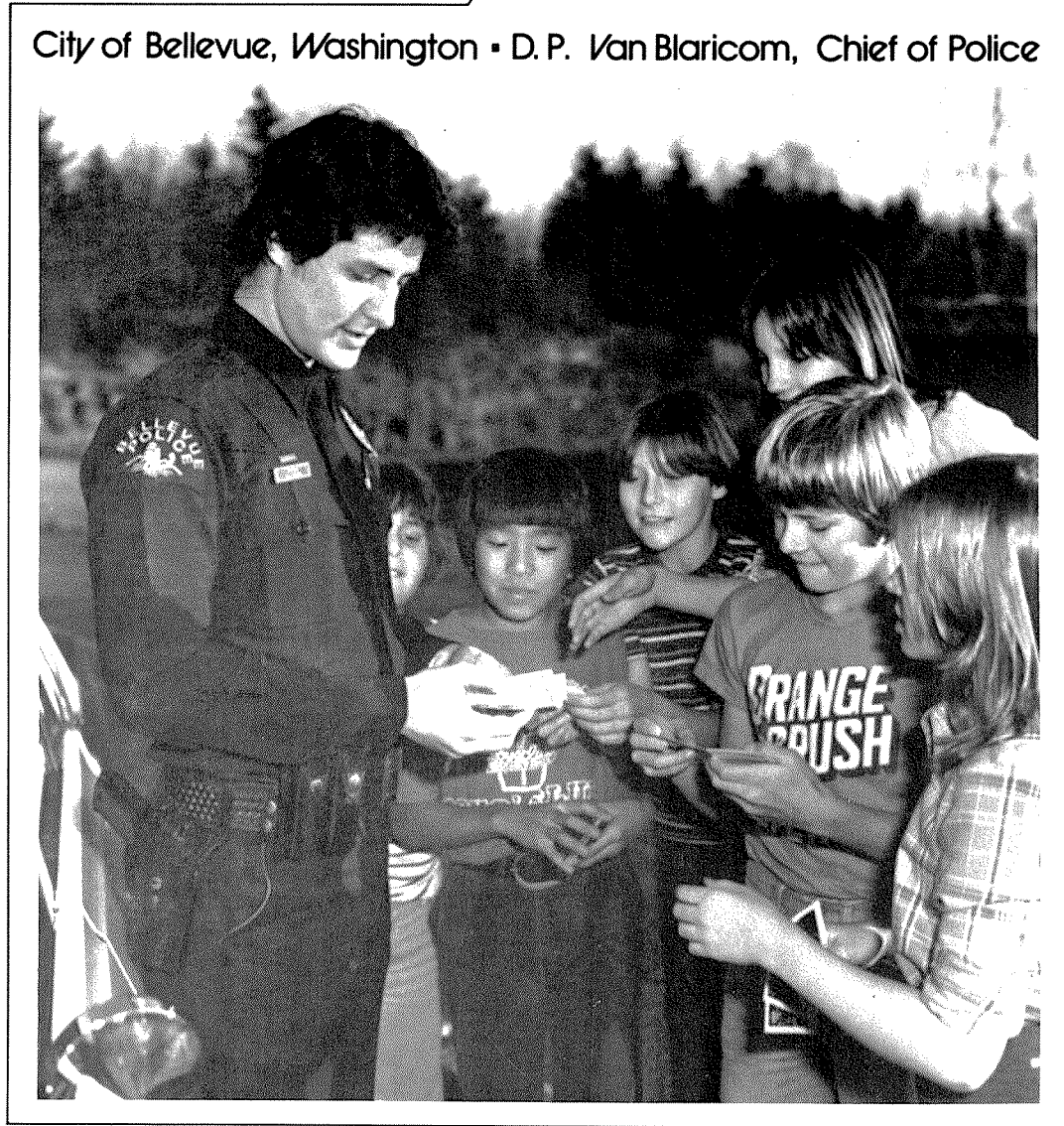


1978 POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

City of Bellevue, Washington • D. P. Van Blaricom, Chief of Police



The Cover

Bellevue Police Officer Mike Lambo hands out Super Sonics trading cards to eager youngsters. Sponsored by Bellevue Police and the Bellevue Kiwanis service club, the cards were an instant hit and were soon being distributed by law enforcement agencies statewide. Increasing rapport between youth and police, the cards (which included a crime prevention tip) became a success story of tremendous value. The sought after cards reached a peak when the Sonics became NBA World Champions for the first time.

