour of the United States the Garda Siochans Choir (Irish Police Force Choir) recently visited Baltimore as guests of the local chapter of the International Police Association and the Baltimore Police Department.



Commissioner Donald D. Pamerleau greeted the seventy strong male voice Irish Police Force Choir and their wives at the beginning of their day long stay in Baltimore.

The seventy strong male voice choir was treated to a variety of activities and tours during their day long stay. These included a tour of the Headquarters Building, a luncheon aboard the MV Port Welcome, as well as tours of the Maryland Institute of Science, the U.S.S. Constellation and Fort McHenry. The schedule of events was concluded with a reception and dinner at the Parkville American Legion Hall.

The group included four Scott Medalists. The Scott Medal is the Irish Police Force's highest award for bravery. Many others have been highly commended for rescues and heroism in several areas.

Methods of policing and experiences were the major topics of conversation between the Irish officers and their

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Officers Cited

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ond suspect then fled but was later apprehended.

When the call for a shooting at the Temporary City Hall came over the police radio Tactical Section Officers Edward Kalmacher, Thomas G. Gaither and Police Agent Gary Maratta, as well as Central District Officers Robert L. Smith and William Amland responded immediately. With full knowledge that an armed assailant had shot several persons, one fatally, they searched for, found and confronted the gunman who was holding a hostage. When the opportunity arose these officers engaged the suspect neutralized him and freed the hostage. During the struggle Officer Gaither was wounded.

While four suspects were in the process of robbing a food store two alert citizens notified the police. Northwestern District Officers Ellwood Uhl, Harold Nixon, Robert Berger and Agent Harold Clouse responded and were able to apprehend one armed suspect as he was attempting to escape by car and two other gunmen as they were leaving the store with approximately \$8,000. During the incident one of the suspects was wounded as he shot and killed the store security guard. The fourth suspect fled over a fence and into a residential area with Officer Burger in pursuit. He persistently searched the area and was able to locate and disarm this suspect who was concealed under a porch.

A Special Commendation was awarded to Officer Berger and Bronze Stars were awarded to Officers Uhl, Nixon and Agent Clouse.

As Detectives Dennis M. Rosemary and Margaret Waters, Crimes Against Property Section, approached a bank after the hold-up alarm sounded they saw one suspect fleeing down the street and a second coming out of the bank. Both suspects opened fire on the Detectives and as Detective Rosemary exchanged shots Detective Waters summoned assistance and gave out a description of the get-away vehicle. Their actions led to the arrest of one of the suspects at the scene. As Officers Wayne Jean and Dennis Rogers, Northwestern

District spotted the described vehicle with two occupants tied up in traffic, they surprised the suspects from the rear and effected their arrest. Several weapons and a large sum of money were recovered from the auto. As a result of the Detectives actions they were awarded Special Commendations. As a result of the officers actions they were awarded Bronze Stars.

Upon arrival to a call, Police Agent Richard Boronzak, Northwestern District, was confronted by an individual armed with a hatchet. The suspect had earlier assaulted a citizen and now attempted to turn his weapon on the officer. Agent Boronzak was forced to defend himself by shooting the subject, who was later identified as an escapee from a correctional facility.

When Officer Gary E. Raub, Western District, responded to a hold-up call he was confronted with three gunmen holding fifteen hostages. He was able to disarm one suspect and his subsequent actions resulted in the surrender of the two remaining gunmen and the release of all of the hostages.

BRONZE STARS

Officer John Hucke, Western District after responding to a shooting call not only placed the assailant under arrest, but also is credited by the treating physician with saving the victim's life by applying tourniquet above the shotgun wound on the victim's leg.

When a metro alert went out describing a vehicle and three suspects wanted for a bank hold-up in Howard County Officers George Francis and Calvert Koerber, Southwestern District, made note of it as they were patrolling their post. They shortly spotted the vehicle, effected a car stop and were able to arrest the three armed suspects and recover the stolen money without incident.

While on routine patrol Officers William A. Lansey and Claude Merritt, Western District spotted two men entering a pharmacy, one armed with a sawed-off shot gun. As they approached the suspects, they began to flee with the officers in pursuit on foot. During the chase the officers apprehended the other armed suspect and as a result of a continuing investigation were able to arrest the second suspect a few days later.

In order to safeguard the lives of innocent bystanders, Officers William McKeldin and Arthur Welch, Southwestern District, allowed an armed suspect to exit a retail store after he held it up. As he left the officers made their move, wounded the gunman and subsequently arrested him.

While investigating an assault and robbery Officer Kenneth Kincaid, Eastern District, observed two armed suspects running from the area. The officer pursued and apprehended one gunman after a confrontation in which the suspect was forced by the officer to drop his weapon.

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Trooper a now retired 4 year veteran of the Department receives some last minute instructions from Sergeant Thomas W. Whalen of the Mounted Unit of the Traffic Division while being turned over to his new 13 year old owner. The 12 year old black gelding is the first to be given a new home under the "Adopt A Horse Program."

NEWS NOTES

Any members of the Department, sworn or civilian, who are interested in becoming part of a band that is being formed within the ranks of the Department should contact Officer Robert Leonik, Northeastern District.

The promotional examination for the position of Police Sergeant will be held on December 11, 1976, 9:30 a.m., at the Civic Center, Hopkins Place. All applications must be filed through respective Commanding Officers to the Department's Personnel Division by November 5, 1976.

To qualify all officers/police agents must have three years experience with the Baltimore Police Department as of

January 1, 1977 and hold a valid state and departmental motor vehicle operators license.

The examination will be based on, but not limited to the following: General Orders; Rules and Regulations and Manual of Procedure; Digest of Laws; Training Keys (IACP) vols. 1-9; Police Reference Notebook (IACP) section 11.

Officer Mitchell Wounded

It was obvious who the disorderly man was when Officer Charles E. Mitchell, Western District, pulled up to the 1300 block North Fremont Avenue, responding to a call from Communications. As he approached with Officer Paul B. Oros a citizen signaled that the 21 year old suspect had a gun.

Officer Mitchell informed his back-up unit, then ordered the disorderly man to get against the wall. The suspect refused and as he turned toward the officers he drew a .38 caliber revolver and shot Officer Mitchell.



CHARLES E. MITCHELL

Both officers returned fire and as the gunman fell, Officer Oros aided the wounded officer to cover, called for assistance over his walkie-talkie and immediately began administering first aid.

Back-up units and two ambulances responded quickly and both the officer and the wounded gunman were rushed to an area hospital.

The suspect later died as a result of the wounds.

Officer Mitchell, a nine year veteran of the Department, is recuperating from

a gun shot wound that struck him below the left eye and exited near his lower left jaw.

Investigation by Homicide Detectives revealed that the suspect, later identified as Bernard Warfield, was involved in a dispute with his girl-friend who refused to let him into the house or come out and talk to him.

Irish Police

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hosts. Of keen interest was the Department's equipment and the fact that all sworn members carry weapons. In Ireland none of the policemen carry guns, and since the possession of weapons has been prohibited for years, they state the lack of them present few problems.

An additional touch of internationalism was added to the day when Assistant Inspector Kensuke Kuroda of the Education and Training Section of the Japanese Police Department joined the group. Assistant Inspector Kuroda is on a three month work-study visit with the Baltimore Police Department as a part of his Department's in-service training program.



Post Scripts

Gentlemen:

On August 17, 1976 I was driving from Severna Park, Md., to Glen Allen, Va. alone, and had a flat tire. A Baltimore City policeman, on his way home from Baltimore to Bowie, where he lives, stopped and changed the tire for me. Thoughtless of me I did not get his name but think that you would like to know that you have men on your force that are kind, thoughtful and generous enough to help a person in trouble. I doubt that I could have changed the tire. He could never know how much my family and I appreciated this favor, and how kind it was of him to stop and help.

May you always have such fine men on your force.

Yours truly,

/s/ Idelle Fraley (Mrs.)

I want, by understanding myself, to understand others. I want to be all that I am capable of becoming.

— KATHERINE MANSFIELD



NEWS IN BRIEF

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to the family of retired Police Officer Milton Freund on their recent loss.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer Thomas Moreland.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Officer Norman Woingust.

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION — Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Senior Clerk Typist Martha R. Benton on her recent retirement.

Welcome aboard to Cadet Tyrone Francis.

TACTICAL SECTION — Best wishes in your new assignment to Captain Joseph R. Bolesta and Lieutenant Melvin C. McQuay.

Welcome aboard to Lieutenant James Madigan, Agent James Giza and Police Officer Samuel D. Tress.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Police Agent Andrew Gerakaris.

EASTERN DISTRICT — Members of this District extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer James Carnes on his recent loss.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Members of this Division extend the best to Senior Clerk Typist Kathy Specia in her new endeavor of teaching the deaf.

