

BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT



1981 ANNUAL REPORT

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Chief's Message

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



Dear Ms. Beatty:

It is with considerable pleasure that I can begin our 1981 Annual Report by noting that our crime rate **decreased** by - 7% and in fact, was down in nearly every major category over the preceding year!

This experience is in direct contrast to what occurred in the surrounding area where the same crimes increased by + 16% in Kirkland, + 9% in Redmond, + 8% in Renton, and + 3% in Seattle. Nationally, violent crimes - murder, rape, robbery, and assault - rose 1%, in Bellevue these same crimes fell 9%. Why? Well, I would suggest that what simply happened is when we were finally provided with an adequate level of personnel resources, we put them to work on the problem and the results show a direct relationship to staffing.

As you know, the City Council authorized 10 additional officers in the 1981 budget and we concentrated on hiring already experienced people through our so-called "Steal-a-Cop" program rather than rely upon past practice of employing new recruits. Accordingly, we were able to save 15 weeks of training per individual but more importantly, we were immediately able to apply their proven skills to the street without having to await the 3 or more year seasoning period that is usually required.

I would add, however, that we still remain an especially cost-effective operation and while the average number of police per capita in this metropolitan area's municipal police departments remains at 1.86 per 1,000, we are still one of the lowest with only 1.41 per 1,000. And, with our per capita costs of \$67.68, we are well below the average funding level of \$84.12 for those other agencies too, but by stressing both quality in our personnel selection and working closely with the community in a mutual endeavor to prevent crime, we seem literally to be able to do more with less.

As we progress into 1982, our goals will be to maintain the reversal in our crime rate and additionally reduce motor vehicle accidents so that Bellevue will be an all around safer living environment.

Respectfully yours,

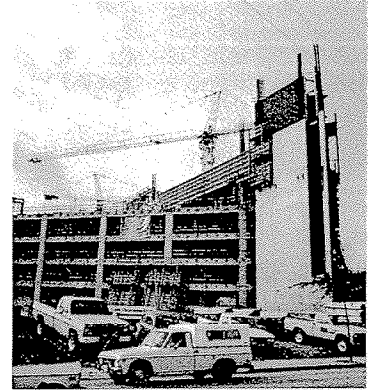
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D.P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police

Bellevue On The Move Up

Bellevue is a town on the move, some call it a boom town, some call it a town that is happening. Whatever one chooses to call it, Bellevue is a town in transition, well on the way to defining its own personality and taking its place as the center for such diverse markets as computer software, high technology medical equipment, telephone equipment, information management systems, and pharmaceuticals. A brief glance at the phone book reveals that Bellevue is the regional or national headquarters for a large number of internationally known corporations.

Responding to demands for increased living, working, and playing space has focused great attention on building construction and provided a revitalization for the Central Business District of downtown Bellevue. Millions of dollars are being spent to erect six multi-story buildings for residential, office and retail use. These buildings will offer over two million square feet of usable floor space. Additionally, the park-like N.E. 6th street corridor complete with trees, benches, pedestrian walkways and store-front concessions is in the planning stages.



Readying itself to meet the law enforcement needs of the new Bellevue population and the proliferation of economic, cultural, and social activities they attract, poses the planning challenge for the Bellevue Police Department in the decade of the 80's.