CITY COUNCIL

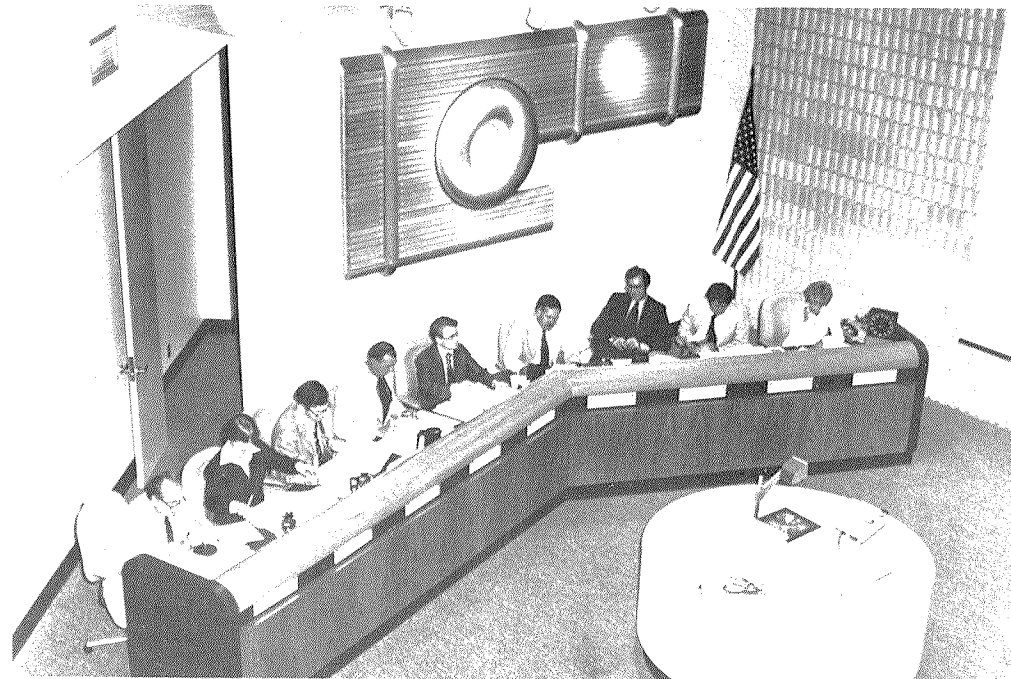
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Cary Bozeman, Roy Ferguson, Don Lemieux,
Richard M. Foreman, Thomas J. Kraft, Mab Tocher

CITY MANAGER

William H. Parness

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mary Lee Landerholm, Chairperson
Laverne Hall, John Denney, Paul Hosoda, Hank Curran



POLICE ANNUAL STAFF

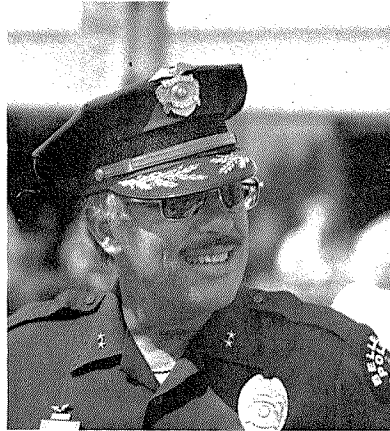
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Chief's Message - 1978

Mr. W. H. Parness, City Manager
City of Bellevue, Washington

Dear Mr. Parness:

The 1978 Annual Report of the Bellevue Police Department is submitted herewith and I will begin by reaffirming our operational philosophy that the sole reason for our existence is to serve the needs of the community who pays the bill - we shall continue in our endeavors to meet their needs!



The City of Bellevue is growing and there is no doubt about that. Regardless of the measure that may be applied (i.e. - a burgeoning economy, an influx of population, commercial expansion, traffic density, or whatever), we are unquestionably undergoing a period of accelerated growth with no end in sight. From the police perspective, the same growth is reflected in demands for services and those demands have proportionately or even disproportionately increased with the rate of development. For the first 3 quarters of 1978, we had been encouraged by our efforts to control serious crime and had seen an overall decrease of -6% but in the frenetic last quarter that followed, that gain was erased and we ended the year with an increase of +5%, which has continued as a steady

upward trend into 1979 too. We are not alone in our experience, however, since the neighboring jurisdictions of Seattle and King County recorded even greater increases for 1978 of +15% and +18% respectively.

The causation of this marked increase in area-wide criminality appears to be a regional phenomenon whereby crime historically follows the economic scale and when the economy is booming as it is now, an increase in crime can be expected as a concurrent adverse impact. This means, of course, that additional budget will have to be allocated to provide necessary police services as the literal "cost of doing business" if we are to maintain the quality living environment that we have come to take for granted as our Northwest heritage, particularly here in Bellevue. While we have always implemented strategies that are calculated to make the most cost-effective use of our limited resources, it is becoming obvious that innovation can accomplish only just so much and I must advise that your police department has reached the limit of its ability to stretch old levels of funding to meet the new levels of current demand!

The hard political choice of 1979, 1980 and beyond will be to either expend the necessary public revenues for maintaining police services at past levels of community expectation or to create a new expectation of lesser services in our neighborhoods and decide by priority upon which police calls are to go unanswered.