Congratulations to Bernadette Melling, daughter of Senior Clerk Gertrude Melling, on her marriage to Robert Fortenbaugh on October 1.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Narcotic Unit - Congratulations to Sergeant Francis K. Melcavage, who graduated from the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Training School, Washington, D.C. (10 week course) on September 24. He was presented with an outstanding achievement award in ad-

dition to the certificate of completion. Members of the Vice Control Section are very proud and extend sincere congratulations to Sergeant Melcavage.

NOTICE

An individual has been arrested in the Northwestern District on a charge of possessing controlled dangerous substances. Recovered from his possession at the time of arrest was a brown hand made leather case containing an old style Baltimore Police Department Detective Sergeant's badge having "Retired" stamped on same. No number appears on the badge.

Anyone having information that may establish ownership of this badge, contact Officer James S. Walters or Officer Terrence Hopkins of the Northwestern District.

RETIREMENTS

FISHER, JAMES W., Automotive Serviceworker, Property Division, 7 years, October 7.

HOFF, ROBERT W., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 28 years, October 7.

CARER, JOHN E., Police Officer, Northern District, 20 years, October 14.

ROEMER, IRVIN J., Police Officer, Central District, 23 years, October 15.

BIEMILLER, FREDERICK E. JR., Sergeant, Property Division, 20 years, October 21.

BENNETT, MARION W., Police Officer, Traffic Division, 29 years, October 23.

SEYFER, MARVIN J., Police Officer, Property Division, 24 years, October 26.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

McLEAN, BARBARA MARIE, daughter of Sergeant and Mrs. William H. McLean, 61bs. 13 oz.,

September 6.

HIPSLEY, MICHAEL PATRICK, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Daniel Hipsley, 71bs. 6 oz., September 9.

PUMPHREY, KENNETH MICHAEL, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Melvin J. Pumphrey, Central District, 91bs., September 10.

KOERBER, MATTHEW DAVID, son of Police Officer and Mrs. David Koerber, Southeastern District, 8 1bs. 6 oz., September 16.

BOWEN, MICHELLE LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. David Bowen, Southern District, 6 1bs. 8 oz., October 7.

PATTI, JEANA NICOLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Louis J. Patti, Southern District, 9 1bs. 1 oz., October 9.

FINAL ROLL CALL

WILSON, FREDERICK C., JR., Police Officer, retired from Inspectional Services Division and formerly of the Traffic Division, October 8.

FRIERS, HENRY C. J., Police Officer, retired from the Northwestern District (Pennsylvania Avenue), October 9.

IN MEMORIAM

CERKOSKE, LUCILLE C., mother of retired Police Officer Daniel Oppel and aunt of Police Officer Ronald Burdyski, both of Traffic Division, October 1.

DORTON, CHARLIE, father of Police Officer Bobby Dorton, Western District, October 6.

LYNN, MILTON O., SR., father of Meter Monitor Jeanette Semler, Traffic Division, October 7.

EDWARDS, KATHERINE, grandmother of Detective Robert Edwards, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes, Area I, October 7.

NICODEM, MARJORIE, mother of Sergeant Stanley Nicodem, Northern District, October 8.



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"Career Criminal" Program Initiated

The recidivistic Index Crime offender, particularly those who commit violent crimes are a major concern of the public and law enforcement officials throughout the nation. In a joint effort designed to protect the public from these repeaters, commonly called "career criminals," States Attorney for Baltimore William A. Swisher and Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau recently announced the initiation of a Career Criminal's Program.

Through the reallocation of existing resources investigative and prosecutive activities will focus on persons who have been repeatedly arrested for murder, serious assault, rape robbery and burglary.

Senior prosecutors will work through and with detectives to insure the thorough investigation, evidence collec-

tion, and documentation of cases against the "career criminal." Veteran Assistant State's Attorneys, officers, crime laboratory experts, and detectives will all focus their attention and expertise upon those arrestees whose criminal histories, reflecting previous convictions for repeated rapes, vicious robberies, senseless murders, and terrorizing burglaries, identify them as "career criminals."

Program coordination in the Police Department will be accomplished by the Criminal Investigation Division's Crimes Against Persons Section. Its counterpart will be the State's Attorney's Violent Crimes Liaison Unit.

Once an individual is designated a "career criminal," the combined expertise of the prosecutor and the police

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Police Officer's Benefit Act

President Gerald Ford recently signed into law the Public Safety Officers Benefits Act of 1976. The law, which will be administered by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, provides for the payment by the Federal Government of a \$50,000.00 death benefit to the survivors of any state or local public safety officer who dies as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty.

Included as public safety officers are all law enforcement officers and firemen who are serving with or without compensation.

The Act provides that the death benefit is in addition to any other benefit to which the decedent's survivors would be entitled with two exceptions. Reduced payments would be made if the survivors would be entitled to benefits under the Federal Employees Compensation Act which provides for payments to state or local law enforcement officers for injury or death resulting from apprehending persons suspected of committing federal crimes. The second exception is the District of Columbia's death benefit program.

Survivors will receive the benefit if the death occurs from injuries sustained on or after the date of enactment which is September 29, 1976. Claims are being accepted by LEAA, but no benefits can be paid until an appropriation is made by Congress.

Once the LEAA approves a claim the \$50,000.00 will be paid to the surviving spouse if there are no children or one-half to the child or children and one-half to the spouse or if no surviving spouse, to the child or children of the officer in equal shares or if none of the above then to the dependent parent or parents in equal shares.

Crime Statistics

SUMMARIZATION OF INDEX CRIMES FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1976

TYPE OF CRIME	1975	1976	Amount of Increase or Decrease	Percent of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	200	153	— 47	— 23.5
FORCIBLE RAPE	359	338	— 21	— 5.8
ROBBERY	6,744	5,510	— 1,234	— 18.3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4,951	4,496	— 455	— 9.2
BURGLARY	11,984	11,245	— 739	— 6.2
LARCENY	22,708	24,329	+ 1,621	+ 7.1
AUTO THEFT	5,704	4,251	— 1,453	— 25.5
GRAND TOTAL	52,650	50,322	— 2,328	— 4.4

"Career Criminal"

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will be brought to bear upon the case, making every effort to prosecute under the original charge against the offender.

No plea bargaining will be allowed.

The initial identification of an arrestee as a "career criminal" will be accomplished by detectives assisted by the Central Records Division.

State's Attorney Swisher and Police Commissioner Pomerleau are hopeful

the Courts, more particularly, Corrections and Parole and Probation will likewise concentrate on the convicted career offender, primarily the violent crime offender.

An example of a "career criminal" is an individual arrested for armed robbery while on a pre or post trial release status for one or more violent Index offenses.

Another example is an individual arrested for burglary who has had two or more pre or post trial releases, at least two of these releases related to Part One offenses.

While those who are far removed from the innocent victims of "career criminals" ponder the merits of incarceration, the State's Attorney and the Police Commissioner of Baltimore remain firm in their determination to make the streets and homes of Baltimore safe from the repeat offender. One thing should be quite clear — a violent crime offender, incarcerated, cannot victimize this city during the period of his Court imposed sentence — provided, of course, Corrections fully carries out the Court's edict.

Violent Crime Down 14.3 Percent

Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau announced recently that Index Crimes in Baltimore decreased 4.4% during the first nine months of this year as compared with the first nine months 1975.

Violent Crime decreased	14.3%
Property Crime decreased	1.4%

There were 47 fewer murders and murder by handgun is down 34.7%. These decreases in murder follow the trend of 1975 — last year there were 34 fewer murders and murder by handguns had decreased 23.6%.

MURDER - WEAPONS

January - September 1975 - 1976

Year	Total	Handguns	Long Guns	Knives	Other*
1975	200	101	15	44	40
1976	153	66	18	40	29
	— 47	— 35	+ 3	— 4	— 11

*Other weapons include arson, hands, hatchet, belt, hammer, automobile, etc.

Clearance rates and arrests of juveniles for Index Offenses continue above the national averages.

Clearance Rate

SUMMARIZATION ON CLEARANCE RATE FOR THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1976

CRIME	Total	Cleared	Percent of Clearance	National Percent of Clearance
MURDER	153	143	93.5	78
RAPE	338	214	63.3	51
ROBBERY	5,510	1,581	28.7	27
AGG. ASSAULT	4,496	2,450	54.5	64
BURGLARY	11,245	3,196	28.4	18
LARCENY	24,329	5,535	22.8	20
STOLEN AUTO	4,251	966	22.7	14
TOTAL	50,322	14,085	28.0	21

Commendations

(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE)

During the investigation of a serious assault and robbery Officer John Provenza, Northern District was able to obtain a description and approximate address of the suspect from the dying victim. With this information Officers Ronald James and Edward Glacken were able to locate and arrest two suspects after a struggle. The suspects were subsequently taken to the hospital and identified as the assailant by the victim.

Shortly after the hold-up of a tavern, Officer Eugene T. Yeager, Southern District, spotted the three armed suspects. After exposing himself to potential gunfire the officer was able to apprehend two of the suspects and recover a large amount of currency.

