

1975

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
City of Bellevue, Wash.**



D. P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police



CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Mr. L. Joe Miller, City Manager
City of Bellevue, Washington

Dear Mr. Miller:

The 1975 Annual Report of the Bellevue Police Department is submitted herewith and I wish to begin by acknowledging the support of both the City Council and the City Manager in authorizing the necessary resources to deliver police services in the City of Bellevue.

In looking back over the past year, which was my first as Chief of Police, I think that our two most significant accomplishments were the introduction of neighborhood/team policing and the establishment of a positive citizen/police relationship. In a near total departure from the traditional police structure, we implemented a concept of assigning police teams to specific neighborhoods and substituted criminal investigation duties for the 68% of the uniformed officers' time that was previously uncommitted. Additionally, a new philosophy of creating an active partnership between the public and their police was initiated to mutually attack crime and the ever-accelerating problem of residential burglary was targeted for priority attention. I am most pleased to report that after a combined mid-year assignment of officers to neighborhoods and the presentation of burglary prevention programs out in the community, we recorded an almost immediate reversal of our residential burglary rate. In fact, an increase of +53% for the first 6 months of 1975 over 1974 was displaced by a decrease of -18% for the last 6 months - it seems that we can do something about crime!

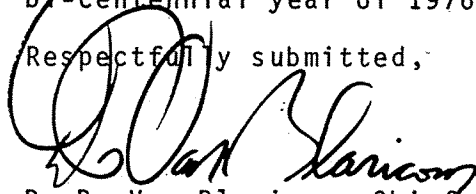
Besides the sincere desire to control crime, however, another motivation for reorganizing our policing methods was the simple fact of a demanding need to increase cost-effectiveness. Interestingly enough, out per capita cost for police in the City of Bellevue is only \$23.46 or \$13.01 lower than the average for Northwest cities and at only 1.3 police per 1,000 population, we are 7 officers under the average personnel strength of those cities too. With these limitations then,

CHIEF'S MESSAGE (Continued)

we attempted to literally accomplish more with less at two-thirds the going rate and early results indicate that we are apparently doing just that!

Finally and most importantly, I want to give due credit to the dedicated men and women of the Bellevue Police Department for our successes. I am under no illusion that I accomplished anything by myself and it is my management belief that I can serve most usefully by providing an environment in which they can work most effectively - I submit that they have done well in 1975 and will continue to do so in our nation's bi-centennial year of 1976!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. P. Van Blaricom". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

D. P. Van Blaricom, Chief of Police

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CITY OF BELLEVUE
PUBLIC OFFICIALS

COUNCIL:

Mayor Milford Vanik

COUNCILPERSONS:

Roy Ferguson

Richard M. Foreman

Thomas J. Kraft

Don Lemieux

Nancy L. Rising

Gary A. Zimmerman

CITY MANAGER:

L. Joe Miller

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

LaVerne Hall, Chairperson

Admiral John Shaw

Sister Bunny Flick

John Denney

Paul Hosoda

POLICE CHIEF:

D. P. Van Blaricom



CITY OF BELLEVUE
GENERAL INFORMATION

INCORPORATED: March 31, 1953

GOVERNMENT: Council-Manager

LOCATION: Bellevue lies east of Lake Washington on Interstate Highway 405 and is linked with Metropolitan Seattle by two floating bridges (Interstate 90 and State Highway 520).

POPULATION: City of Bellevue.....68,209
Greater Bellevue (School Dist. #405).....83,400

Area: 26.4 square miles with 223 miles of public streets.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES:

- Rail - The Burlington Northern serves Bellevue's industrial area. Spur siding and tracks are available at selected points. Additional facilities can be installed as needed.
- Air Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is 25 minutes away and Boeing field is 20 minutes. Bellevue Airfield has non-scheduled air service.
- Water The Port of Seattle is about twenty minutes from Bellevue.
- Highway North-South Interstate Highway 405 and east-west Interstate Highway 90 intersect in Bellevue. State Highways 520 and 901 also serve the area.
- Truck Served by all the major truck lines operating in the Seattle-Tacoma complex.
- Bus Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) provides scheduled services to and from Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond, Medina, and Mercer Island, as well as outer areas of King County. The Suburban Airporter provides scheduled service from Bellevue and other Eastside points to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

CITY OF BELLEVUE - GENERAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION: There are 17 Elementary Schools, 8 Junior High Schools, 4 High Schools, and Ungraded (handicapped) schools with the total enrollment of 22,291. There are private and parochial schools, and higher education with Bellevue Community College which offers over 830 courses with an enrollment of more than 7,000 students.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES: Greater Bellevue has 8 motels with 528 units. The largest of ten meeting facilities (John Danz Theatre) will seat 1,500 people.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: The medical facilities include one general hospital with 161 beds, 24 hour emergency service and 125 physicians and surgeons. There are also 96 dentists in the Bellevue area.