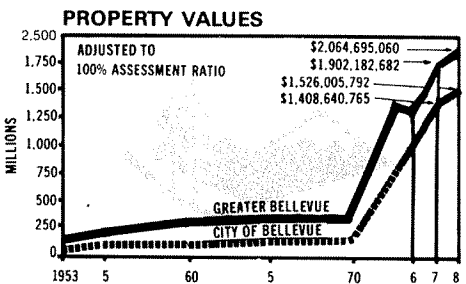
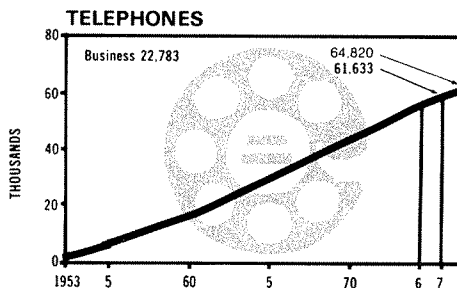
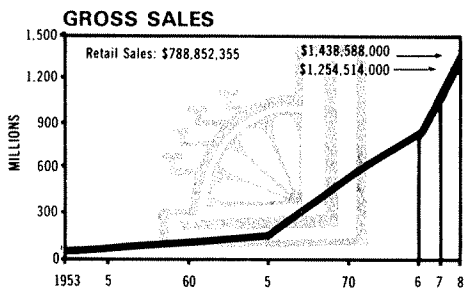
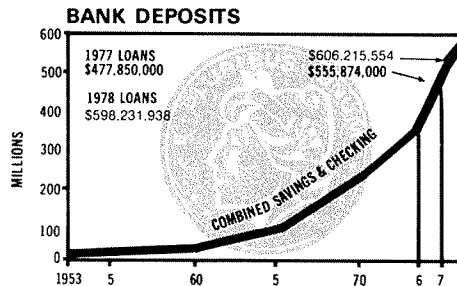
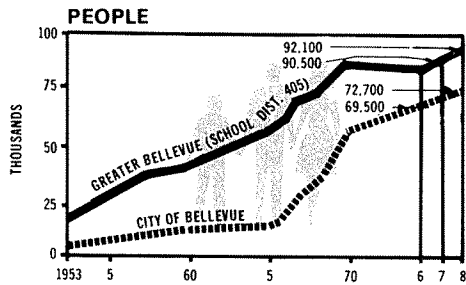
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D.P. Van Blaricom". The signature is fluid and cursive.

D.P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police

Everything Is Going Up

The below charts indicate the continuing growth in Bellevue from 1953 to 1978.



Information courtesy of Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Four Largest Western Washington Cities

CITY	1970	1978	%CHANGE
Seattle	530,831	490,000	- 8.3%
Tacoma	154,581	156,500	1.2%
Bellevue	61,102	72,700	18.9%
Everett	53,622	52,000	- 3.1%

Of the four largest cities in Western Washington, Bellevue has experienced the largest percentage growth from 1970 to 1978.

Information courtesy of Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Bellevue Lowest in Allocated Police Resources

CITY	POLICE PER POPULATION	PER CAPITA COSTS
Seattle	2.01	76.75
Tacoma	1.55	60.20
BELLEVUE	1.32	46.86
Everett	1.83	63.09
Bremerton	1.69	49.86
Renton	1.91	75.32
Olympia	1.66	65.13
Auburn	1.62	62.08
Mercer Island	1.24	41.69
Redmond	1.26	50.89
Kent	2.01	70.25
Kirkland	1.41	53.67
Bothell	1.94	59.02
Issaquah	1.78	61.16
Medina	1.52	43.60
Clyde Hill	1.59	36.26
*Average	1.65	\$57.24
*Excludes U.S. Western Region and Tukwila		

Information compiled from The Municipal Yearbook 1979. Published by International City Managers Association and Washington State Law Enforcement Survey. Published by the Washington State Attorney General.

Compare the jurisdictions in the Greater Seattle-King County Metropolitan Area. Bellevue is the lowest in both Police Per Capita and Per Capita Cost of any comparable local jurisdiction.

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REQUEST RELEASE RECEIPT EVIDENCE FORM

FALSE ALARM COMPLIANCE REPORT
BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
1100 1st Avenue, Suite 1000
Bellevue, WA 98004
Phone: 206.461.5000
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Suspect Witness POLICE DEPARTMENT

EXPLANATION OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
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2. Anything I say can be used against me in court.
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OVERTIME REPORT
MULLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT IN OFFICER'S REPORT - VARIOUS STATUTORY CONTINUATION OF ACTION ORDERS - FURTHER POLICE MEMORANDUM

**BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
ALCOHOLIC DRUGS
REPORT FORM**

CASE CRIME REPORT SUPPLEMENT

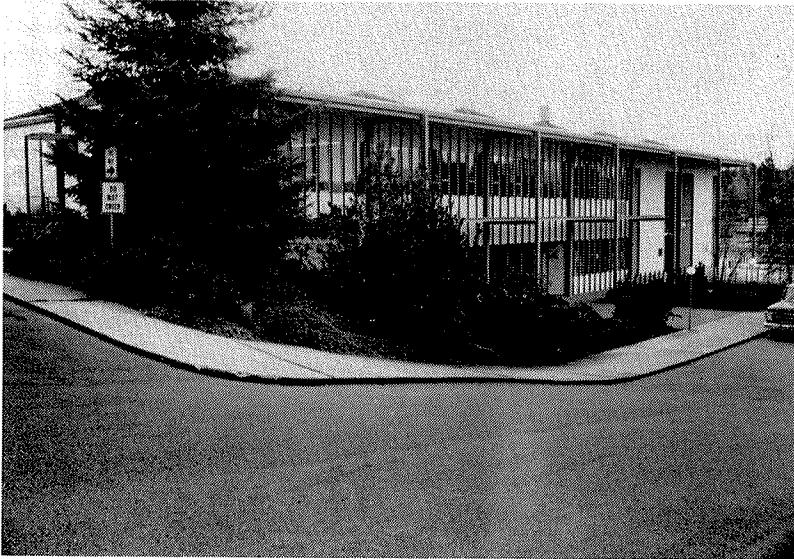
Introduction

These photographs illustrate the various “residences” the police department has occupied since incorporation of the City in 1953. The top right was number one in name only. A condemned school house, the police department occupied the basement, complete with clothes closets for offices. Damp concrete floors provided for a variety of insects and small animals. The Veterans of Foreign Wars often had parties in the structure after normal business hours, adding to the atmosphere and status of this antique.



The bottom right was City Hall number two and the police department moved here in 1960. We moved ourselves, and most of the finishing and painting of the interior was performed by police officers on donated off-duty time. Relegated to the basement again, by comparison with prior quarters it was the Waldorf Astoria. New furniture was out of the question so desks and chairs were painted a cheery black.