After responding to an apartment fire Officer Gary L. Budny, Southern District, twice entered the smoke filled dwelling and assisted three occupants to safety.

Officers Joseph Schaeck and Richard Bosse, Eastern District were confronted with an individual armed with a rifle

who had discharged same into a crowd earlier. Both officers were able to persuade the armed individual to surrender without more violence.

When Officers Casimir Robak and Peter M. Howe, Central District, arrived at the scene of a burning building they repeatedly entered the building and rescued all occupants. After they were evacuated Officer Howe attempted to contain the fire until the Fire Department arrived.

While Officer Harold Nixon, Northwestern District, entered a premises to make a business check, he was confronted by a hold-up in progress. Through sound judgment he was able to effect the arrest of the three suspects while avoiding the use of force.

As Officer Charles Shifflett and Gary E. Raub, Western District were investigating an armed assault and robbery they spotted and pursued two armed suspects. One of the gunman was wounded during the exchange and arrested.

As a description of the get-a-way vehicle containing the fleeing suspects wanted for a bank hold-up was being broadcast over the police radio numerous units who were in the vicinity were already canvassing the area. This included Detectives George Desch and Thomas Maly of the Auto Theft Unit. Shortly after the broadcast they spotted the car and gave chase. Their efforts resulted in the arrest of two dangerous suspects and the recovery of an automatic pistol and more than \$10,000.00.

A raging dwelling fire can quickly consume everything and everyone inside in a matter of minutes. Quick action and courage were demonstrated by Agent Gary Maratta and Officer Daniel Chapman, Tactical Section, when just such a situation presented itself and they were able to rescue an elderly person from a burning dwelling.

As Officers William Rowland and Ronald Slonaker, Northern District, approached an armed hold-up suspect the gunman pointed his weapon at Officer Slonaker and was about to shoot when Officer Rowland opened fire striking the suspect. He did not fall, but turned his weapon on Officer Rowland and both officers opened fire. The suspect fell to the ground still clutching his wea-

pon. Officer Slonaker was able to kick the weapon from his hand and as he reached for his weapon again both officers fell upon him and subdued him.

After a hold-up in progress call was broadcast over city-wide Officer Gerald Sax, Northern District while responding to the area, spotted two suspects walking away from the scene. As he drove toward them one pulled out a 38 caliber revolver. Officer Sax jumped from his vehicle, shot the gunman and apprehended the second suspect.

The heart attack victim had stopped breathing when Officer Brad Michael, Western District, approached. He immediately began administering first aid which included mouth to mouth resuscitation. As a result of the officer's life saving efforts the citizen is now on the road to recovery.

As Officers John C. Gentry and William Hamlin, Northern District, responded to a bank hold-up call they observed two armed suspects fleeing on foot from the bank. These officers individually pursued and captured each gunman and recovered the \$17,000.00 taken in the hold-up.

As the flames spread in a dwelling fire Officers Harry Edgerton and Carl Schmahl, Eastern District, received information that there was a citizen on the third floor. The officers made their way to the smoke filled room and were able to evacuate the unconscious victim.

Hazardous Substance Seminar Completed

Recently all members of the Command Staff as well as all shift commanders of the Department attended one of 4 intensive 8 hour seminars on the Management of Hazardous Substance Emergencies conducted at the Department's Education and Training Center.

Featured were recognized experts in the field of dealing with hazardous substances and included, in addition to members of the Department, Mr. William Nalley of the U. S. Department of Transportation, Mr. Andreas V. Jensen of the

John Hopkins Applied Physics Lab., Mr. William Zercher, Director of the Manufacturing Chemists Association, Mr. Burton C. Haworth of the E. I. DuPont Company, Battalion Chief Thomas Baginski of the Baltimore Fire Department and Mr. Robert E. Corcoran, Maryland Department of Health, Division of Radiation Control.

The program stressed how to identify possible hazardous substances and covered what safeguards to institute to help prevent injury or death during an emergency situation.

Lieutenant Gilbert O. Karner of the Supportive Services Unit, Tactical Section, and 2nd Assistant Director of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators, worked closely with members of the Education and Training Division in developing this program and is assisting in the planning of programs for Sergeants as well as Roll Call and In-Service Training for the entire force.

Post Scripts

Dear Sir:

Last night, October 21, my friend Cheryl Egolf was mugged and robbed at the corner of Biddle and St. Paul. Within two minutes of my call to the police, the area was flooded with uniformed police officers, plainclothesmen, squad cars, and the helicopter. The thief was not apprehended, unfortunately. Nevertheless, I was astonished and deeply gratified by the size and swiftness of the response to my call.

For a time when the police seem to get nothing but bad press, it gives me great pleasure to thank the officers involved in the incident, their superiors, and the department for their swift action and the coordinated thoroughness with which they responded to our call for help.

I hope the officer involved will receive a personal word of thanks from your office.

I do feel safer, now. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben F. Carney

Director of Community Relations

NEWS IN BRIEF

NORTHERN DISTRICT — Congratulations and welcome aboard to Captain Thomas Coppinger and Lieutenant Charles DiPino.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION — Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Williams on her twenty-five year anniversary with the Department.

TACTICAL SECTION — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant John C. Lewandowski, Sergeant Thomas G. Hoffa and Police Officer Vernon A. Holley.

Good luck to Sergeant James Tillis and Agent Andrew Gerakaris in their new assignments.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Narcotic Unit - Our sincere sympathy to Sergeant and Mrs. Ralph G. Clements on their recent loss.

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division send warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Crime Lab Technician Mahlon H. Oswell, Mobile Unit, who is recuperating from recent surgery.

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION — Congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. Vernon L. Bessling, Jr., who will celebrate their 33rd wedding anniversary on November 11.

Members of this Division wish a speedy recovery to Mrs. Edna Zukowski, wife of Police Officer Henry J. Zukowski.

PATROL DIVISION — Good luck and best wishes to Police Officer Milton Arczynski who retired as of October 1. We all miss you.

Members of the Patrol Division wish a speedy recovery to Police Officer Raymond Mackessy. Hope he comes back soon - "We love ya Mac!"

RETIREMENTS

ARCZYNSKI, MILTON F., Police Officer, Office of the Chief of Patrol, 35 years, October 1.

DOUGHERTY, JOHN W., Police Officer, Northern

District, 30 years, November 4.

ORR, MARSHALL S., JR., Sergeant, Northern District, 28 years, November 4.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARATTA, BENJAMIN G., son of Police Agent and Mrs. Gary C. Maratta, Tactical Section, 8 lbs. 4 oz., September 5.

HORNE, BRANDI, daughter of Senior Clerk Typist Patricia Horne, Central Records Division, 6lbs. 11 oz., September 16.

CARNES, GWENDOLYN RANA, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. James Carnes, Eastern District, 9lbs. 9 oz., September 27.

WILLIAMS, NI-KESHA A., daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Jonathan C. Williams, Southern District, 6lbs. 3 oz., September 27.

CARTER, DANA LEE ANN, granddaughter of Senior Clerk June Voight, Planning and Research Division, 6lbs. 14 oz., October 8.

FRANCHETTI, MARISA DAYLE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Michael Franchetti, Communications Division, 7lbs. 4 oz., October 23.

MARCUS, DWAYNE PAUL, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Paul A. High, Central District, 7lbs. 2 oz., October 24.

WHIPP, JAMES, JR., son of Police Officer and Mrs. James Whipp, Northern District, 7lbs. 2 oz., October 25.

WEDDINGS

FOSTER, INNES R., Police Officer, Northern District and the former Margaret Anne Fitzgerald, July 10.

LEWIS, HOWARD W., Police Officer, Northern District and the former Andrea Allen Downey, September 5.

LILLY, LEROY R., III, Police Officer, Northern District and the former Karen Marie Arduin, October 2.

BETSO, JOHN W., Police Officer, Western District and the former Susan Marie Derr, October 2.

MAHONEY, CRAIG L., Police Officer, Western District and the former Angela Maziarzyk, October 9.

FINAL ROLL CALL

HAGEY, HENRY J., SR., Police Officer, retired from Community Services Division, Youth Section and father of Corporal Henry J. Hagey, Jr., Aviation Division, Maryland State Police, October 18.

CARR, WILLIAM J., Police Officer, retired from Identification Section, October 21.

GIARDINA, VINCENT A., Captain, retired from Central Records Division, October 30.

IN MEMORIAM

QUEEN, ANDREW J., SR., uncle of Principal Clerk Mary L. Williams, Personnel Division, Recruitment Unit, October 11.

BENTON, JOHN R., grandfather of Police Officer Carl Benton, Southwestern District, October 12.

BUTLER, ROGER A., father of Sergeant Roger Butler, Northwestern District, October 15.

PRATHER, CHARLES A., uncle of Lieutenant Charles R. Blondell, Central District and Police Officer John Blondell, Western District, October 15.

