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Front Cover

The front cover of this year's annual report is, in itself, a history of the police department since its organization April 1, 1953. The badges and rank insignia shown on the cover have all been used, or are now being used, through the past 24 years. The patches used read from left to right down the page to those currently in use, the blue patch for team policing personnel and the brown patch for the traffic division.



Chief's Message

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

Dear Mr. Miller:

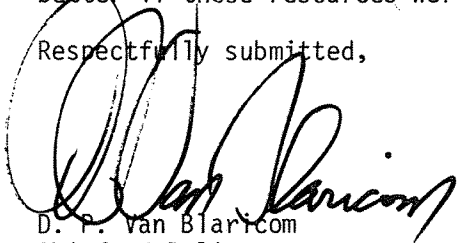
The 1976 Annual Report of the Bellevue Police Department is submitted herewith and I wish to begin by acknowledging the support of the City Administration in our efforts to deliver quality police services to the City of Bellevue.

I am pleased to report to you and the community that for the first time in 5 years, we managed to achieve a slight overall reduction in serious crimes! Significant decreases were recorded for rape, assault, and residential burglary but larcenies increased slightly and robbery nearly doubled. Most of the favorable experience can be attributed to a reorganization of our resources into neighborhood/team policing coordinated with a proactive crime prevention program, in which those crimes that were targeted for priority attention were accordingly reduced. That concept, which has proven successful in the residential neighborhoods, will next be expanded into the business community as well and I expect to achieve a similar impact there.

During 1977, we will endeavor to improve upon the experience of the past year and to accomplish two important in-house programs as well. The first of these is to design and occupy an adequate facility in the expanded City Hall which will better enable us to perform our duties. This is well underway already and will finally place the police department in a modern headquarters that is task-oriented. The second project is to construct a career development program for our officers that will provide for their individual growth as professionals and continue to motivate each of them to give the best possible service to the community. This is the next logical step to follow the now successful educational incentive program introduced in 1967, which has resulted in a college achievement level for all personnel of 43% associate degrees, 42% bachelor degrees, and 8% masters degrees.

As I have in the past, I must again call attention to the fact that we are still at the lowest number of police per population and at the lowest per capita cost for police services of any city in the metropolitan area. The men and women of the Bellevue Police Department will continue to do the best that they can within the constraint of our limited resources, however, we could do better if those resources were appropriately increased.

Respectfully submitted,



D. P. van Blaricom
Chief of Police



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Introduction

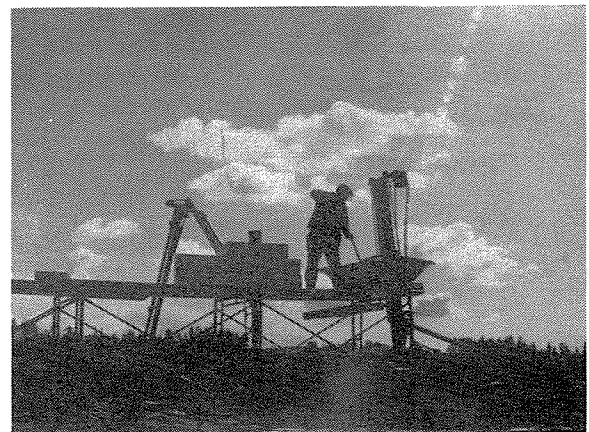
In 1940 Bellevue was a small village of just one thousand inhabitants. Over the intervening 36 years, the City of Bellevue grew up to become one of the leading communities in the Pacific Northwest.