CHURCHES: There are 50 churches and over 150 services, community and professional organizations.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: They include one nature study park, three sport parks, 7 beach parks, 4 community parks, 3 community centers, 3 greenbelt parks, 6 tennis courts, 5 golf courses, 2 boat ramps, and 18 park sites under development; 2 bowling alleys, 3 ice and roller rinks, riding stables, 9 ski resorts within 1-3 hours drive of Bellevue, yacht club and 2 marinas, 5 private and 2 public swimming pools, Bridle Trails State Park and Lake Sammamish State Park, a year-round recreation program is offered by the City Department of Parks and Recreation.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Form of City government is Council-City manager. Zoning: City Ordinance No. 1282, County Resolution No 18801. Building Code: City and County both operate under Uniform Building Code (ICBO). On June 1, 1970, Bellevue's classification was changed from a third class city to an optional municipal code city.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bellevue Municipal Fire Department covers the area between Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish, northerly to N.E. 60th, southerly to Pleasure Point and including portions of King County South of I-90. Sixty-five full time firefighters and 50 volunteers are available to respond with eight engines, one aerial ladder truck, 3 first aid cars, one Medic I cardiopulmonary van, one rescue salvage van, one auxiliary light plant (trailer mounted) and 4 sedans.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT: There are 70 manufacturing firms in the community.

TYPICAL INDUSTRIAL WAGE RATES:

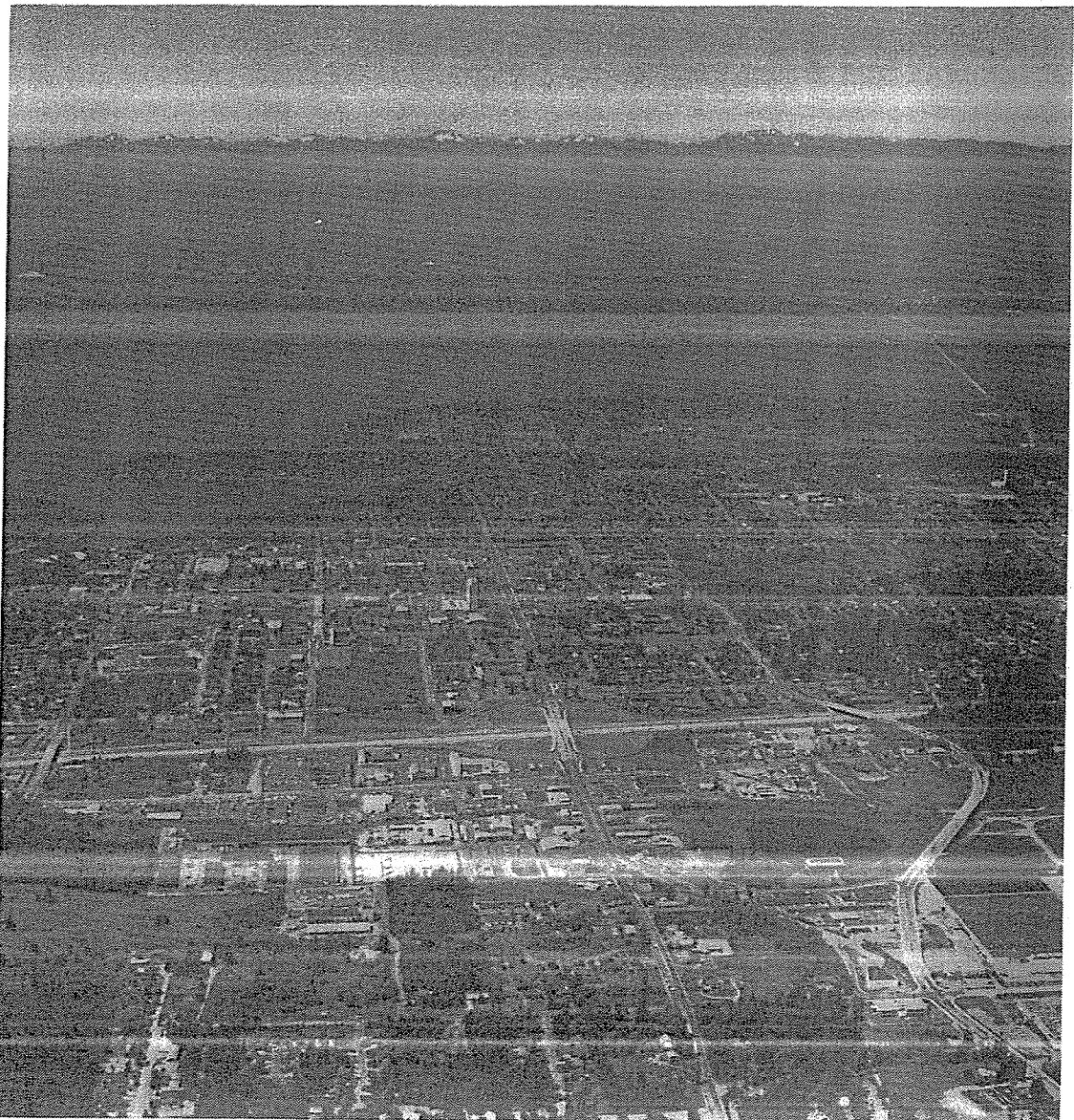
Skilled personnel	\$5.15 - 8.70	Clerical personnel	\$2.25 - 5.15
Semi-skilled	\$3.25 - 5.10	Unskilled pers.	\$2.70 - 4.65