MILLER, JAMES O., SR., father of retired Police Officer James O. Miller, Jr., Traffic Division, October 17.

RIBARD, LOUIS, father-in-law of Detective Thomas Sullivan, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, October 17.

ROSEMARY, CLARA, aunt of Detective Dennis Rosemary, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, October 17.



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ボルチモア警察の皆さん、三ヶ月間
暖かい御指導を頂き、大変ありが
とうございました。非常に勉強に
なりました。ボルチモア警察は多くの
すぐれた点を持っており、非常にお
どろきました。素晴らしい設備、勤
勉な警察官、特にヘリコプター、警察大
部隊には感心しました。こちらの部隊
がパトロール部を支えているのはすばら
い事だと思います。大段に帰って幹部にこ
ちらのことを話そうと持ち運いていき

The message which appears above represents the sentiments of Assistant Inspector Kensuke Kuroda, Education and Training Section, of the Osaka Prefecture of Police of Japan, who has been an Official Guest of the Department since September 11, 1976.

Inspector Kuroda's visit is a part of the annual training program of the Osaka Prefecture of Police which selected the Baltimore Police Department. The Training Program is designed to expose young members of the Agency to other types of Police organizations.

During the weeks since his arrival "Kenny", as Inspector Kuroda has been respectfully dubbed by almost everyone who has met him, has visited and studied virtually every area of endeavor within the Baltimore Police Department.

The 32 year old graduate of the

National Okayama University (Faculty of Law and French Literature) has an extensive background in patrol which began in 1966 and continued until his assignment to Education and Training this year. He hopes to take many innovative ideas and his knowledge of how a major American Law Enforcement Agency handles crime problems in the urban area back with him. His assignment is in Osaka where 20,000 police serve an area of more than 8,000,000 inhabitants. The professional attitude of his Department is reflected by the Inspector's dedication and comprehension of the complexities of urban law enforcement.

His impression of the Baltimore Police Department is reflected in the message above. It translates, roughly, into the following statement:

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Blood Assurance Program

For the sixth consecutive year members of the Department who belong to the American Red Cross Blood Assurance Program have successfully filled their annual obligation.

In recognition of these efforts the Red Cross held their annual Blood Program Award Dinner on November 16, 1976 at Martin's West. Among the nine representatives of the Department were Colonel Joseph F. Carroll, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Division, Detective Sergeant Ralph G. Clements and his wife, Cheryl, who together have donated more than 4 gallons of blood to the program and retired Officer Marvin J. Seyfer and his wife, Dorothy, who also have donated more than 4 gallons. During the ceremonies an award was accepted on behalf of all the members of the Department for meeting the 1975-1976 quota.

Total donations for this past year were 1,111 pints and marks the first time the Department has ever contributed more than 1,000 pints.

The Red Cross bases the obligation of each group on total membership. This year (1976-1977) the quota is 775 pints of blood. This averages out to a donation once every two to two and one half years for each member.

In return for the periodic donation every member receives, when needed, a limitless supply of blood for himself and his family which also includes the member's and spouse's parents.

Notification is made by the Department when a member is due to donate and if a member wishes to give, without

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Inspector Kuroda Trains In Baltimore



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"I really appreciate your (the Baltimore Police Department's) great kindness to me. I have studied your department in depth. I was pleasantly surprised to see the modern facilities of your agency, its diligent officers and special units such as the Helicopter Unit and the K-9 Section. Helicopters and K-9's provide support to the Patrol Division. I am really looking forward to telling our officials about these things."

Inspector Kuroda's pleasant personality and sense of humor have made him a most welcome guest. In addition, to a strenuous course of study, which has exceeded 50 hours per week, "Kenny" has engaged in numerous social activities, including visits to Washington, D.C., Fort McHenry, historic sites throughout the metropolitan area, inspections of Baltimore's extensive harbor facilities and many visits to the homes of members of the Department. He also traveled to New York City where he viewed the Statue of Liberty, Central Park and Chinatown.

In Japan as well as the United States, baseball is a national pastime. Inspector Kuroda has had the opportunity to attend Oriole games, to see the Baltimore Colts in action and to attend other events including a performance of the



Ice Capades at the Baltimore Civic Center.

On November 30, 1976 Inspector Kuroda will return to his wife, Hiroko, and three daughters, Michiko, 7, Yoko, 4 and Megumi, 1 at their residence in Kashihara City in the Nara Prefecture of Japan. He is anxiously waiting to share his knowledge of American Law Enforcement techniques with officials of the Osaka Prefecture of Police. He will have just three months, after his return, to prepare an in depth report of his impression of the Baltimore Police Department's procedures. This includes translating the volumes of written directives and other departmental publications he has received.

The Baltimore Police Department wishes to extend its sincerest well wishes to Inspector Kuroda. And we thank him for all he has taught us about his agency. It is our sincere desire that he will have the opportunity to visit us again in the future. That visit will be eagerly anticipated.



Operators' License

During the next four years the Motor Vehicle Administration will be phasing in a newly designed Maryland operators license. As mandated by House Bill 1236-chapter 742, Laws of 1976, the most significant change is the color photograph permanently attached to the operators card.

There are several unique characteristics of the new Maryland "photo license:"

1. A yellow back drop behind the head and shoulders portrait of the operator.
2. The camera number on the upper right corner of the photograph straddles the portrait and the data portion.
3. The State seal intersects the data and the photograph.
4. The Motor Vehicle Administrator's signature across the bottom of the photograph straddles the portrait and the data portions.
5. The information in the data section appears in the screened area to aid in preventing alterations.
6. Only three print styles are used.
7. An additional special restriction card must be carried when the operator has a number eight (8) restriction noted on the reverse of the license.

The new licenses will be valid for four years instead of two and the current operators license will continue to be used until the completion of the four year phase-in program.

The Motor Vehicle Administration has advised this agency that a basic rule to follow when answering inquiries concerning this matter is that persons renewing their license will receive the appropriate renewal form and instructions from the Motor Vehicle Administration.

Blood Program

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notice, no prior arrangements are necessary. The Regional Red Cross Headquarters is located at 2701 N. Charles Street. Blood may be donated any Saturday between 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon.

Assistant Accountant James W. Korona, Chairman of the Blood Assurance Program, wishes to remind all members of the Department, both active and retired, who are members of the Program and who have not contributed for sometime, that failure to respond after two notices will cause their names to be removed from the Program. Those who wish to join can obtain a pledge card from their respective Administrative Lieutenant and those requesting further information can contact Senior Clerk Typist Katherine Walz on extension 2650.

NEWS NOTES

The Education and Training Division has developed and initiated a program to assist those members of the Department eligible to take the upcoming Civil Service Promotional Examination for Police Sergeant. All classes are being given from 0900 to 1100 hours and from 1630 to 1830 hours on the following dates and will cover the following subject matter:

- Nov. 30, 1976 Patrol Operations
- Dec. 2, 1976 Departmental Rules & Regulations and Administrative Procedures
- Dec. 6, 1976 Report Reviewing
- Dec. 7, 1976 Digest of Laws - New Legislation
- Dec. 9, 1976 Supervision

The sessions are being held in the Charles Room of the Education and Training Center and attendance is voluntary. The classes began on November 16th and are designed to serve as a refresher in the indicated areas and should not be considered a substitute for individual study and initiative.

Donations from members of the Department for the United Fund-CICHA

combined campaign total more than \$48,000.00 making this year's drive a tremendous success. This amount marks an increase of more than \$4,000.00 above the pledges received last year.

The entire Central Maryland area's campaign resulted in the collection of more than 15 million dollars pledged to support the activities of the 95 voluntary agencies that depend on these funds to help meet human needs.

Post Scripts

Gentlemen:

On Labor Day, last Monday I was visiting in your city for the first time in four years. While I was born in Baltimore and lived there for forty years, my family had never been there before. I was driving them around the city and showing them points of interest about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when we had an occurrence which I feel you should know about.

We were travelling south on Charles St. towards Cold Spring Lane when a police cruiser pulled along side of us and then dropped in behind us and stopped there when we were halted by the

light at Cold Spring. I noticed in my mirror that a fine looking young officer had stepped out of his car and walked forward to ours. He came up to me and said very pleasantly that they had been following us down Charles St. and noticed that I was pointing in various directions and he wondered if we were lost or if he could be of any assistance. I thanked him and explained that I was merely showing my family where I had grown up. He wished us well and said to enjoy our visit in town. At this point the light changed and we moved off without getting his name.

I would like to say to you, gentlemen, that I travel over 100,000 miles per year in cities all over the world and have never been treated more courteously. Coming to Baltimore with my family I could not have been more proud and they could not have been more impressed. Our daughter even said that she would like to live in a city that treated people that nicely. I do not know if it is possible for you to determine who this officer was but, if you can, please thank him for giving my family such a wonderful memento of my hometown.