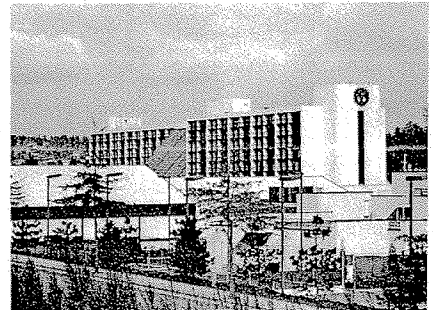
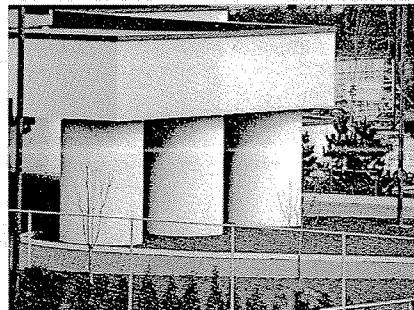
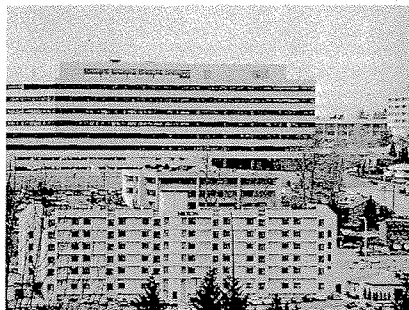
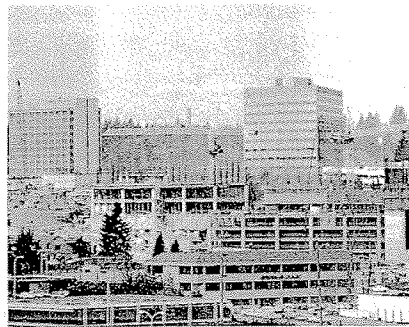
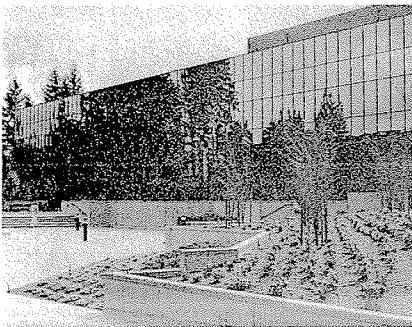
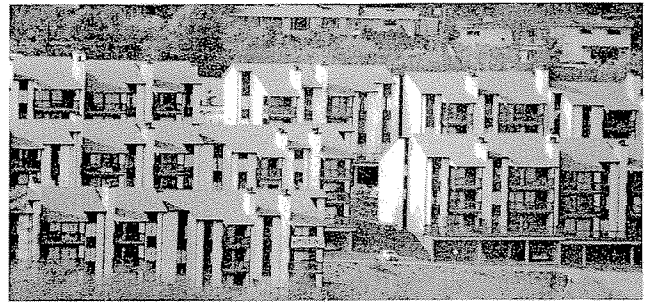
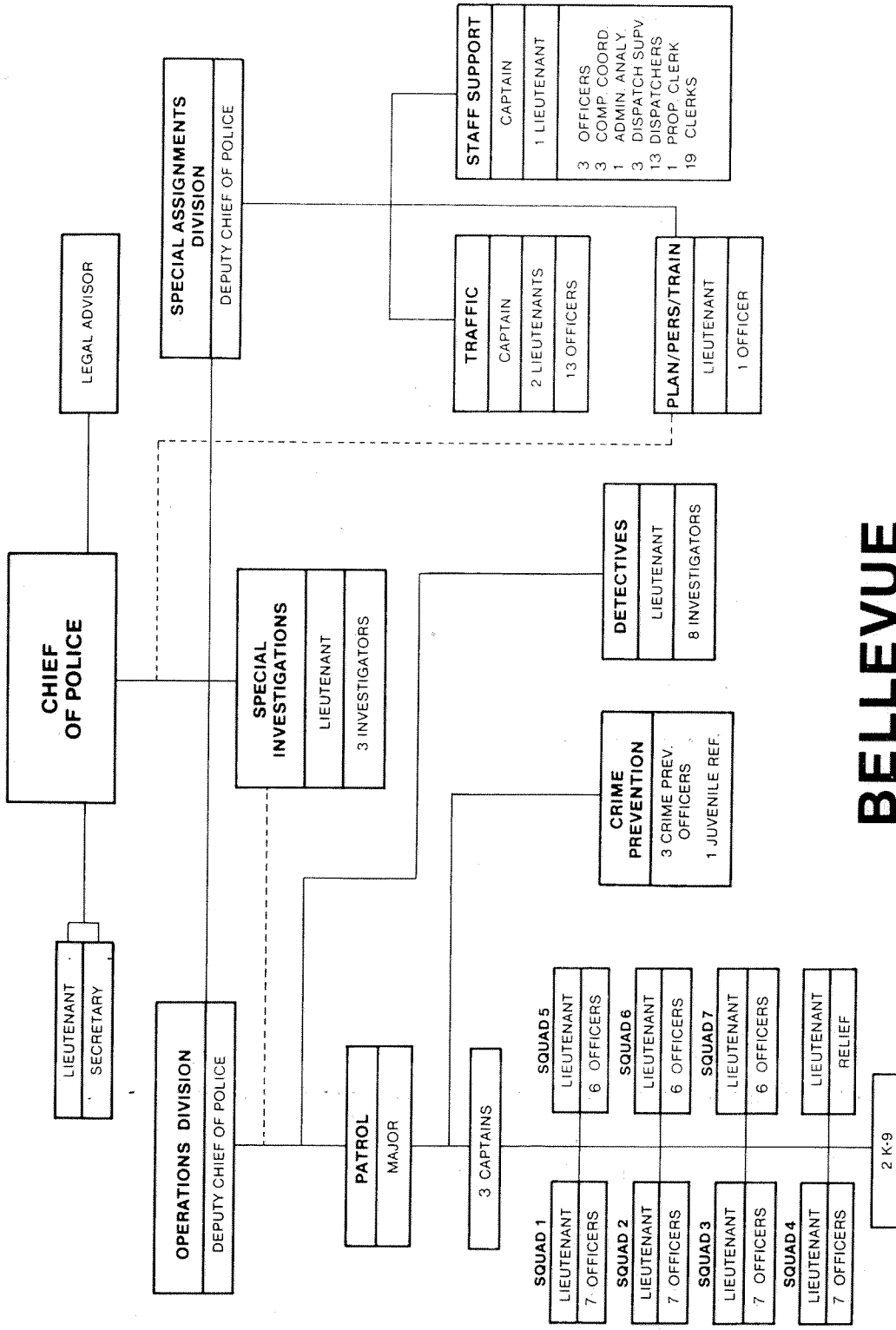