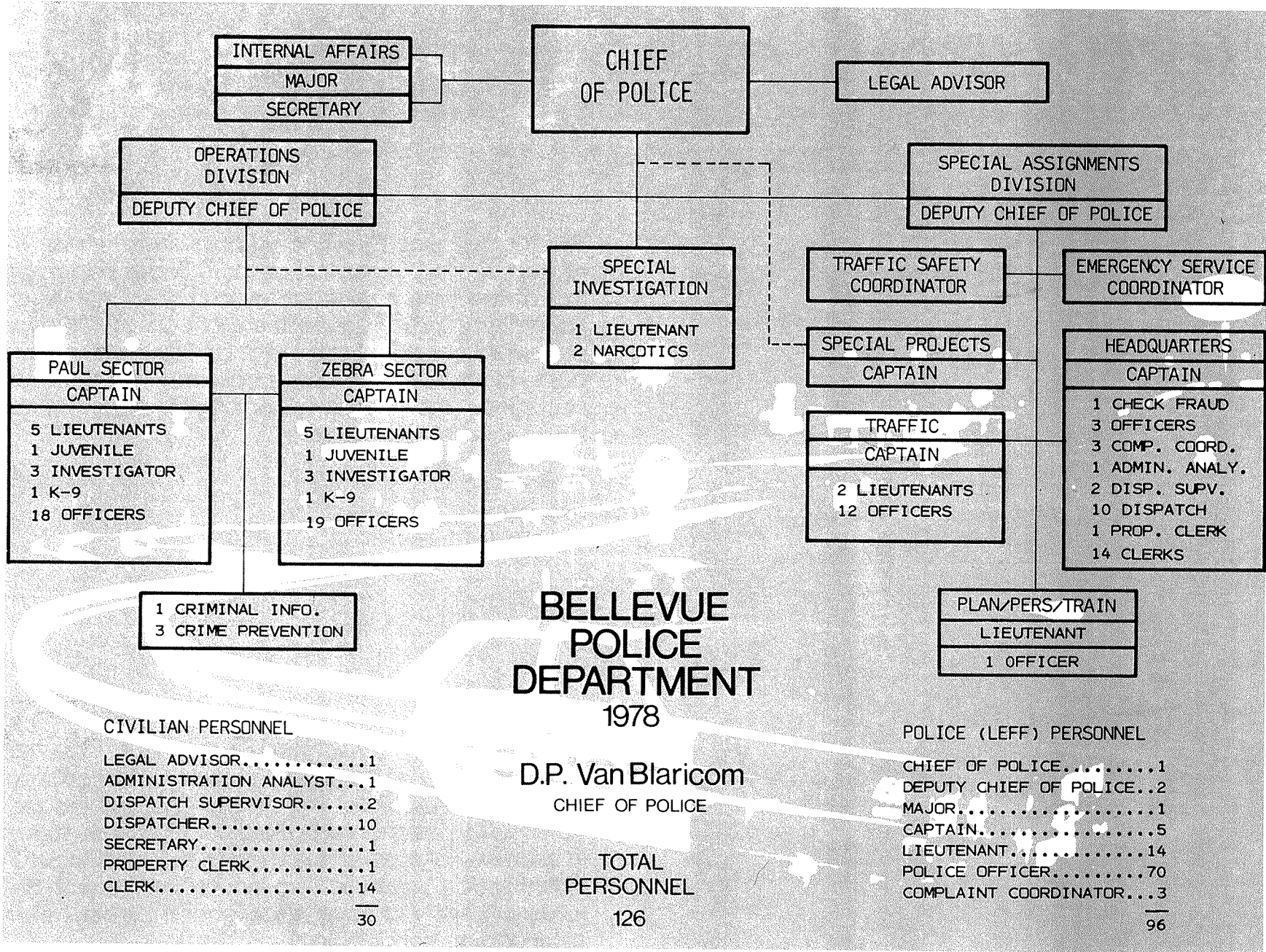




The top left was City Hall number three where we moved in 1964. Located at Main Street and 116th S.E., at the time it seemed to be "out in the sticks". Access was indirect since the Main Street/405 overpass was nonexistent then. Wondering what we were going to do with the biggest basement we had ever occupied, the police department outgrew the structure within two years.



The bottom left is the present City Hall. The old structure was completely renovated and became our present headquarters. This modern but still inadequate facility has enabled us to distribute our personnel in a somewhat more efficient manner. We still lack sufficient space, however. Two innovations veteran Bellevue officers had never experienced before - elevators and air conditioning!



CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

LEGAL ADVISOR.....	1
ADMINISTRATION ANALYST...	1
DISPATCH SUPERVISOR.....	2
DISPATCHER.....	10
SECRETARY.....	1
PROPERTY CLERK.....	1
CLERK.....	14
	30

POLICE (LEFF) PERSONNEL

CHIEF OF POLICE.....	1
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE..	2
MAJOR.....	1
CAPTAIN.....	5
LIEUTENANT.....	14
POLICE OFFICER.....	70
COMPLAINT COORDINATOR...	3
	96

Major Crimes Make The News

Criminal acts amounted to major losses in 1978. An arson fire at Odle Junior High School in May caused the school to close and a dollar loss of approximately \$150,000. In October another arson fire in the Eden Roc Apartments resulted in \$1.5 million damage and injured several people trapped on the third floor. Several tenants were injured when they jumped from the inferno and one volunteer fireman was paralyzed due to injuries received while fighting the fire.

In March three arrests led to the solution of approximately 30 burglaries and the theft of a \$10,000 vehicle.

In May, house burglaries in the Newport Shores area, an exclusive residential development, netted the thieves in excess of \$50,000 in cash, jewelry and merchandise. Some arrests were made but the majority of the property was never recovered.

In November of '78 a 16 year old Bellevue youth was arrested in connection with four rapes and four attempted rapes. The youth, who is now in custody, became known as the "knifepoint" rapist and had operated for several months before police were able to identify and arrest him.

Also in November a local jewelry store was robbed of \$128,000 worth of jewelry, including diamonds, jade and a platinum broach. Diamonds, having increased substantially in worth over the past few years, made this a large haul.



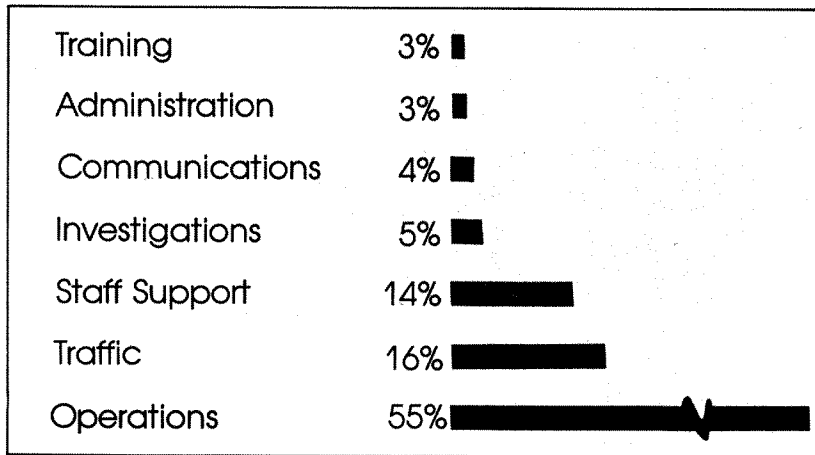
The arrest of three of the largest known street drug dealers in November culminated an investigation which had been ongoing for almost a year.

Not all news is bad news, however. On two different occasions in 1978 Bellevue officers received recognition for lifesaving action above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Beckdolt gave CPR to a heart attack victim at a Seattle Super Sonics game until medic crews arrived. His actions were credited with saving the person's life. Lt. Dick Sturza caught a woman who jumped from a third floor apartment during a fire and in doing so broke her fall which would have left her critically injured or possibly dead.