Sincerely Yours,
/s/ Wilmer W. Wagner
Sarasota, Florida



Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau recently presented Mr. Harry L. Gladding, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Angel's Haven, a check containing the Department's share of the revenue collected from the benefit baseball game held at Memorial Stadium. Angel's Haven is a privately financed educational institution for mentally retarded children.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANT, BRYNA CHARLES, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Donald Grant, Northwestern District, 7lbs. 13 oz., October 19.

ZIMMERMAN, DANIELLE MARIE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Michael J. Zimmerman, Northern District, 8lbs., October 25.

CHARLES, STACEY MARIE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Freddie Charles, Jr., Tactical Section, 7lbs. 8 oz., October 28.

EGBERT, MICHAEL PAUL SCOTT, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Paul Egbert, Central District, 7lbs. 13 oz., November 3.

FLOYD, CHRISTY LYNN, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Robert Floyd, Northwestern District, 7lbs. 13 oz., November 5.

RETIREMENTS

FURLETTI, ANDREW, JR., Lieutenant, Traffic Division, 26 years, November 15.

LAWSON, CLAUDE, JR., Sergeant, Personnel Division, Casual Section, 24 years, November 15.

BRAZIL, JOHN A., Police Officer, Property Division, 24 years, November 15.

FINAL ROLL CALL

BALDWIN, DORSEY, Lieutenant, formerly from Northern District and Tactical Section, November 12.

IN MEMORIAM

SHETTLE, ROBERT, grandfather of Police Officer Jon L. Michaels, Southern District, October 19.

THOMAS, ESTELLE, sister of Sergeant Bessie R. Norris, Personnel Division, Recruitment Unit, October 20.

SHULTZ, ANDREW F., SR., father-in-law of Ser-

geant Ralph G. Clements, Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Unit and uncle of Police Officer Thomas Cress, Southern District, October 21.

BOLEK, CHARLES, father of Police Officer Robert Bolek, Eastern District, October 21.

DELANO, EDWARD M., brother of Police Officer Arthur Delano, Western District, October 21.

LAMB DIN, MARIE, grandmother of Sergeant Clifton Cavey, Western District, October 21.

GRAY, ARBUTUS, mother-in-law of SCTO Helen Butler, Central Records Division, October 22.

SISCO, HELEN L., mother of Detective Wilbert Sisco, Criminal Investigation Division, October 23.

KUHN, JOHN H., SR., father of Police Officer John H. Kuhn, Jr., Southeastern District, October 23.

CALLERY, JOSEPH J., father of Police Officer James J. Callery, Eastern District, October 23.

FLANAGAN, HENRY J., grandfather of Detective Joseph Wiegand, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, October 25.

HITE, GLADYS, mother of Detective Richard Hite, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, October 25.

BALDWIN, MARIE, mother of Sergeant Allen M. Baldwin, Property Division, Evidence Control Unit, October 27.

SMITH, BESSIE, great-aunt of Police Officer Keith Smith, Southeastern District, October 26.

PORTS, HARRY M., father of Police Officer Donald Ports, Eastern District, October 28.

DIPAULO, PAUL, father-in-law of Sergeant Herman Ingram, Criminal Investigation Division, Robbery Squad, October 28.

CASTLE, KATHERINE, sister of Sergeant William Staley, Southeastern District, October 28.

DEASEL, HELEN M., stepmother of retired Captain Henry J. Deasel, former Commander of Tactical Section, October 28.

PAGE, SAM, uncle of Police Officer Leroy Page, Southern District, November 2.

HOWELL, BERTHA B., grandmother of Police Officer Troy Lewis, Northern District, November 2.

STEVENS, ELIZABETH, mother-in-law of Police Officer Robert Brandenberger, Central Records Division, Staff Review, aunt of Police Officer Marvin March, Southern District and Theresa Connor, Communications Division, sister of retired Detective Sergeant Edward Connor, Criminal Investigation Division, mother of former Sergeant Harry Stevens, Central District and aunt of retired Sergeant Joseph Goddard, Community Services Division, Youth Section, November 6.

COLE, BARBARA, sister of Lieutenant Casper Klein, Criminal Investigation Division, Administrative Unit and aunt of Detective James Klein, Criminal Investigation Division, Auto Squad, November 8.

O'BRIAN, JOHN, uncle of Police Officer Michael Skerry, Western District, November 9.

WILSON, DESSE, aunt of Sergeant William Helmick, Southwestern District, November 9.

VALENZIA, ANTHONY L., cousin of Police Officer John Sablowski, Northern District, November 11.

BURLEY, FRANK, uncle of Cadet Theresa Forman, Central Records Division, November 13.

WITTIG, WILBUR, father-in-law of Police Officer Thomas Siecinski, Northern District, November 14.

BRYANT, CHRISTINE M., mother of Sergeant David L. Bryant, Tactical Section, November 15.

ANDERSON, DOROTHY, aunt of Police Officer John R. Hulihan, Jr., Western District, November 16.

KIRBY, ERMA, grandmother of Police Officer Roland Miller, Western District, November 17.

JENKINS, ETRAIN, uncle of Clerk Caron C. Willis, Communications Division, November 17.



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DEA-Baltimore Police Education Program Enhances CDS Enforcement Efforts

On June 17, 1969 Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau testified before the United Senate Committee of the District of Columbia then conducting hearings on the problem of drug abuse. The Commissioner's remarks, which were made a part of the Congressional Record, concerned an innovative plan designed to make every sworn member of the Baltimore Police Department effective in the area of narcotics enforcement.

In 1976 it may be difficult for some of us to realize that just 10 years ago only two persons, within the Department, had any formal training in narcotics

enforcement.

In his testimony before the Senate Committee the Police Commissioner announced what was to be the beginning of the "Total Officer" concept, whereby all members of the Department would attain expertise in a wide range of law enforcement postures rather than depending entirely on specialized units. He noted that there were only 15 men assigned to the Narcotics Squad of the Criminal Investigation Division. Commissioner Pomerleau told the committee that, "we do not have any plans to increase it (the Narcotics Squad) in

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DEA Concentrated Narcotics Program Graduates 716

On November 19, 1976, thirty-six members of the Baltimore Police Department and thirty-nine representatives from other law enforcement agencies received certificates after completing a two week concentrated course in narcotics enforcement at the Education and Training Center. This course, presented by the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, is designed to provide an in-depth education in the field of narcotics enforcement.

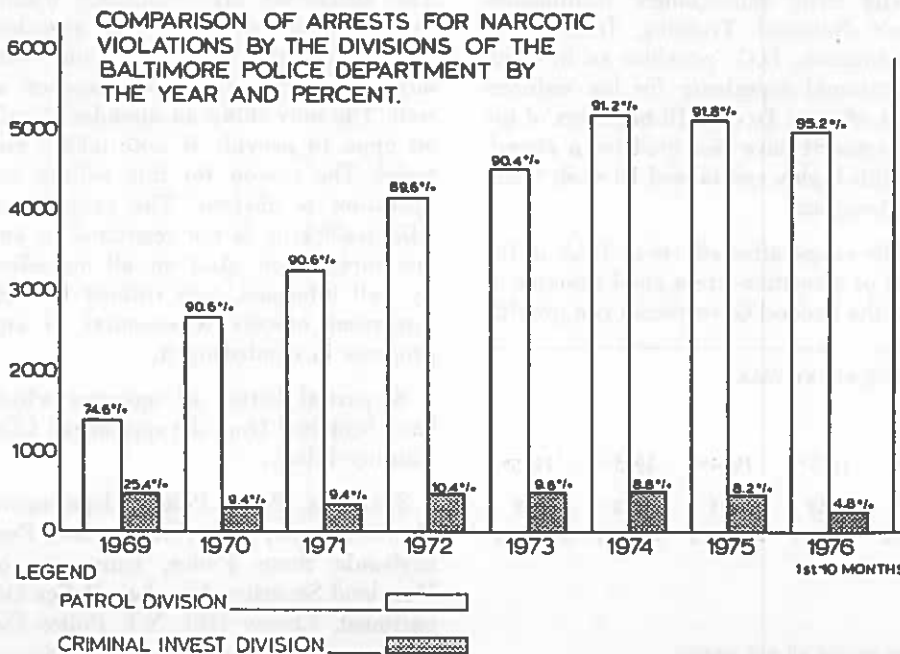


Special Agent Richard Durant, DEA Training Unit, becomes a prisoner during a practice exercise concerning narcotic arrest procedures.

Those attending the program were brought up to date on the latest investigative techniques. They received briefings on the various ways illegal substances find their way onto our streets. And each member participated in a series of practical exercises designed to test their newly acquired skills.

The two week course has been conducted by the DEA both at its headquarters in Washington and at the Balti-

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number. In my opinion, and this is concurred in by my principal staff and command officers, we could not make a significant contribution if we assigned fifty men or if we assigned one hundred men to one specialized unit. To me the obvious solution was to train as many officers as possible within the field forces so they all could take intelligent, official police action involving narcotics in their respective areas of responsibility.