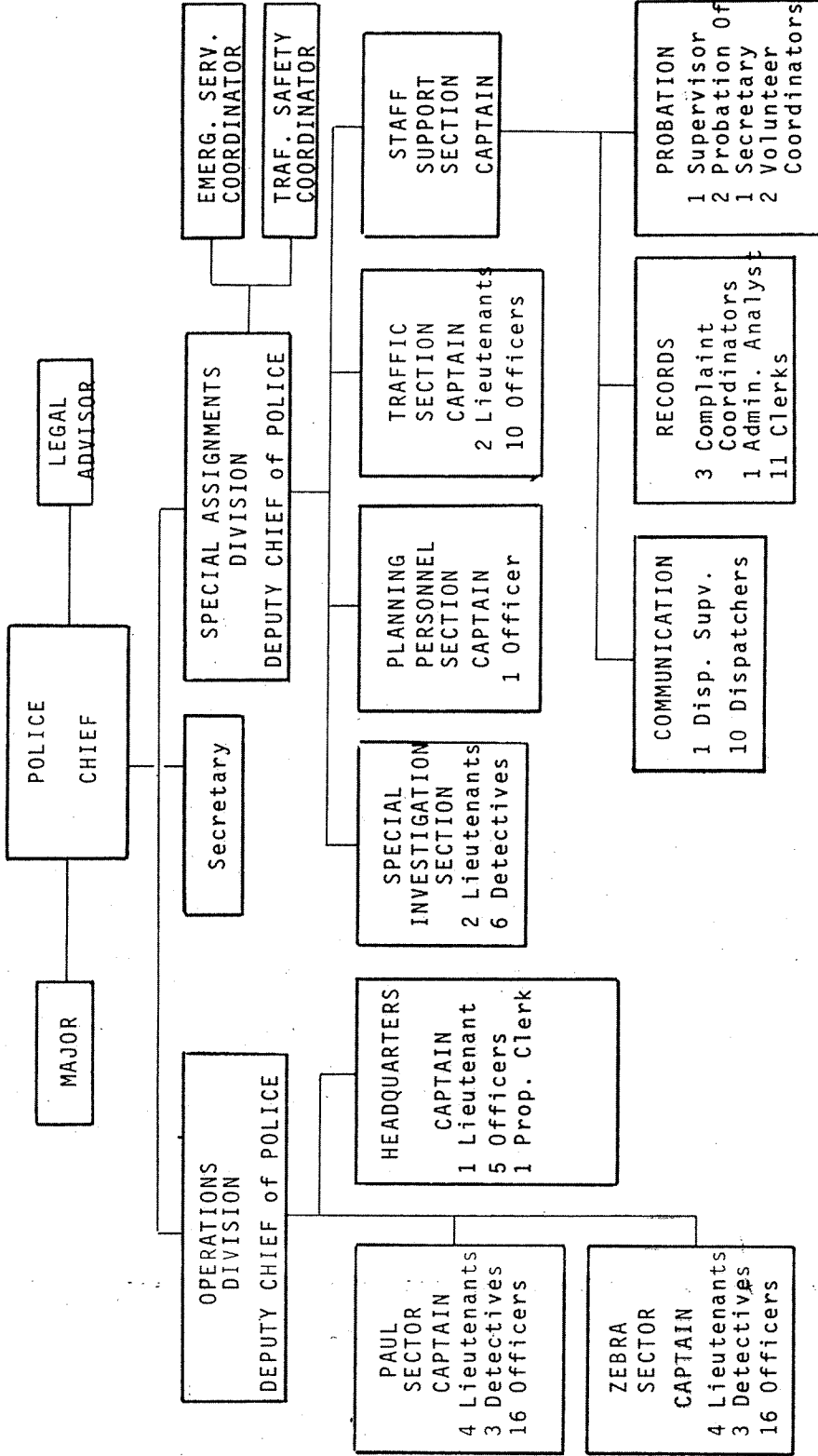
CITY OF BELLEVUE - GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Face of community is changing with increases notable in office buildings and shopping centers. Growth in residential development continues.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER: Bellevue American publishes bi-weekly with a paid circulation of 19,100 and a shoppers' edition circulation of 45,000.