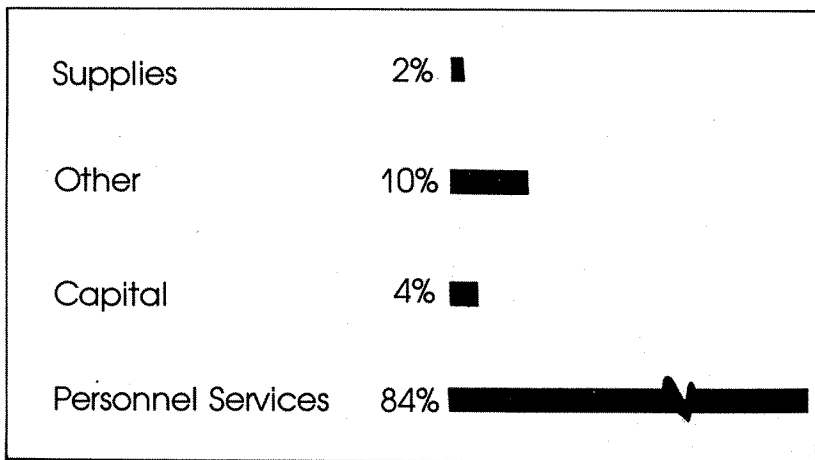
This is just a brief look at some of the activity that made the news in 1978.

City of Bellevue
 Police Department
 1978 Budget
\$3,111,151

ALLOCATIONS

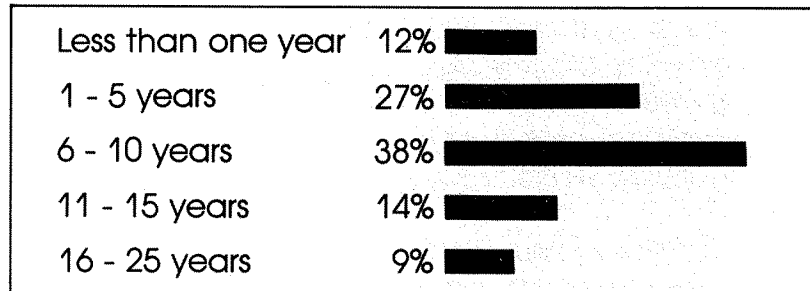


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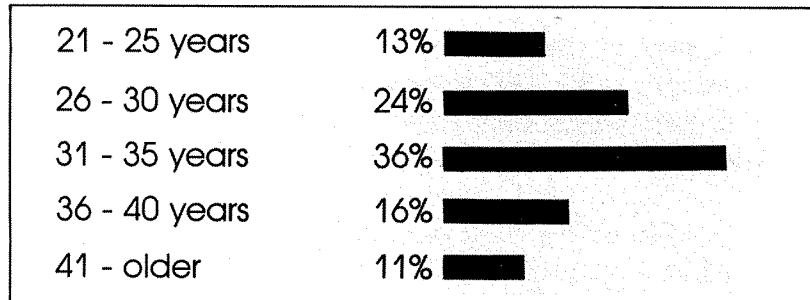


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 Police Department
 Personnel

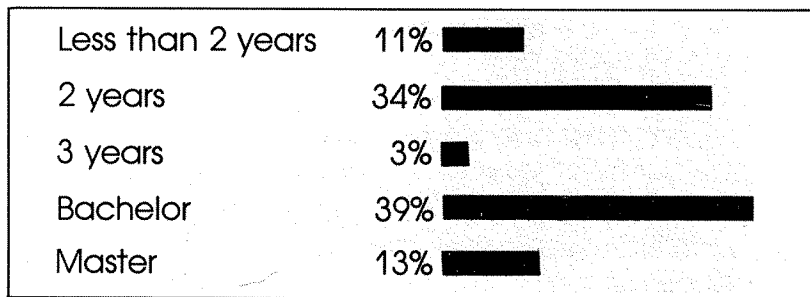
YEARS OF SERVICE



AGE DISTRIBUTION



COLLEGE EDUCATION



Part 1 Crimes As Reported To The F.B.I.