"Today in my department the Narcotics Unit no longer becomes directly involved with the addict, the runner, or a low level supplier. They are, and should be, specialized with a primary responsibility of seeking out the importers, suppliers and distribution points.

"They need to function so that they are effective in cutting off the supply. Under our concept all other levels of narcotics enforcement are conducted by officers of the field forces, that is, the Patrol and Criminal Investigation Divisions, and our Tactical Section."

In order to attain the goal of "total involvement" in a program of narcotics enforcement the Commissioner approached the Federal Government with a request for assistance in developing a long term training program. The response was outstanding and resulted in the first such on-going training effort in the nation. That program, which continues today, began with the development of a 3 day Seminar on Drug Enforcement. The first of the nearly 90 sessions, which have been conducted by BNDD and the Drug Enforcement Administration which succeeded it, began on March 12, 1969.

At the conclusion of that first session the Deputy Regional Director, Mr. Joseph Arpaio, said, "the (narcotics)

PERSONS ARRESTED FOR NARCOTIC DRUG VIOLATIONS

JANUARY — OCTOBER 1976

LISTED BY DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION

SUPPLIER	5
LARGE PEDDLER	19
SMALL PEDDLER	319
ABUSER	4,876
TOTAL	5,219

Definitions

Supplier:	Major violator wholesaler - dealing in large quantities Oz. - Lbs., etc.
Large Peddler:	Purchases from supplier - deals in Oz.'s, spoons to street peddler
Small Peddler:	Deals in small quantities at street level
Abuser:	Includes addicts - marijuana users and other prohibited drugs

problem is too great to have only specialists concentrating on this type of activity. We need every police officer to cooperate and work together in order to put a dent in the illegal traffic of narcotics and to reduce crime."

The Drug Enforcement Administration has provided additional educational resources to the Baltimore Police Department. DEA experts also conduct a two-week Concentrated Course for narcotics enforcement. These two-week in-depth programs have been conducted at the facilities of the Justice Department in the Nation's Capital and at the Education and Training Center of the Baltimore Police Department. To date 518 members of the Department have experienced this training.

The Drug Enforcement Administration's National Training Institute in Washington, D.C., provides an in depth educational experience for law enforcement officers. To date 18 members of the Department have benefited from attending this highly specialized 10 week training program.

The cooperative efforts of DEA in the area of education are a good example of how the Federal Government can provide

a direct service to local law enforcement.

During a period which spans more than 7 years 4,370 present and former members of the Baltimore Police Department have benefited from the expertise of DEA's narcotics enforcement specialists. Additionally 408 representatives of other law enforcement agencies have attended the 3-day seminar. And 198 representatives of other agencies have attended the Baltimore Police Department's DEA Two Week Concentrated Course.

The DEA-Baltimore Police Department cooperative training program is provided at no cost. The educators from both agencies are pleased to share their expertise with law enforcement officers from throughout the State of Maryland. The instructors are completely willing to share their experiences with attendees from within the Department and from any other law enforcement agency as well. The only thing an attendee is called upon to provide is note taking material. The reason for this willing cooperation is obvious. The problem of CDS trafficking is not restricted to any one jurisdiction. And an all out effort by well informed, well trained law enforcement officers is essential to any progress in combating it.

A partial listing of agencies which have benefited from the specialized CDS training follows:

Sparrows Point Police Department, Howard County Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, University of Maryland Security, Aberdeen Police Department, Cherry Hill, N.J. Police Department, Treasury Department - Bureau

ARREST FOR NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS BY YEAR

NARCOTIC ARRESTS

1968	1969	1970	1971	1972*	1973*	1974*	1975*	1976*
772	1852	2929	3580	4617	4969	5681	5573	6262
+24.9%	+140.0%	+52.7%	+26.5%	+28.9%	+7.6%	+14.3%	-1.9%	+12.4%

* 1976 Total projection made on Tenth Month

* 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975 and 1976 Total Narcotic Arrests include all age groups.

of Customs, Treasury Department - Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Mass Transit Administration, Baltimore-Washington International Airport Police, Annapolis Police Department, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Department of the Air Force, Department of the Navy, Maryland State Police, St. Mary's County Sheriff's Department, Hagerstown Police Department, Gaithersburg Police Department, Maryland Port Administration Police, Harford County Sheriff's Department, Maryland Toll Facilities Police Department.

The Baltimore Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration has also made their specialized program available to members representing the following organizations:

Baltimore State's Attorney's Office, Baltimore City School Security, Western Electric Security, Mount St. Agnes College, Baltimore City Health Department, Probation Officer, Supreme Bench, Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement, Hecht Company Security, Harford Community College, Pennsylvania State University, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore City Jail, Commissioner of Hospitals Baltimore County, Friends School, State Drug Abuse Administration, Department of Correctional Services, State Motor Vehicle Administration, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, State University of New York, Alcohol Safety Action Project, Baltimore Bullets Basketball Team, Baltimore Fire Department, Public Employment Program, Drug Abuse Education Resources Unit, School #149, School #34, Junior League of Baltimore, Pre-Trial Release, Narcotics Strike Force, Bowie State College, Federal Reserve Bank-Baltimore Branch, Division of Parole and Probation, Lutheran Hospital, B. Green & Company, University of Maryland School of Nursing.

Members of the clergy and special students, by individual arrangement, have taken advantage of this unique form of education.

The assistance provided by DEA isn't confined to education alone. Members of the Department are in constant contact with DEA field agents and a cooperative field enforcement posture has benefited both the local and federal efforts.

There is no doubt that the program is producing the desired results. In 1968,

the year before the cooperative training effort began, 772 narcotics dealers, pushers and abusers were arrested by members of the Baltimore Police Department. It is projected that the number of arrests for 1976 will reach more than 6200. Of that record number of arrests more than 95% will have been made by Patrol Officers.

During the first 10 months of 1976, 5 major suppliers of narcotics were arrested by members of the Baltimore Police Department. In addition 19 large scale dealers and 319 smaller dealers were taken off the streets. Finally, nearly 4900 abusers, many of whom must also sell narcotics in order to support their habit, were arrested.

DEA Graduates

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more Police Department's Education and Training Center since 1969. To date, 718 members of the Baltimore Police Department and 66 other law enforcement agencies and organizations have benefited from this specialized training.



Regional Director John Bullard, DEA Region #4 addresses officers at the conclusion of a Concentrated Two Week Course in narcotics enforcement. With Director Bullard is Special Agent William Bergin, DEA Training Unit.

Post Scripts

Dear Sir,

The Ellwood Park Extension Home-maker Club wishes to thank the Baltimore Police Department and Cadet Douglas for the informative tour through the impressive new headquarters on October 27, 1976. It was truly an educational and interesting trip for all the members present.

We sincerely appreciate your hospitality. Thank you.

Yours truly,

/s/ E. Virginia Lewis, Pres.

Dear Mr. Pomerleau,

As a kindergarten teacher at the Beechfield Elementary School, I want to take the time to express my appreciation to the Baltimore City Police Department for the very fine presentations by Officer Joseph Baranowski on Traffic Safety and Officer Marsha A. Cole as an Officer Friendly.

The excellent presentations and friendly informal rapport added much to my children's understandings and attitudes toward the Police Department and their work.

Both Officer Baranowski and Officer Cole are fine representatives of the Police Department.

Thank you again for allowing... for such worthwhile learning experiences.

Sincerely,

/s/ Caroline C. Hisey

Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day January 1, 1977
King's Birthday January 15, 1977
Lincoln's Birthday February 12, 1977
Washington's Birthday Feb. 21, 1977
Maryland Day March 25, 1977
Good Friday April 8, 1977
Memorial Day May 30, 1977
Independence Day July 4, 1977
Labor Day September 5, 1977
Defender's Day September 12, 1977
Columbus Day October 12, 1977
Veteran's Day November 11, 1977
Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24, 1977
Christmas Day December 25, 1977

NEWS NOTES

Members of the Department may use the gymnasium and swimming pool facilities at the Education and Training Center between 1130 and 1330 hours, Tuesday through Friday.

These facilities will be supervised during the period indicated above. Members wishing to take advantage of this recreational opportunity must wear the proper athletic equipment and supply their own soap and towel.

The swimming pool will remain available during the specified hours as long as there is more than one swimmer in the water.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CENTRAL RECORDS DIVISION — Congratulations to Police Officer John Mohr and Shirl Donovan on their recent engagement.

PLANNING AND RESEARCH DIVISION — Members of this Division extend best wishes for a speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Typist Debbie Chrzanowski, who is at home recuperating from a recent hospital stay. We all miss you.

POLICE SERVICES — Congratulations to retired Sergeant and Mrs. Lawrence E. Cooney who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 16.