RADIO BROADCASTING STATION: Bellevue Eastside Radio, Ltd. (KZAM) 1540 DCS-AM, 92.5 MCS-FM. KBCS, 91.3 MCS-FM. Bellevue Community College Television Channel 3, cable T.V.





POLICE (LEFT) PERSONNEL

Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	2
Major	1
Captains	6
Lieutenants	13
Detectives	12
Police Officers	48
Complaint Coordinators	3
TOTAL	86

BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1975

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Chief of Police

TOTAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
118

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Administrative Analyst	1
Dispatch Supervisor	1
Dispatchers	10
Property Clerk	1
Secretaries	2
Clerks	11
Probation Supervisor	1
Probation Personnel	4
Legal Advisor	1
TOTAL	32

BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL OVERVIEW

1975

1. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFICERS</u>
21-25	12
26-30	31
31-35	28
36-40	8
41 & Over	7
TOTAL COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL	<u>86</u>
MEAN AGE	<u>31.4</u>

2. DISTRIBUTION OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL BY EDUCATION

<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFICERS</u>
HIGH SCHOOL	86
1 YEAR COLLEGE	12
2 YEAR COLLEGE	23
3 YEAR COLLEGE	14
4 YEAR COLLEGE	29
GRAD. SCHOOL	4
MASTERS	3
MEAN YEARS OF COLLEGE COMPLETE	<u>2.90</u>

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3. YEARS OF SERVICE OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFICERS</u>
UNDER 1 YEAR	8
1 YEAR	4
2 YEARS	9
3 YEARS	6
4 YEARS	3

POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL OVERVIEW -
YEARS OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL (Continued)

<u>YEARS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF OFFICERS</u>
5-9 YEARS	43
10-14 YEARS	6
15 & OVER	7
MEAN YEARS OF SERVICE	<u>5.9</u>

4. DISTRIBUTION BY SEX AND RACE OF COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>ASIAN</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
84	1	1	78	8

CITY OF BELLEVUE
1975 POLICE BUDGET

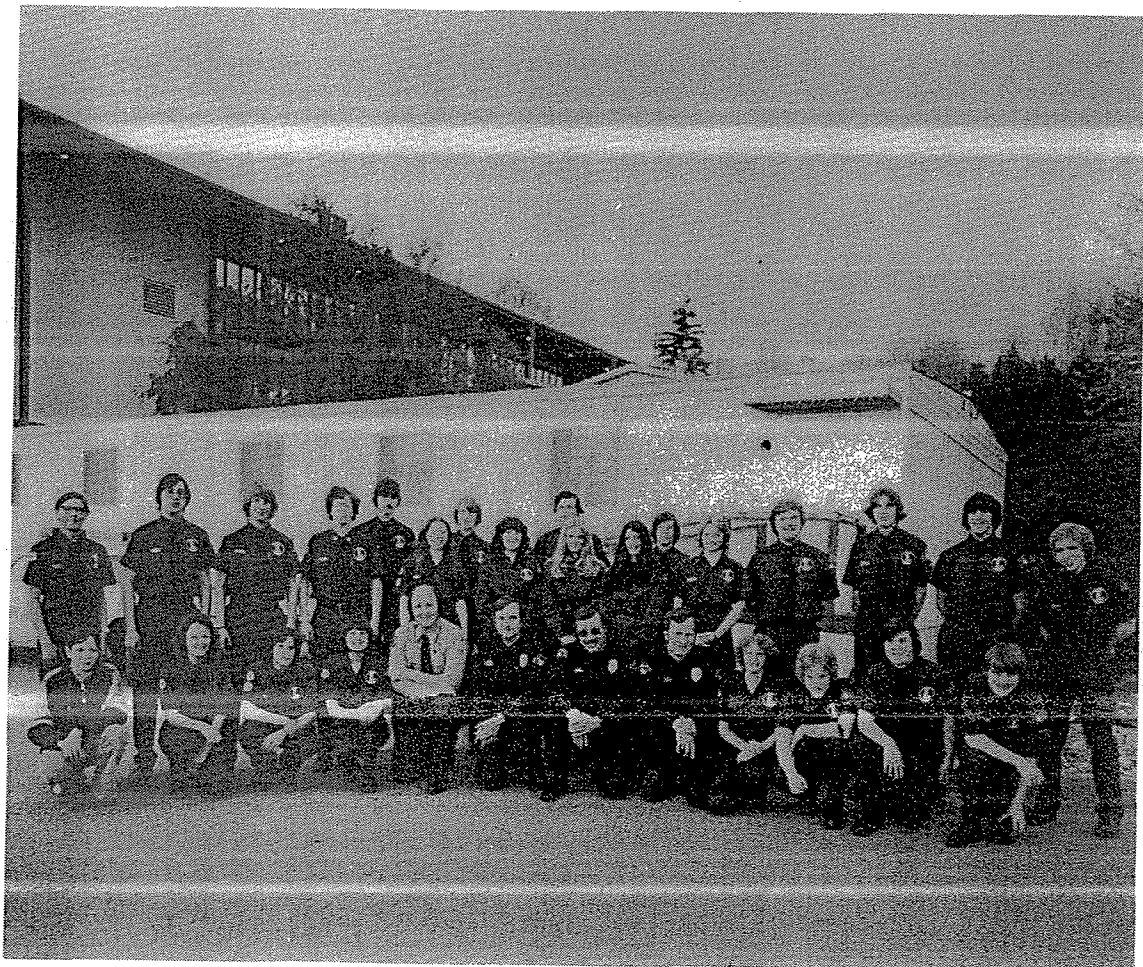
<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Other Services</u>	<u>Capitol</u>	<u>Total</u>
Police Admin.	\$ 58,660	\$ 415	\$14,503	-0-	\$ 73,578
Investigation	299,544	10,274	42,919	\$ 3,073	355,810
Patrol	782,357	9,807	95,839	44,191	932,194
Traffic	227,205	4,170	48,707	19,356	299,438
Records	200,491	10,311	20,445	6,810	238,057
Training	35,041	8,839	12,170	994	57,044
Communications	69,908	390	3,923	900	75,121
Care and Custody of Prisoners	-0-	-0-	6,000	-0-	6,000
Community Services Admin.	20,339	700	31,737	111	52,887
Crime Prevention	31,868	1,239	3,955	-0-	37,062
Probation and Parole	50,414	225	1,789	-0-	52,428
Family Counseling	43,248	900	3,842	-0-	47,990
Disability	<u>150,280</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>150,930</u>
	\$1,969,355	\$47,395	\$286,354	\$75,435	\$2,378,539

TWENTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1975

1. The department was totally reorganized to obtain more effective use of our resources and the greatest departure from the previous structure was the adoption of neighborhood/team policing - the present organization and deployment of the Operations Division incidentally, is the development of planning by personnel from all ranks within that division. I will not go into detail as to what changes in our delivery of police services to the community have occurred under this new concept, since you know them already, but most gratifying to me is to see uniformed officers investigating, clearing and filing felony cases instead of simply patrolling some 68% of their previously uncommitted time.
2. With our emphasis on crime prevention coupled with more effective enforcement activities under the new structure of the department, we have actually reversed the constantly upward trend of residential burglaries and started it sharply downward. You will be interested to know that the statistics show an increase of +47% in 1973 over 1972, an increase of +27% in 1974 over 1973, and an increase of +53% in the first six months of 1975 over 1974. But, beginning in July of 1975 after implementing both neighborhood/team policing and an active burglary prevention program involving citizen participation, the next six months of 1975 show a steady decline of -18% over the same period in 1974. Obviously, the efforts of all department personnel have caused that reversal and they are to be commended for the welcome change - we can do something about crime!
3. We have obtained PortaCom radios for installation in all patrol units, which enable an officer to be in continual communications contact away from his or her vehicle for both greater effectiveness and protection.
4. We have adopted distinctive patrol vehicle markings and have consequently created an impression of greater presence on the street, when we have actually reduced patrol time. Additionally, the marked vehicles have been supplemented by a variety of differently colored unmarked vehicles which enable a less conspicuous presence whenever required. All of these vehicles (and Traffic's too) are easily the best equipped police units to be found anywhere and are in vivid contrast to what I drove when I was outside myself.

TWENTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, Cont.

5. With our emphasis on a service oriented approach to policing, we have not only become more effective in reducing targeted criminal activity (i.e. - residential burglary) but we have also gained wider community support. This is reflected in the correspondence praising the actions of individual officers that I receive and the nearly total absence of citizen complaints against officers.
6. We graduated a class of Explorer Scouts from the Seattle Police Explorer Academy and they are a group of young people of whom any of you would be proud. This group has been developed through the personal efforts of a few of our officers on their own time and they have every reason to be gratified with what they have accomplished.



TWENTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, Cont.

7. More personnel of all ranks from all units are being sent to outside schools and are being additionally incorporated into a cadre of in-service training instructors to disseminate their knowledge to their fellow officers in a comprehensive in-service training program that will be implemented this year. Although I could list many important training courses that were completed this last year, perhaps the two most noteworthy are the certification of another polygraph operator and the enrollment of another Traffic Lieutenant in Northwestern Traffic Institute's 9 month course. It is of interest to note that when our 4 new female officers finished their basic training, they had taken first and second place among the recruits in that class to further prove that they are equally qualified for full-service police duties on the street where they are now assigned.
8. By adding considerable floor space to the existing facilities through newly aquired temporary buildings, we have brought all of our police officers together again at headquarters location and provided workspace for everyone - it would be nice to have still more but we are well ahead of where we were a year ago.
9. We have resumed command responsibility for the Staff Support Division and have improved its services to both the police and fire departments. Also, we are the first police department in the State to develop a traffic records system that is compatible with the State system and in fact, we served as the development model for the State-wide creation of such a system.
10. The property room has been transformed into a business-like operation where evidence or property is no longer lost.
11. We have implemented a K-9 unit as a particularly effective tool for apprehending criminal suspects in response to an interested officer's logical presentation of the advantages to such a program.
12. We have incorporated a fully equipped traffic accident investigation van for greater capability at accident (or crime) scenes and will add an additional unit of the same type this year, now that the idea has proven worthwhile.

