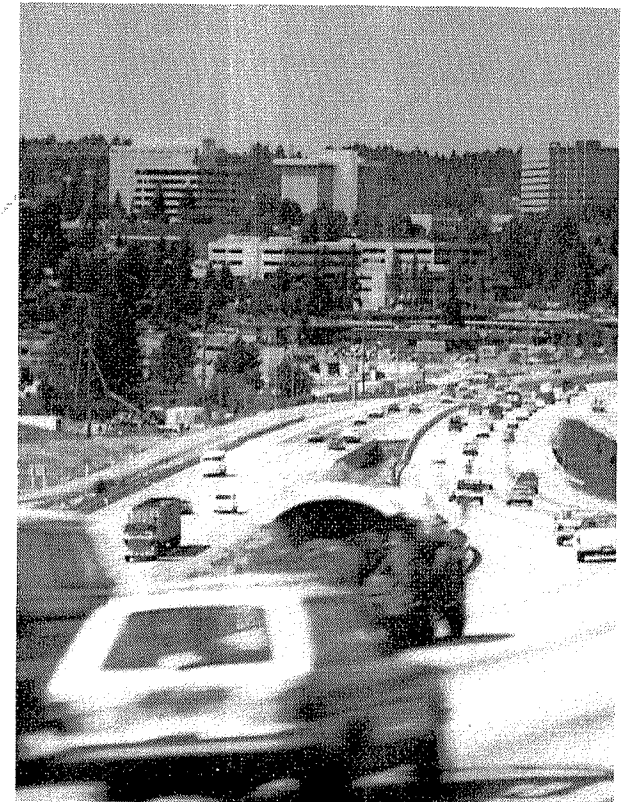


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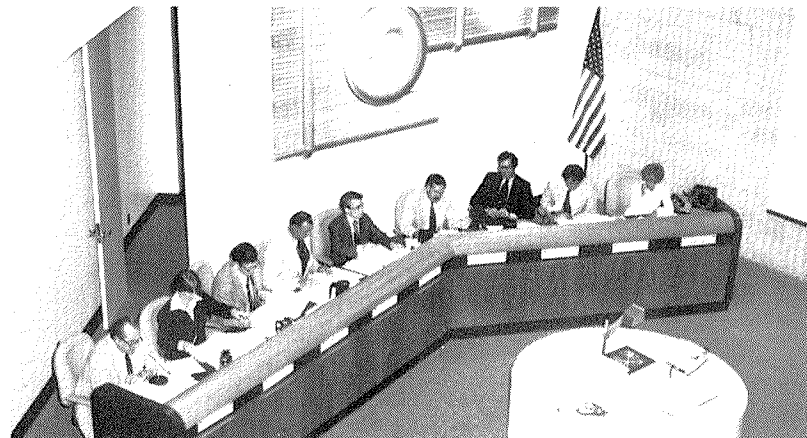
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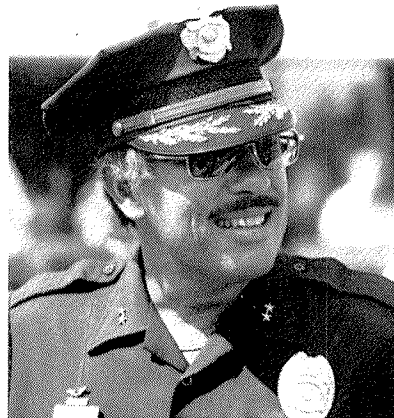
Chief's Message - 1979

Ms. Andrea Beatty, City Manager
City of Bellevue, Washington

Dear Ms. Beatty:

It is a particular pleasure to begin my 1979 Police Department Annual Report by warmly welcoming you to the City of Bellevue in mid-1980 as our new City Manager.

The Primary policing problem which I must share with you is one of significantly increasing crime - incidents suddenly accelerated upward during the last quarter of 1978 and have continued unabated through 1979 into 1980! That rise in criminal activity can be attributed to:



1. The phenomenal growth/development of the City of Bellevue has changed our area from suburban to urban in character and we are experiencing the seemingly inevitable adverse social costs thereof.
2. The Bellevue Police Department has not been provided with the necessary personnel resources to keep pace with that growth/development and we have steadily fallen behind.