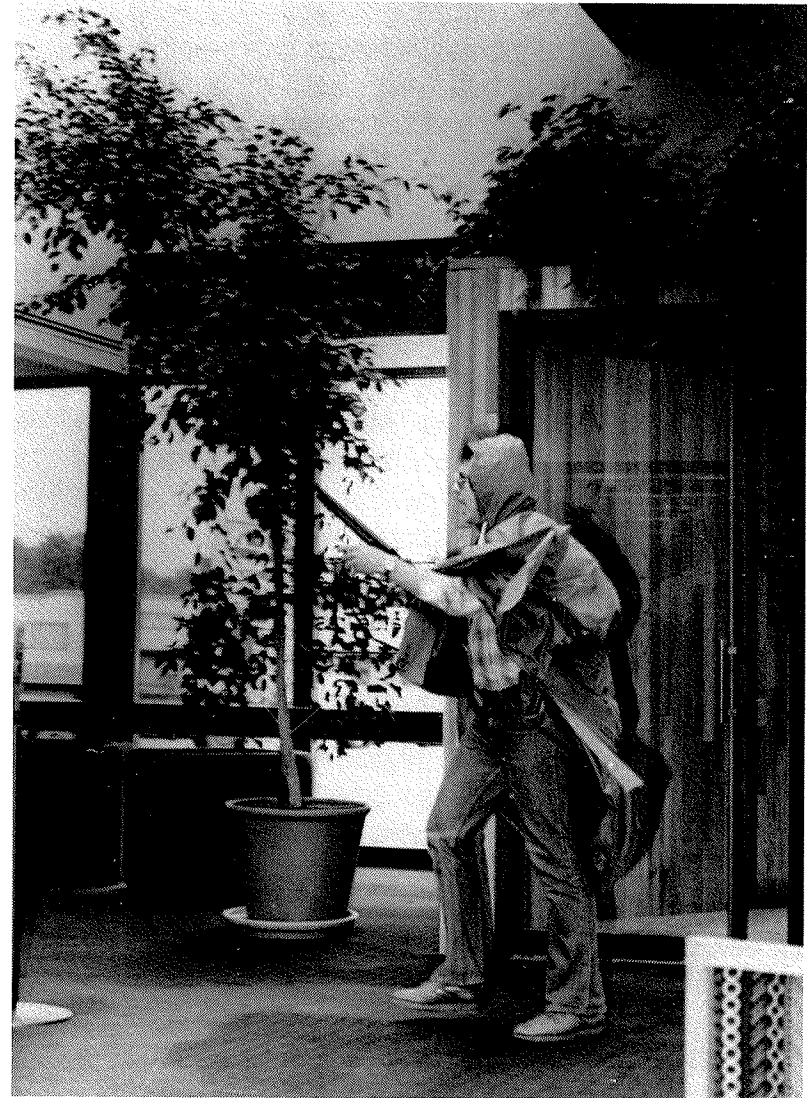
*Including Simple, Non-Aggravated.

CRIME	* 1977	1978	% CHANGE
Homicide	1	0	▼ -100
Rape	36	33	▼ -8.3
Robbery	30	47	▲ +56.6
*Assault	212	258	▲ +21.6
Burglary	1,265	1,335	▲ +5.5
Theft	2,891	2,997	▲ +3.6
Motor Vehicle Theft	239	241	▲ +.8
TOTALS	4,674	4,911	▲ +5

*Adjusted 1977 statistics reflect changes in reporting system.

Part 1 Arrests TOTAL YEAR

CRIME	1977	1978	% CHANGE
Homicide	1	0	▼ -100
Rape	14	9	▼ -35.7
Robbery	17	3	▼ -82.4
Assault	55	32	▼ -41.8
Burglary	144	107	▼ -25.7
Theft	635	616	▼ -18.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	55	28	▼ -49.1
TOTALS	921	795	▼ -13.7



Special Investigations

During 1978 the Special Investigations Unit handled 165 narcotic cases. Of these cases 180 persons were arrested for drug violations and 3 suicides were attributed to drug abuse. During the year, 11 gambling arrests were initiated with the subsequent conviction of all persons arrested for violation of the gambling laws.

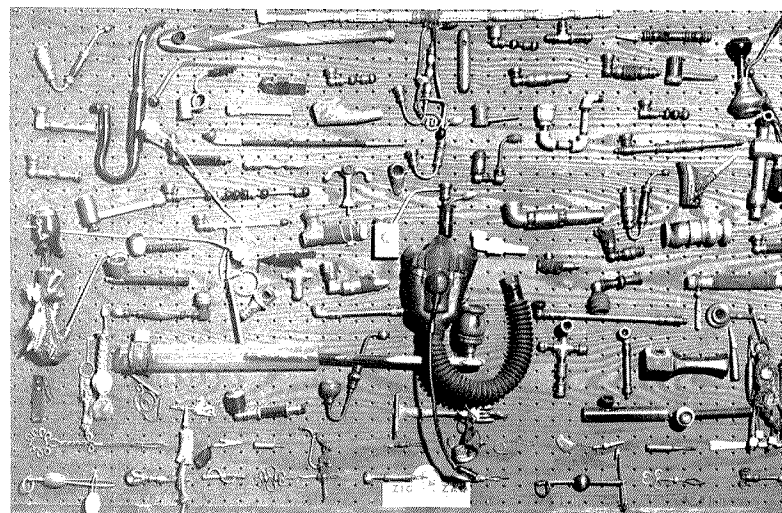
In March of 1978 the unit conducted a raid on a clandestine hash laboratory which resulted in the seizure of the "hash cooker", marijuana, alcohol and other paraphernalia necessary to operate the lab. The lab was capable of producing approximately 7 ounces of hash oil a week that would sell for at least \$8,000 on the street. Consequently the operators of the lab were running a clandestine business which could have netted them upwards of \$32,000 a month.