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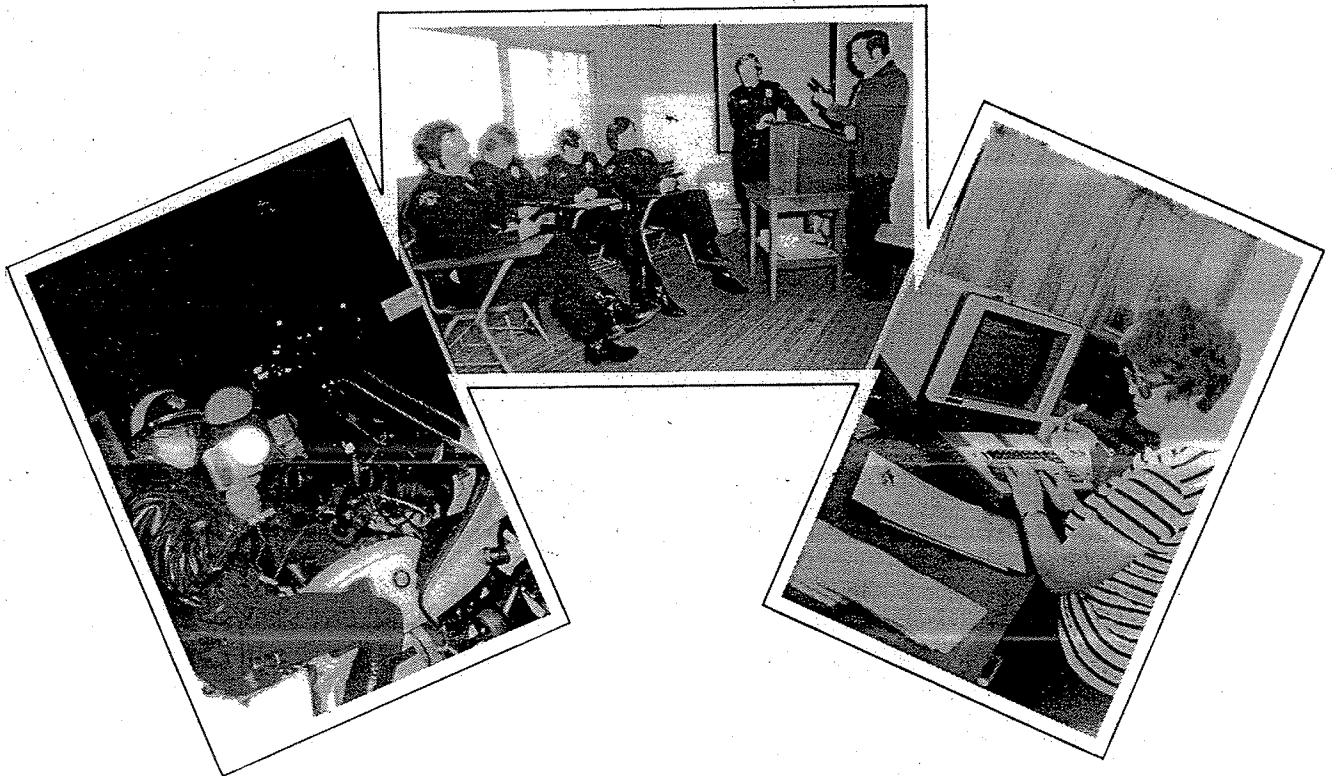
13. Hand-held radar units have been provided for traffic surveillance in areas where apprehension by vehicle mounted radar units is difficult and the motorcycles are using them to good effect. But, in taking a reasonable enforcement posture that is correlated with accident experience and not just "writing tickets for the record", we recommended and obtained raised speed limits on both the Lake Hills Connector and Lake Hills Boulevard because they were artificially low.
14. The traditional Harley Davidson motorcycles are being phased out in favor of the more suitable BMW's and this change was initiated in response to well-prepared arguments by the riders themselves. Additionally, these units are now equipped with electronic sirens for greater officer safety and the capability to function as a loudspeaker for traffic direction.
15. We have adopted and initiated a complete changeover to the Smith & Wesson Model 59 pistol which is the best law enforcement sidearm available today.



TWENTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, Cont.