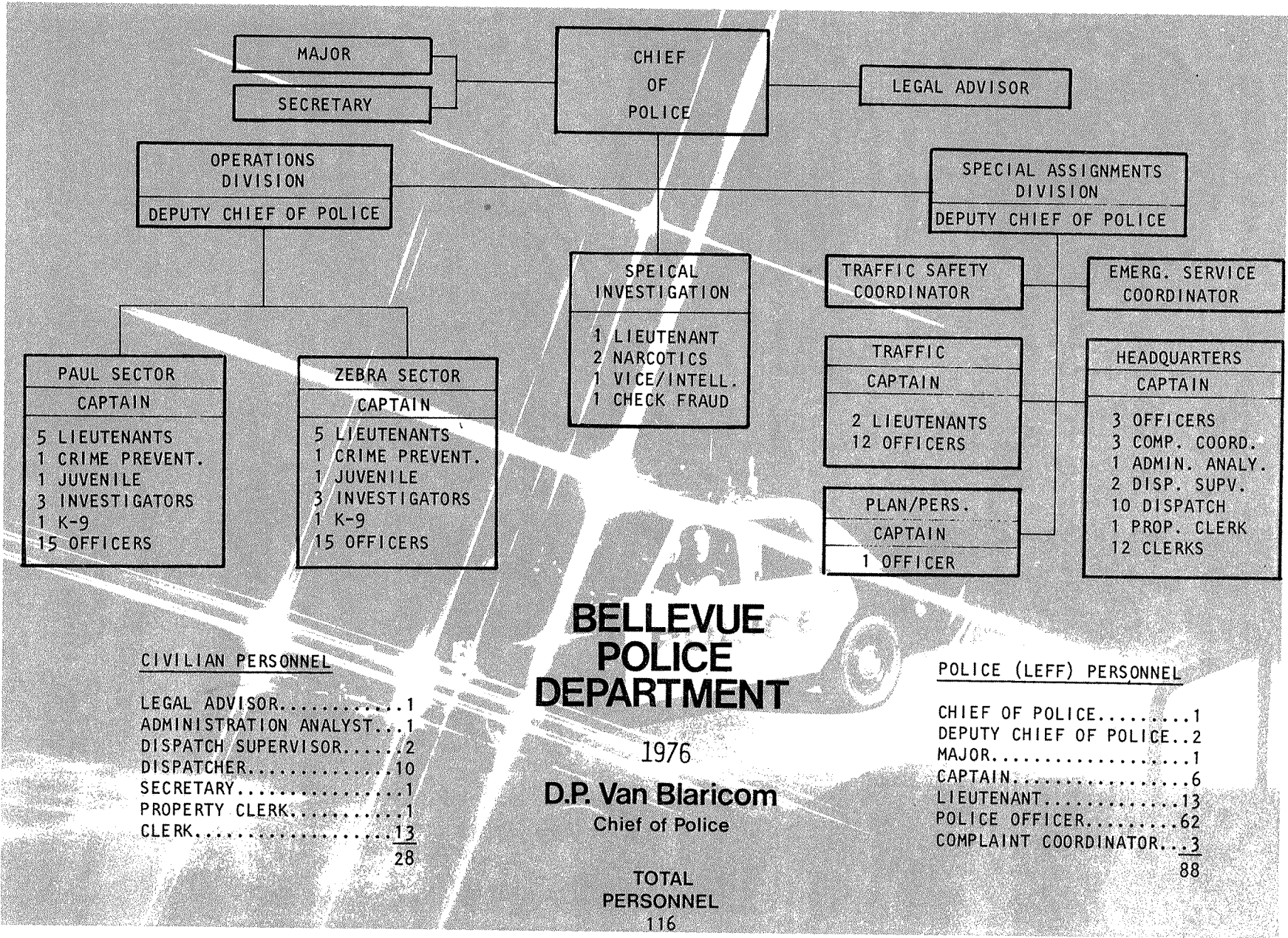


March 31, 1953 was the beginning. The City was incorporated with a population of 5,000, 5 square miles of area and 75 miles of streets. During that first year the Police Department was organized with one officer, the Chief of Police.

From that modest beginning, the City has grown to become the fourth largest city in the state with a population of 68,000, in an area of 26.4 square miles and 223 miles of public streets. The Police Department has also grown to become the sixth largest municipal department in the state with 88 commissioned officers. The citizens of Bellevue also pay the lowest per capita police cost in the Puget Sound area.

The Bellevue Police Department has changed almost yearly since its inception to provide more and better service to the citizens of this community. This progressive attitude is reflected by the team policing program that is in effect today and has provided many needed programs to the citizens of this community. It is with this in mind that you will find this annual report most informative on the accomplishments by the Police Department in 1976.





BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1976

D.P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police

TOTAL
PERSONNEL
116

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

LEGAL ADVISOR.....	1
ADMINISTRATION ANALYST....	1
DISPATCH SUPERVISOR.....	2
DISPATCHER.....	10
SECRETARY.....	1
PROPERTY CLERK.....	1
CLERK.....	13
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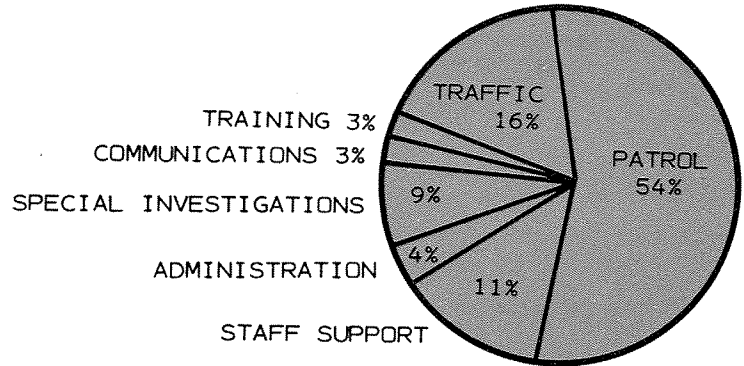
POLICE (LEFF) PERSONNEL

CHIEF OF POLICE.....	1
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE..	2
MAJOR.....	1
CAPTAIN.....	6
LIEUTENANT.....	13
POLICE OFFICER.....	62
COMPLAINT COORDINATOR..	3
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City Of Bellevue
 Police Department
 Expenditures For 1976

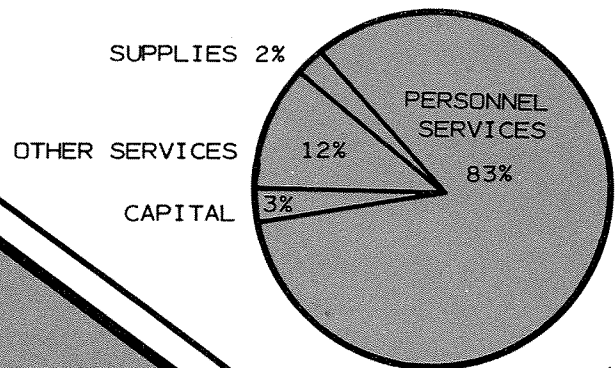
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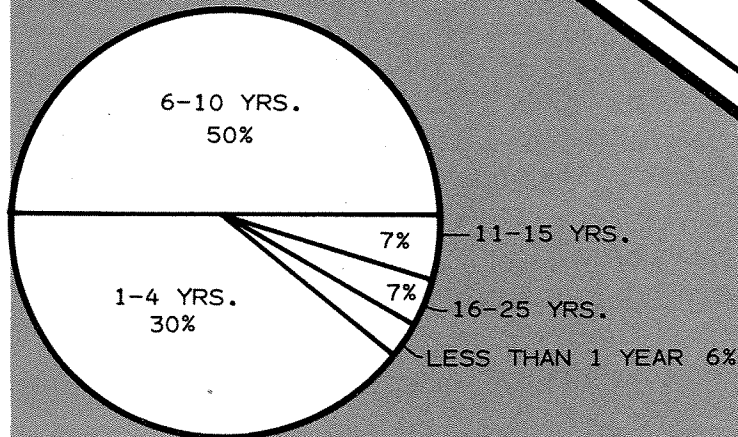


Police
 Department
 Personnel

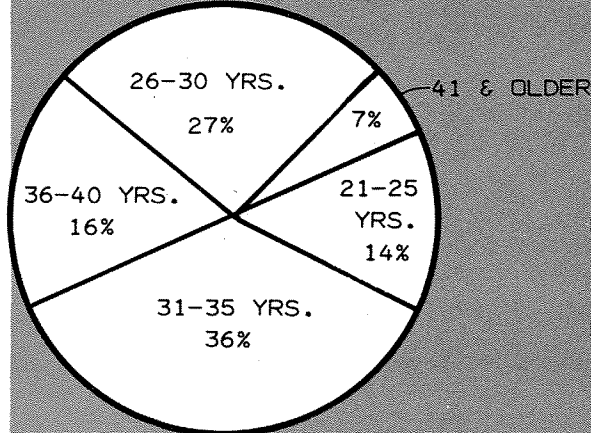
EXPENDITURES



YEARS OF SERVICE



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