

**BELLEVUE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

1957

PART I

**ANNUAL REPORT**



1957

City population of 10,600

The city is 8 miles in length from North to South. Newport Shores and an area south of it were annexed.

PERSONNEL

G. L. Plowman, Chief

N. J. Giardina, Capt.	C. A. Meyer, Ptlm.: 1-1-57
G. C. Whitman, Sergeant	C. R. Smithrud, Ptlm.: 4-1-57
G. R. Quarnstrom, Sergeant	J. G. Muckolls, Ptlm: 7-3-57
J. L. Allen, Sergeant	R. H. Wittauer, Ptlm: 10-14-57
H. F. Corkrey, Ptlm.	R. J. Mulloy, Ptlm: 11-16-57
R. S. Moscrip, Ptlm.	G. L. Smith, Ptlm: 12-28-57
J. C. Robbins, Ptlm.	F. M. Allen, Clerk: 8-15-57
F. M. Anderson, Ptlm.	F. E. Cosgriffe, Clerk: 11-1-57
D. P. Van Blaricom, Ptlm.	C. F. Steere, Clerk: 12-3-57

On January 1, 1957, four officers were added to the department, making the total 17 personnel. Three civilian clerks were also added to enable the patrolmen to work outside.

TRAFFIC

184 accidents	2 fatal	23 injuries
4073 citations	3082 warnings	120 parking
158 Juvenile traffic arrests		

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T O : . T H E C I T Y M A N A G E R  
W . W . K E N N E D Y

I wish to present the following report on the Police Department for the calendar year of 1957.

This is the fourth annual report since the inauguration of a police department in the City of Bellevue and is intended to present to you, as the Chief Administrative Officer, a comprehensive picture of the activities, functions, cost analysis, personnel and services.

It is sincerely hoped that the following pages will present a broader view and a clearer understanding of this department in the city administration.

G . L . P L O W M A N ,  
C H I E F O F P O L I C E

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CITY OFFICIALS

COUNCILMEN:

C. Norman Dickison, Jr. - Mayor

Melvin Love

Frank Armstead

William Glorius

George Kardong

Park Westover

Irene Gies

CITY MANAGER:

W. W. Kennedy

CITY ATTORNEY:

Joseph Miller

JUDGE OF MUNICIPAL COURT:

Gale Hilyer

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

Clifton Crawford - Chairman

Merle Petram

Don Follett

Jean Scholer - Secretary & Chief Examiner

## HISTORY

The department was authorized by Council action when Ordinance No. #8 of the City of Bellevue was passed on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1953. The department was activated on August 1, 1953 when a Chief of Police was hired by the city. No actual patrolling was done in the city until September 16, 1953 when a Sergeant was added to the department. Acquisition of equipment, the creation of Ordinances and the various paper forms to keep records all had to be accomplished before the department could actively start to work.

January 1, 1954, when two more men were added to the department, a twenty four hour service was given for the first time. The department was faced with a heavy traffic load with close to seventy miles of streets to patrol within a five square mile area. At this time the census showed a population of 5,950.

In April of 1954 the population grew to 7,658. Two more officers were added on the ninth of September 1954, bringing the department personnel up to six. Realizing that the population was still growing and the Law Enforcement program demanding more and more service, three more men and a policewoman were added to the department on the first of January 1955, bringing the number of personnel to ten. A census in April of 1955 showed a total population of 8,901.

With the addition of added personnel in 1955 the desk in the station was in operation twenty four hours a day. Prior to that time all calls for assistance and the notification of cars by radio was handled during the city office hours and when the offices were closed, the operation was coordinated at the Chief's home.

On the sixteenth of October 1955, another officer was added to the department and the Juvenile and Crime Prevention division was established.

Two more men were added on January 1, 1956, bringing the department strength to thirteen. This allowed the addition of another car to patrol the business area during the night hours. The population in April of 1956 totaled 10,002.

On the first of January, 1957, four more officers were added to the department, bringing the total personnel to seventeen. During 1957, three civilian clerks were added to the department to enable patrolmen to work outside. One regular officer was not replaced after a resignation, bringing total strength to nineteen. The population had increased during the year to 10,600 because of several annexations, one of which was the Newport area and one south of that area. The city is now almost eight miles in length from north to south.