16. Communications capacity has been expanded in both dispatch and records with the addition of more or better equipment, supplemented by improved filing systems.
17. The Washington State Training Commission has recognized our expertise in professional traffic training and contracted to have two State-wide schools conducted here by our personnel - the positive feedback from attending officers exceeded any that had been previously experienced by the State for such schools. Additionally, we are the only police agency recognized by the State to conduct training for EMT certification and 1 such class has been successfully taught.
18. Programs for officer's spouses have been developed in defensive driving, firearms safety, and riding with officers in the field, all of which have received enthusiastic participation.
19. Our 1976 budget for the police department was approved with the addition of a Lieutenant and 2 Traffic officers.
20. We have had wide coverage of our activities in all facets of the media which has been both positive and helpful to our public image.

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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF'S MESSAGE



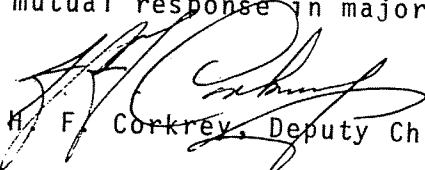
The Special Assignments Division provides a variety of technical assistance and behind-the-scenes support that enables the basic mission of police service to be accomplished.

The Division is comprised of four sections; Special Investigations, Traffic, Planning and Personnel, and Staff Support.

The first unit, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, is responsible for crimes against persons, narcotics investigations, fraud and bad checks, and all internal affairs and intelligence information. The TRAFFIC SECTION serves as the basic traffic law enforcement unit with heavy emphasis in the areas of accident investigation and accident prevention. PLANNING AND PERSONNEL is responsible for maintaining personnel files, assisting with the hiring process, conducting and supervising all training, maintaining tactical inventories and developing new projects and concepts for department wide application. STAFF SUPPORT provides all other supportive services to the department including police records, computerized crime analysis, budget and purchasing, clerical services and communications.

This latter responsibility has taken on new dimensions in the past two years. A new communications facility has been placed in operation which not only serves Bellevue Police, Fire and Medic units, but also provides full dispatch and communications services for a growing number of surrounding Police and Fire Departments, Fire Districts and Medical Aid Units.

The Regional concept has proven to be a real boon in relieving the tight budgets of member departments and agencies. Not only is the expensive duplication of equipment and manpower eliminated, but the personnel of member agencies come in closer contact with each other thus creating a greater degree of cooperation and understanding. This has proven to be of tremendous benefit in all areas of endeavor, from long range planning for the entire Eastside to mutual aid and mutual response in major crimes and disasters.


H. F. Corkrey, Deputy Chief of Police

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
Total Reported	2977	2353	1697	1743	1401
Investigated	1897	1692	1154	1179	1054
Citizen Reports	870	661	542	564	347
Miscellaneous (Non-reportable)	210	256	502	575	408
Fatalities	3	7	1	0	2
Persons Injured	723	490	576	561	551
Pedestrian	18	16	19	19	19
Bicycle Involved	21	20	26	28	22
Hit and Run	226	254	166	48	49

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ESTIMATED ACCIDENT LOSSES

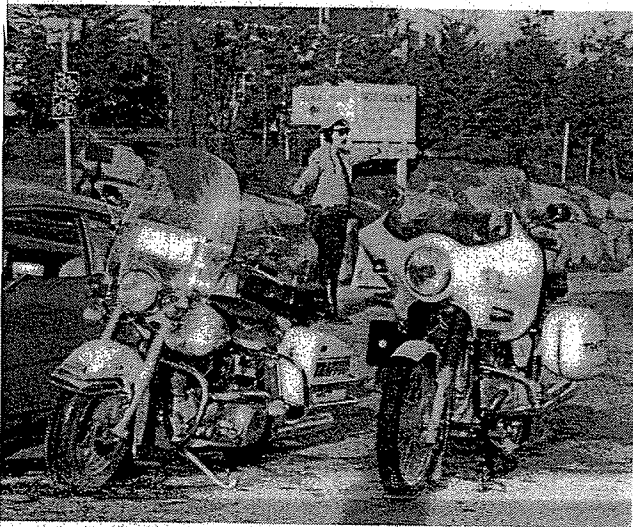
<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>
\$1,073,326	\$833,830	\$966,680	\$1,005,609	\$889,204

TRAFFIC SECTION

The Accident Investigation Van, a new idea in Police Traffic Services, has proven itself not only in total efficiency but in public relations as well.