In May of this year a Bellevue woman who was a main supplier of heroin, and three other subjects, were arrested during a heroin transaction. During a search of the woman's residence, \$11,000 in cash, heroin and cocaine were confiscated. Also seized were the two vehicles used in the transaction. All subjects were charged and convicted.

In November of 1978 three of the largest "street level" drug dealers in Bellevue were arrested after a year-long investigation. These three were directly identified as the primary suppliers of junior and senior high school students.

The following narcotics and their street dollar value were seized during 1978:

Cocaine	\$11,595
Heroin	5,505
Marijuana	8,004
Hashish oil	1,996
Opium	600
Thai stick	200
Msc.	1,400
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TOTAL	\$29,300



Hazardous Device Unit Summary 1978

TOTAL EXPLOSIVE RELATED COMPLAINTS

Threats Against:	1977	1978	
Schools	23	8	DOWN 44%
Commercial	24	15	
Public Agency	0	5	
Other	10	4	
TOTAL	57	32	
BOMBINGS			
Residence	3	13	UP 70%
Commercial	6	3	
Public Agency	0	1	
Other/Incendiary	1	0	
TOTAL	10	17	
OTHER RELATED			
Found Explosives	9	11	NO CHANGE
Suspicious Package	2	0	
Dangerous Chemicals	0	0	
TOTAL	11	11	

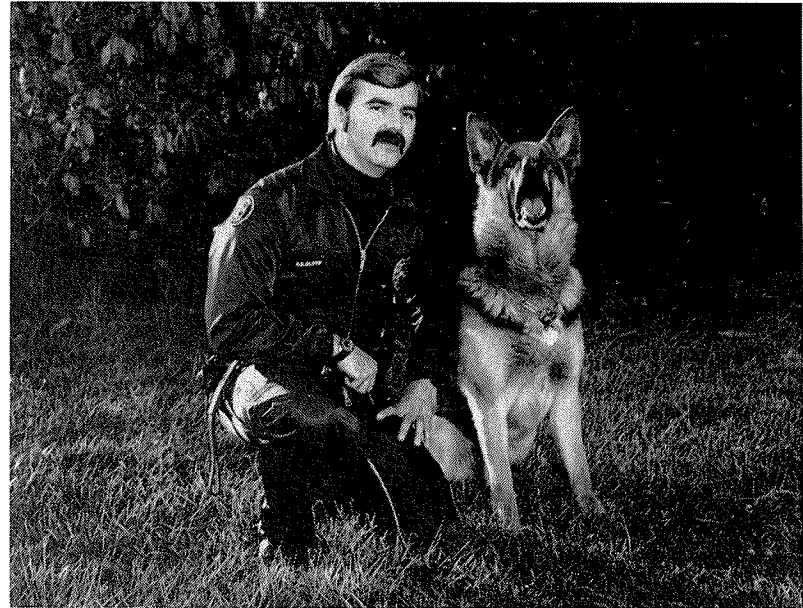
Hazardous Device Unit

Since the inception of the Hazardous Device Unit in 1971, it has grown to four members and numerous items of safety equipment. The unit's responsibility includes the preliminary investigation of accidental and intentional bombing incidents and the rendering safe of unexploded devices that are explosive/chemical in nature.

Past terrorist activity by domestic groups, migration of terrorists from other countries into the U.S., and continuing world tensions create an atmosphere in which bombings can occur at any time. All members of this unit are highly skilled and undergo continuing education and training in their area of expertise. Some nearby jurisdictions which do not offer this unique and vital service have utilized Bellevue officers for assistance when necessary.

The people who build and place hazardous devices have become more sophisticated in an attempt to make them difficult to defeat. Realizing this to be the case, the Hazardous Device Unit has acquired better technical equipment to make the detection and disarming of the devices considerably safer for the technician and general public.

This unit is an all volunteer unit with more than 15 years total experience in dealing with hazardous devices. In addition to the on-going training, these officers have also attended a comprehensive 3-week course at Red Stone Arsenal where new devices are explained and the officers are given practical exercises in identifying, handling and disarming.



K-9 Unit

The department's K-9 Unit consists of two German Shepards, two patrol officers and a lieutenant. The K-9 Unit's function is to assist other patrol officers in the apprehension of suspects, and locate evidence or recover stolen property which might go undetected without the use of police dogs.

During the year one new handler was trained for an existing police dog and one dog was replaced.

The K-9 Unit responded to 511 incidents during the year and in 94 of those incidents the dog was actually used for tracking purposes. The police dogs were responsible for location and recovery of property worth \$8,000