WEDDINGS

COOLEY, RON, Police Officer, Southwestern District and the former Bonnie Dembeck, Senior Clerk Typist, Central Records Division, November 27.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMITH, ALYSON VICTORIS, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Louis M. Smith, Southern District, 9lbs. 4 oz., November 12.

MEADS, TIMOTHY MICHAEL, son of Police Officer and Mrs. Norman Meads, Central District, 9lbs. 12 oz., November 22.

GRANT, BRYNA CHARLEE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Donald Grant, Northwestern District, 7lbs. 13 oz., October 19.

(Note: Wrong information was furnished)

RETIREMENTS

WILLS, LOUISE M., Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 17 years, September 4.

JONES, CHARLES T., Police Officer, Tactical Section, 22 years, November 16.

ZEUNGES, CHARLES H., Sergeant, Community Services Division, 22 years, November 25.

FINAL ROLL CALL

GOETZKE, GEORGE A., Police Officer, retired from Northwestern District, September 25.

WELSH, WALTER F., SR., Police Officer, retired from Pine Street Station, November 23.

IN MEMORIAM

BACHMAN, LOUISE D., wife of retired Police Officer George K. Bachman, Eastern District, October 7.

BONNER, JAMES, uncle of Sergeant William Helmick, Southwestern District, November 18.

DENVER, WILLIAM L., father of Police Officer Paul Denver, Eastern District, November 18.

KELLEY, FRANK J., step-father of Sergeant Robert M. Leftwich, Tactical Section, K-9 Unit, November 19.

LOCKLEAR, JAMES E., brother-in-law of Police Officer Charles Driver, Communications Division, November 20.

DZIEWANOWSKI, WLADYSLAWA, mother of Stanley Dziewanowski, General Maintenance Division, assigned to the 4th floor Communications Division, November 20.

RAUB, WILLIAM F., great grandfather of Police Officer Gary Raub, Western District, November 21.

WHITE, GEORGE, step-father of Police Officer James McGuire Community Services Division, Youth Section and Police Officer David C. McGuire, Southwestern District, November 22.

PAZDERSKY, BERNADETTE, mother of Police Officer Norbert Pazdersky, Northeastern District, November 22.

SKIPWITH, MARY W., mother of Emergency Call Clerk Mozell Joyner, Communications Division, November 24.

ZMIJEWSKI, PHYLISS, sister of Police Officer John Saworowsky, Southeastern District, November 24.

HAGY, EMERSON N., uncle of Sergeant Lawrence E. Leeson, Jr., Public Information Division, November 25.

HUNT, MABEL, mother-in-law of Police Officer Robert Jenkins, Northern District, November 25.

SCHLEY, KENNETH, brother-in-law of Police Officer Barkley Thomas, Northeastern District, November 27.

Thanksgiving Baskets

On November 23, 1976, Gino's Foods, Incorporated, donated thirty six (36) Thanksgiving Baskets to this department to be given to needy families. Mr. George Larkins, Community Relations Manager for Gino's and twelve (12) local store managers came to Police Headquarters to present the baskets to the Community Relations Section.



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Holiday Greetings



The holiday season is unique in many respects. As one travels through our community it is impossible not to notice that the holidays are upon us. Christmas decorations, in our commercial areas, brightly colored decorations in the residential areas, are visible signs of the season.

"Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year," becomes the standard salutation. Throughout the Headquarters Building and the District Stations, there is ample evidence of the holiday spirit.

This time of year is special, in some way, to just about everyone.

For many within the Department, Christmas Day will be another work day. But it will be much more than that. First and foremost there will be the time spent with the family, no mat-

ter what the hour. Presents will be opened and children will be elated at what "Santa" brought this year.

Working on Christmas is often a unique experience. There will be the usual calls for service. But then very often our citizens will take a moment to wish us, as individuals, a "very Merry Christmas." And this is a sincere expression of good will.

As I look back on the past year I cannot help but think of the tremendous efforts that you, individually and collectively, have made. You have served the community well, and they know it.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a most happy holiday season.

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10 - 22 That Wagon ...

"59 Foxtrot ... KGA calling 59 Foxtrot." "59 Foxtrot." "Foxtrot would you check the roof of 1500 East Preston Street. There's a report of someone trying to break in." "59 Foxtrot responding."

Even on Christmas Eve the routine for officers of the Baltimore Police Department remained the same. Calls for service hadn't dropped off yet. Darkness came as workers were clearing their downtown offices. Too many of them had enjoyed too much at the various Christmas parties. T.T.S. was busier than usual. The six inches of snow which

had fallen the night before, the below freezing temperatures even though the Christmas Eve sky was crystal clear, and the tipsy Christmas revelers combined to provide them with more than enough accidents to investigate.

"59 Foxtrot to KGA." "Go ahead Foxtrot." "Would you tell those district officers that the roof at 1500 East Preston is clear. The snow up there appears to be disturbed ... but maybe that was the wind ... it's clear now." "10-4 Foxtrot."

At about 1900 hours a Western District Officer, who'd just finished having

a drunken driver processed at the Chemical Testing Unit, located in the Central District, stopped for a cup of hot coffee before he left the building. He was discussing with several Central District officers, what a shame it was ... the guy was so loaded that he couldn't even speak coherently. They agreed that there were better places the civilian could be rather than in police custody on Christmas Eve.

"59 Foxtrot ... 59 Foxtrot." "This is 59 Foxtrot." "Can you respond to Loch Raven Boulevard and Argonne Drive ... check the roof for a possible burglar." "Foxtrot responding ... switching over to the Northeastern Channel." "10-4 Foxtrot."

In the Southern District, along South Charles Street, some of the shops were still open and shoppers were picking up those last minute things you always put off until Christmas Eve. Sitting in his patrol car the post officer looked at the scene before him. "It looks like Christmas here," he said to himself, "the Christmas spirit is everywhere."

"59 Foxtrot back on this channel." "I couldn't find anything over in the Northeast, the roofs were clear." "10-4 Foxtrot ... could you respond to Baltimore and Monroe ... we have another burglary report and officers would like you to check the roof on the northeast corner." "59 Foxtrot 10-4 on Baltimore and Monroe ... switching to their channel."

It was after 2300 hours ... and as is the usual case ... calls for service

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began to slow down. In the Southeastern District there was a lot of vehicular and pedestrian traffic as families left their homes to attend worship services at various churches. In Highlandtown the words "Merry Christmas" in many languages reminded the foot officer of just how universal Christmas really is.

The only types of calls for service that seemed to have increased were reports of burglaries in progress, reports of suspicious persons in residential neighborhoods. But most of these calls were unfounded, although in the Northern District officers apprehended three subjects who had entered a home, while its occupants were attending a Christmas Eve Service. When the first unit arrived the burglars had just loaded a fully decorated Christmas tree into the rear of a rented truck. That truck also contained Christmas presents for the family of six who lived there. They were just beginning to process their prisoners when they and every other officer who was working as midnight passed and Christmas day began heard the alert tone and the City Wide dispatcher.

"45 Foxtrot . . . KGA calling 45 Foxtrot." "45 Foxtrot bye." "Foxtrot . . . respond to Chesterfield Avenue and Belair Road. Northeastern District officers are pursuing a possible burglary suspect." "Foxtrot responding." "45 Foxtrot . . ." "45 Foxtrot . . . two district officers are on the roof of the Northeast corner of Chesterfield at Belair. They see footprints and evidence of a heavy object which may have been dragged across the flat roof. They're standing by for your light Foxtrot." "10-4 . . . we'll be there in a minute."

"Attention all units . . . Northeastern units are pursuing a suspect across the rooftops at Chesterfield and Belair." "Foxtrot are you responding?" "10-4 we're almost 10-23." "10-32 Belair and Chesterfield . . . 10-32 they've apprehended the suspect." "A wagon is responding." "Foxtrot can you see anything?"

"45 Foxtrot to KGA." "Foxtrot . . . have you located the officers?" "10-4 KGA but you'd better 10-22 that wagon." "10-9." "10-22 that wagon-run to Belair

and Chesterfield." "It appears that the officers are releasing the suspect." "Foxtrot . . . Foxtrot to all units . . . you won't believe this . . . they caught Santa Clause." "KGA to all units 10-32 Belair and Chesterfield, everything's under control. And Merry Christmas."

F.B.I. Academy

Lieutenant Regis R. Raffensberger, Commander of the Helicopter Unit, has been elected Class Spokesman at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Class Spokesman is a designation given to one member of each class who is elected from among its 250 members. Selection as Class Spokesman is a singular honor at the National Academy.

As Class Spokesman Lt. Raffensberger addressed more than 1,000 who attended the graduation of National Academy Class #107 last Thursday. The 11 week National Academy program is attended by top law enforcement officers from around the world.

Police Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau, Major John G. Kollmann, and District Commander Harwood W. Burritt were among the guests who heard



REGIS R. RAFFENSBERGER

remarks, at the ceremonies, from FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley. The graduation speaker was Los Angeles Police Chief Edward M. Davis. Chief Davis is also President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.