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BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT 1981

D.P. VAN BLARICOM
CHIEF OF POLICE
TOTAL PERSONNEL 146

POLICE (LEOFF) PERSONNEL	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief of Police	2
Major	1
Captain	5
Lieutenant	15
Police Officer	80
Complaint Coordinator	3
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CIVILIAN PERSONNEL	
Legal Advisor	1
Administrative Analyst	1
Dispatch Supervisor	3
Dispatchers	13
Secretary	1
Property Clerk	1
Clerk - Full Time	18
Clerk - Half Time	1
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TO: R. H. Wittauer, Captain

FROM: L. Lorack, Lieutenant

DATE: January 14, 1982

SUBJ: ANNUAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS

The statistics for the year of 1981 as compared to the same period of 1980 are listed below.

<u>ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
TRAFFIC	7547	6337	-19%
PATROL	1439	1963	+36%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8986</u>	<u>8300</u>	<u>- 8%</u>

TOTAL ACCIDENT CITATIONS ISSUED IN 1981..... 1225

ACCIDENTS

TRAFFIC	1892	1602	-16%
PATROL	304	679	+123%
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2196</u>	<u>2281</u>	<u>+ 4%</u>

COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN

Number of Persons Injured	778	<u>816</u>	+ 5%
Number of Pedestrian Accids.	43	28	-35%
Number of Bicycle Accidents	28	32	+14%
Number of Fatality Accidents	2	3	+50%
Number of Fatalities (Deaths)	2	3	+50%
Number of Hit & Runs	520	542	+ 4%
Monetary Loss	\$2,612,983	<u>\$2,834,209</u>	+ 8%