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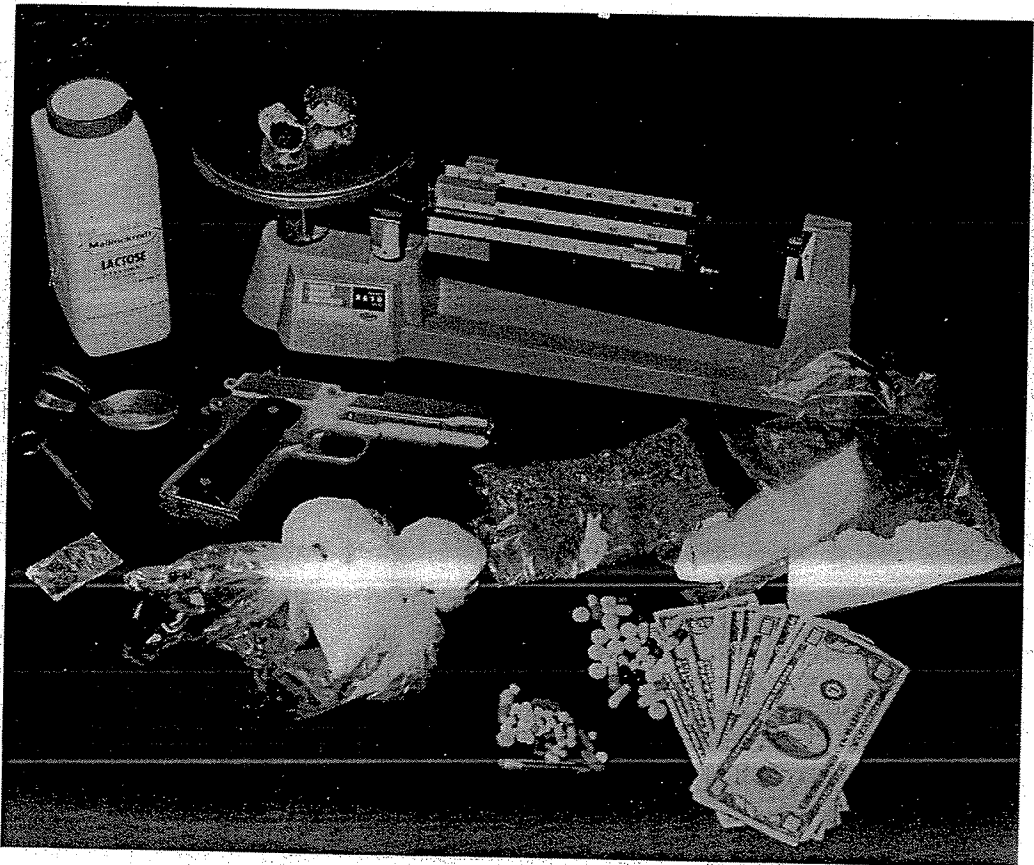
The old Harley Davidson motorcycle has now been replaced with the BMW motorcycle. During the transition period both motorcycles were in use and can be seen here at the scene of an accident.

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS SECTION
NARCOTICS UNIT

The Bellevue Police Narcotics Unit, comprised of two detectives and a lieutenant, is responsible for all major narcotic and vice investigations which come to the department's attention.

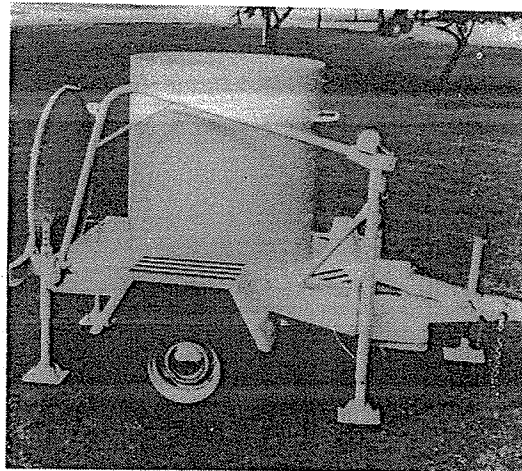
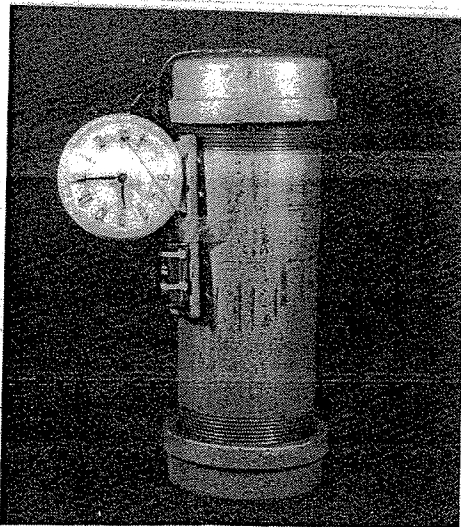
Over the past ten years the drug scene in Bellevue has changed considerably and in 1975, \$104,000.00 worth of illicit drugs were seized.

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EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DETONATED

In the last three years the City of Bellevue has had twentysix bomb explosions with the most serious bombing thus far on December 31, 1975, when a radical organization known as the George Jackson Brigade claimed credit for two large bombs exploded in the Safeway Distribution Center. These bombs caused considerable damage but fortunately there were no injuries.



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The use of bombs as a coercive force against society by radical persons is becoming common-place and to meet that growing threat, the Police Department has officers who are both trained and equipped to deal with explosive devices. Additionally, the purchase of a bomb trailer has provided a reasonable safe method of moving unexploded bombs or other explosives out of populated areas to a safe disposal place.