Mayor William Donald Schaefer recently kicked-off this Holiday season's Lock Your Car campaign by proclaiming December 8-22 as "Holiday Safety Weeks."

The awareness campaign is a coordinated effort aimed at decreasing the number of larcenies of and from autos during the holiday season through the distribution of almost 100,000 holiday summons, leaflets and posters. Attending the ceremonies were (l to r) Sergeant George A. Boston, Crime Prevention Unit, Detective George G. Desch, Auto Theft Unit, Captain Joseph G. DiCarlo, Commanding Officer Special Investigation Section, Detective Thomas A. Maly, Auto Theft Unit and Detective Sergeant Edmund W. Huppman, Auto Theft Unit

Promotional Ceremonies

On Tuesday, December 7, 1976, Commissioner Donald D. Pomerleau awarded certificates of promotion and appointment to one new Captain, five new Lieutenants, eight new Sergeants, four new Principal Clerk Stenographers, one Police Report Reviewer, one Principal Clerk and twenty-two new Police Agents at the Headquarters Auditorium.

Lieutenant Donald E. Woods, a seventeen year veteran of the Department, was promoted to Captain and assigned Commander of the Evidence Control Unit. During his career, Captain Woods has received two official commendations and has been assigned to the Northeastern District, Criminal Investigation Division, Education and Training Division, Personnel Division, Communications Division and the Inspectional Services Division.



DONALD E. WOODS

The Lieutenants promoted and their assignments are as follows:

Scottie D. McDonald, Eastern District; Frank A. Russo, Traffic Division; John F. Warren, Western District; Gary W. Woodcock, Northwestern District; Patricia A. Mullen, Criminal Investigation Division.

The Sergeants promoted and their assignments are as follows:

John C. Kelley, III, Northern District; Robert E. Lassahn, Tactical Section;

David W. Shirey, Eastern District; Thomas R. Bull, Southeastern District; Alan M. Ward, Northeastern District; John Hucke, Northwestern District; William M. Caggese, Criminal Investigation Division; John Barrick, Southern District.

The Police Agents appointed and their assignments are as follows:

Douglas E. Cash, Internal Investigation Division; Richard S. Clark, II, Tactical Section; Steven A. Crumrine, Central District; Jeremiah M. Daley, Jr., Eastern District; David N. Datsko, Southeastern District; Mario J. DiFonzo, Central District; James A. Edmonds, Internal Investigation Division; James W. Fell, Northern District; Robert Franklin, Central District; Steven L. Glasser, Northwestern District; James G. Homer, Northern District; Andrew F. Leso, Eastern District; Albert M. Marcus, Sr., Tactical Section; James F. Markley, Jr., Northeastern District; Gregory D. Meacham, Western District; John A. Nelson, Western District; Robert N. Rodi, Western District; James P. Schuch, Tactical Section; Michael J. Simko, Northern District; Michael L. Streebig, Southwestern District; John L. Swedo, Tactical Section; Alan N. Yeater, Northern District.

The Principal Clerk Stenographers promoted and their assignments are as follows:

Margaret A. Talbott, Criminal Investigation Division; Pamela D. Brogden, Fiscal Affairs Division; Patricia H. Wlodarczyk, Education and Training Division; Jayne R. George, Criminal Investigation Division.

The Police Report Reviewer promoted and her assignment is as follows:

Carolyn S. Butler, Central Records Division.

The Principal Clerks promoted and their new assignments are as follows:

Jacqueline G. Sevic, Personnel Division; Marvinna M. Jones, Northeastern District.

NEWS NOTES

The 1977 Presidential Inaugural Committee is currently issuing "Special License Plates" commemorating the in-

auguration of the President of the United States. These tags will be valid through midnight, February 28, 1977.

Maryland vehicles, in order to display these tags, must be properly registered in this State and the vehicle owner must produce the appropriate "Maryland Registration Document" if requested to do so.



Recently one K-9 Team from the Frederick Police Department and three teams from the New York State Police returned to the Department's K-9 Training Center for a week of re-training. They are (l to r) Officer Wayne Mohler and Troopers James E. Keough, Arthur R. Krug and John J. Curry.

Post Scripts

Dear Mr. Chief of Police - Baltimore,

As a participant in yesterday's Maryland Marathon, I want to thank you and the countless members of your force who helped make participation enjoyable and a memorable experience.

I realize it's not always pleasant to hold up impatient motorists for scores of struggling runners, but I found your men doing this with good will and patience. It made us feel like the most important people in Baltimore for a few hours.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wayne Welch

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Man's greatest discovery is not fire, nor the wheel, nor the combustion engine, nor atomic energy, nor anything in the material world. It is in the world of ideas. Man's greatest discovery is teamwork by agreement.

- B. Brewster Jennings

NEWS IN BRIEF

LABORATORY DIVISION — Members of this Division send warm wishes for a speedy recovery to Senior Clerk Typist Edith Leedy, who is recuperating at home from recent surgery.

The Laboratory Division would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Members of this Division wish to welcome back Crime Laboratory Technician Mahlon H. Oswell of the Mobile Unit.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION — Narcotics Unit — Congratulations to Lieutenant Leon N. Tomlin. He was selected by the Frankford Improvement Association and received their "SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD." The Lieutenant was presented with a plaque and a special citation and a silver plate by Mayor William Donald Schaefer for his achievements in the Narcotics Enforcement Field and also as a citizen in the Frankford Community. A well deserved accolade!

Members of this Division wish to congratulate Sergeant William M. Coggesse on his recent promotion. Good luck Mikel!

CENTRAL DISTRICT — Congratulations to Sergeant and Mrs. Stanley Kusak who will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on December 31.

Congratulations to Lieutenant Scottie McDonald on his recent promotion and good luck in your new assignment.

Best wishes to Police Officer James O'Brien who recently retired.

Welcome aboard to Police Officer Jerome Minnicks and Sergeant Gregory Lysakoski.

Best wishes to Cheryl Shormann, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Shormann, Central District, on her recent marriage to Mr. David Reynolds.

TACTICAL SECTION — Welcome aboard to Lieutenant Edwin J. Boston, Sergeant Robert E. Lassahn and Police Officer Gerald E. Roman.

Congratulations to recently appointed Police Agents Albert M. Marcus, James P. Schuch, John L. Swedo and Richard S. Clark, II.

Members of this Section extend deepest sympathy to Police Officer Neal Schoenian on his recent loss.

SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT — Congratulations to Paul Egbert, son of Lieutenant Glenn Egbert, who won first place in the Baltimore Bureau of Recreation City-Wide Weightlifting meet in the pre-teen division on December 4. Paul lifted 255lbs., exceeding the old city record in his division by 60lbs. He is now in training for the State Junior Olympic Championships to be held in late January, 1977.

RETIREMENTS

WILLS, FRANK J., JR., Emergency Call Clerk, Communications Division, 30 years service, January 1, 1977.

WEDDINGS

MULLEN, JAMES P., Police Officer, Northeastern District and the former Police Officer Margaret Anne Spahn, Western District, October 8.

CONLEY, TOBI, and the former Senior Clerk Typist Kathleen J. Demski, Property Division, December 4.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANEY, PHILLIP EDWARD, son of Sergeant and Mrs. Edward Chaney, Western District, 8lbs., September 21.

TAYLOR, CHERYL DENISE, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. James Taylor, Western Dis-

trict, 6lbs. 9 oz., October 27.

KARASKAVICZ, SHARON MARIE, daughter of Detective and Mrs. Paul Karaskavicz, Criminal Investigation Division, Property Crimes Section, 8lbs. 2 oz., December 3.

BARTEL, MICHAEL JOHN, grandson of Police Officer and Mrs. Charles Shormann, Central District.

DeMANSS, CHRISTOPHER PATRICK, son of Police Agent and Mrs. Gerard DeManss, Tactical Section, 7lbs. 3 oz., November 25.

FUGATE, SAMANTHA KERI, daughter of Police Officer and Mrs. George Fugate, Central District, 6lbs. 2 oz., December 7.

IN MEMORIAM

ROMAN, ALBERT, grandfather of Detective Phillip Ottaviani, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Section, November 29.

HORNELL, GEORGETTE, mother-in-law of Detective Edward C. Johnson, Criminal Investigation Division, Vice Unit, December 1.

DEBROUSE, MARY I., mother-in-law of Police Officer Edward German, Traffic Division, December 2.

BROOKS, ROLAND E., brother of Police Officer Robert Brooks, Northwestern District, December 2.

TABB, FULTON, uncle of Police Officer Oliver Murdock, Southern District, December 2.

STEEN, PHORVALD, father of Police Officer Daniel Steen, Northern District, December 7.

FOLTZ, JOSEPH F., SR., father-in-law of Police Officer Ronald W. Kapp, Eastern District, December 7.

FINAL ROLL CALL

SYKES, GEORGE J., Police Officer, Active Duty, Northwestern District, December 10.



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