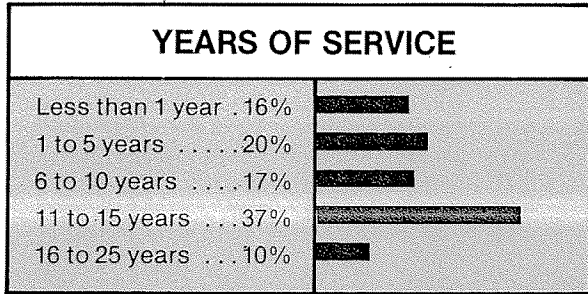
Area Wide Comparisons

POLICE PERSONNEL AND COST PER CAPITA

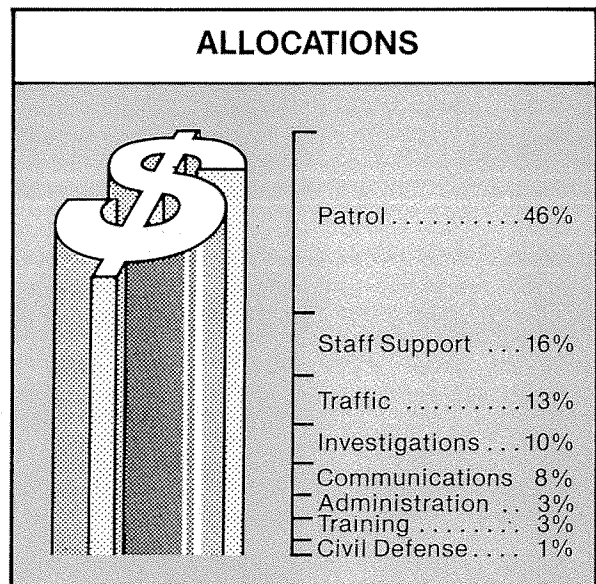
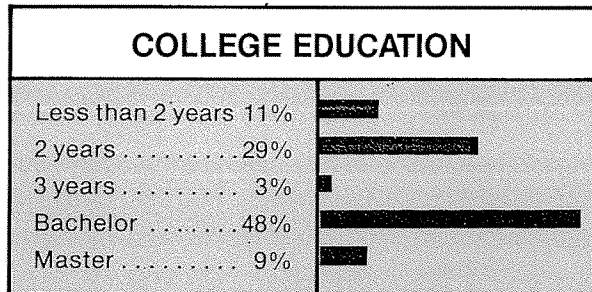
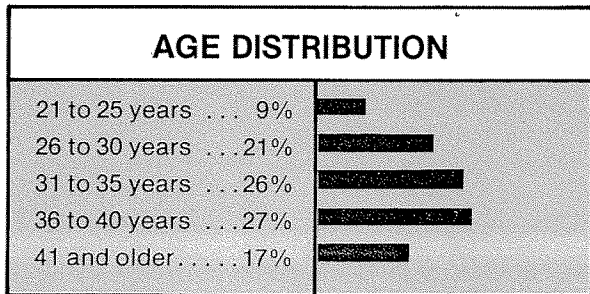
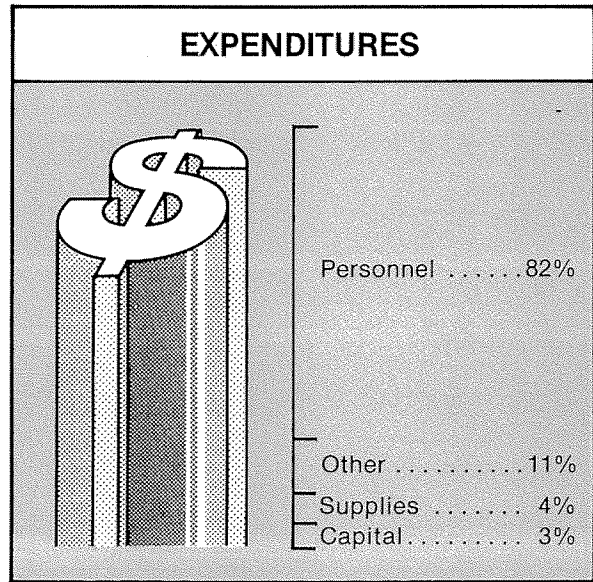
City	Population	Budget	Police Per 1,000 Pop.	Per Capita Costs
Auburn	26,417	2,379,902	1.89	\$ 90.09
BELLEVUE	73,903	5,001,696	1.41	67.68
Bremerton	36,208	2,611,089	1.74	72.11
Bothell	7,943	549,464	1.38	69.18
Clyde Hill	3,229	166,310	1.55	51.50
Everett	54,413	4,117,094	1.80	75.66
Issaquah	5,536	446,045	1.81	80.57
Kent	23,152	2,691,297	2.25	116.24
Kirkland	18,779	1,345,438	1.49	71.65
Medina	3,220	206,501	1.86	64.13
Mercer Island	21,552	1,282,732	1.34	59.52
Redmond	23,318	1,547,174	1.46	66.35
Renton	30,612	3,093,265	1.93	101.05
Seattle	493,846	44,504,711	2.13	90.12
Tacoma	158,501	11,667,396	1.60	73.61
Tukwila	3,578	1,181,708	7.27	330.27
TOTALS	984,207	82,791,822	1.86	84.12

Source: Washington State Law Enforcement Survey

Personnel/Budget



City of Bellevue
 Police Department 1981 Budget
 \$5,226,345



Crime Statistics