Considering that these identified causations developed over a period of time, the resultant crime increase was not surprisingly predictable and my "Chief's Messages" in the past 3 Annual Reports repeatedly warned of our diminishing capabilities.

1976 "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 service 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 constraints of our limited resources, however, we could do better if those resources were appropriately increased. (*that situation remains unchanged to this day except that we are lower in police per population than ever before).

1977 "...serious crime did increase in 1977 as I had previously advised we should expect, because of our diminished ability to respond with too few personnel..."

1978 "...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."

Unfortunately, those concerns were not addressed by your predecessors and now we (you and I) find ourselves in the unenviable position of being responsible to not only meet the consequences of past inadequacies, but to catch up to an ever-growing problem as well!

Belated solutions can be developed, however, and I look forward to working with you on the critical community issue of public safety in 1980 and beyond.

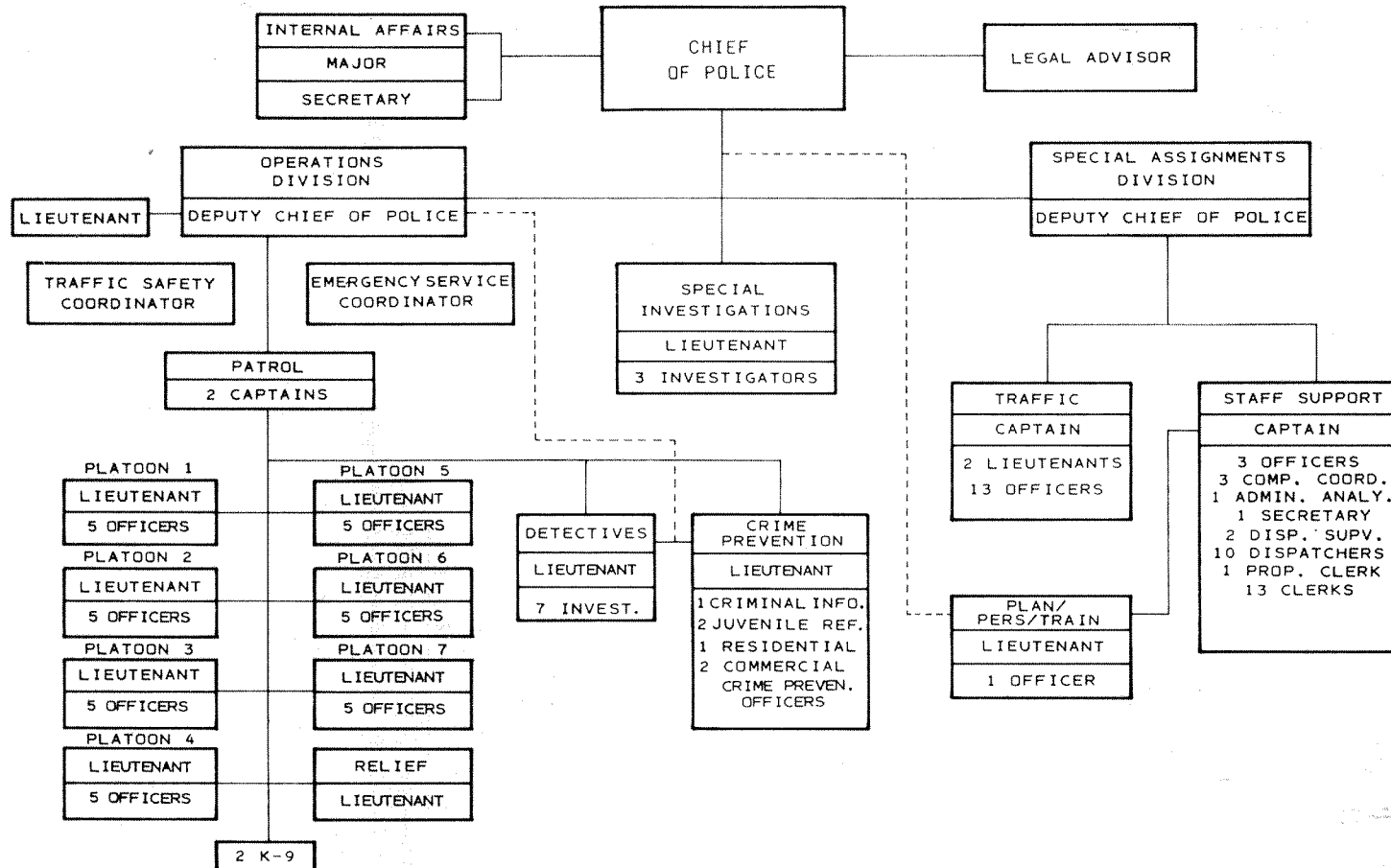
Respectfully Submitted

D.P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police

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Department Profile



CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Legal Advisor.....1
 Administrative Analyst...1
 Dispatch Supervisor.....2
 Dispatchers.....10
 Secretary.....2
 Property Clerk.....1
 Clerk--Full Time.....10
 Clerk--Part Time.....3

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BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT 1979

D. P. VAN BLARICOM
 CHIEF OF POLICE

TOTAL PERSONNEL 126.

POLICE (LEFF) PERSONNEL

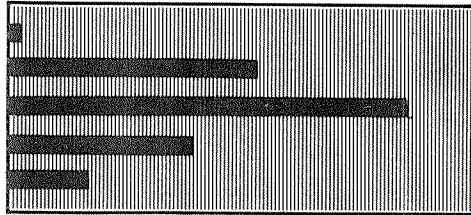
Chief Of Police.....1
 Deputy Chief Of Police...2
 Major.....2
 Captain.....4
 Lieutenant.....15
 Police Officer.....70
 Complaint Coordinator...3

96

City of Bellevue Police Department Personnel

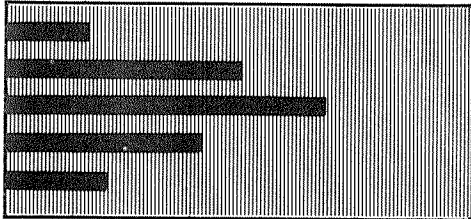
YEARS OF SERVICE

LESS THAN 1 YEAR 1%
 1 to 5 YEARS 27%
 6 to 10 YEARS 43%
 11 to 15 YEARS 20%
 16 to 25 YEARS 9%



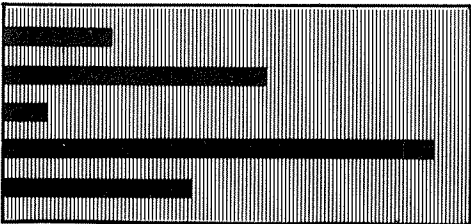
AGE DISTRIBUTION

21 to 25 YEARS 9%
 26 to 30 YEARS 25%
 31 to 35 YEARS 34%
 36 to 40 YEARS 21%
 41 AND OLDER 11%



COLLEGE EDUCATION

LESS THAN 2 YEARS 12%
 2 YEARS 28%
 3 YEARS 4%
 BACHELOR 46%
 MASTER 10%



City of Bellevue Police Department 1979 Budget

\$3,449,601

ALLOCATIONS

OPERATIONS
 (1,722,722)
 50%

TRAFFIC 16% (536,731)

STAFF SUPPORT 15% (529,750)

INVESTIGATIONS 9% (316,068)

COMMUNICATIONS 4% (140,402)

ADMIN 3.5% (118,845)

TRAINING 2.5% (85,083)

EXPENDITURES

PERSONNEL SERVICES
 (2,879,352)
 83%

OTHER 12% (408,275)

CAPITAL 3% (94,750)

SUPPLIES 2% (67,224)

