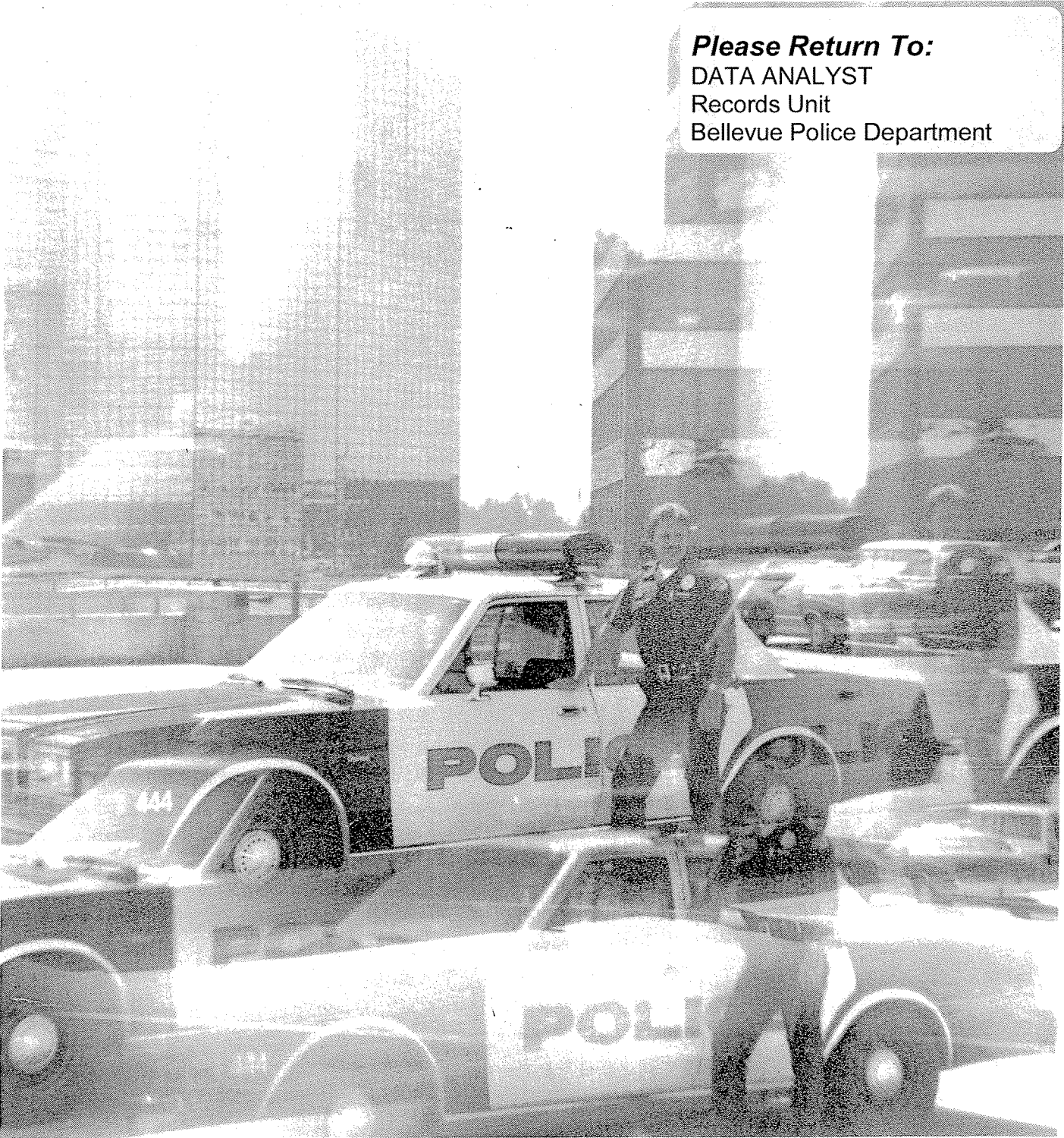


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POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Bellevue, Washington

**D.P. Van Blaricom
Chief of Police**

SEMI-ANNUAL SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS

January - June 1982

The City of Bellevue has experienced a reduction in auto accidents during the last six months that exceeds our expectations.

The reasons for accident reductions are many and varied and as with all law enforcement programs, difficult to specifically identify. We have however, listed a few which we feel have impacted collisions.

1. Increased visibility of the Traffic Division and a viable selective enforcement program. (Citations +16% 1st 6 Months)
2. Responsiveness of city traffic engineers to traffic safety and flow throughout the city.
3. Cooperation of our citizens in general with traffic laws.
4. Increased emphasis in traffic safety programs including the media coverage of traffic safety and drinking & driving (minimum of 47 news articles in the last 6 months).

NOTE: Engineers tell us traffic volumes are not decreasing. In fact, some areas (the CBD for example) show slight increases.

Please note that while accidents are down, other calls for traffic service remain high. For example, during the first six months of 1982 traffic officers responded to 1,675 other type calls. Additionally, the traffic unit made 53 physical arrests including 10 felonys.

ACCIDENT COMPARISONS FOR CITY OF BELLEVUE

TRAFFIC VOLUME:	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982 (1st Half)</u>
	Up 5%	Up 6%	Up 9%	Slight Increase
<u>POPULATION:</u>		Up 5%	Up 3%	No Figures

NEW BUSINESSES: (From Planning Department as of January 1982)
Business was 60% from 1978

OTHER CITIES & STATE:

Kirkland - Has experienced no change in its accidents.

Redmond - No records available

Washington State Patrol - Has experienced a decrease in reported accidents,
(1st three months) which may be due to the new
reporting procedures for citizens.

CITY OF BELLEVUE ACCIDENTS:

<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982 (First 6 Months)</u>
2370	2196	2281	881
-1.4%	-7%	+4%*	-20%

*Statistically Not Significant

SEMI-ANNUAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS 1982

The statistics for the first 6 months of 1982 as compared to 1981 are listed below:

Enforcement

<u>Citations</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
Traffic	3,583	2,945	+21%
Patrol	930	936	- 1%
TOTALS	4,513	3,881	+16%

<u>Accidents</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
Traffic	660	832	-21%
Patrol	221	269	-18%
TOTALS	881	1101	-20%

<u>COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Number Of Persons Injured to Date	333	401	- 17%
Number of Pedestrian Accids. to Date	14	17	- 18%
Number of Bicycle Accids to Date	18	17	+ 6%
Number of Fatality Accids to Date	0	1	-100%
Number of Deaths to Date	0	1	-100%
Number of Hit & Run Accids to Date	215	286	- 25%
Total Monetary Loss to Date	\$1,357,965.	\$1,263,823.	+ 7%

1982 HIT & RUN STATISTICS

PERCENTAGE

TOTAL HIT & RUN CASES.....	426	
CASES CLOSED BY ARREST.....	68	16%
CASES CLOSED WITH CIVIL REDRESS.....	133	31%
UNFOUNDED CASES.....	4	.009%
CASES INACTIVATED.....	221	53%

Total number of Cases for 1982 were Down 21% from 1981

OTHER ACTIVITIES BY MONTH

CASE NUMBER

January	Serious Injury Accident	82B-00829
February	*Serious Injury Accident	82B-01615
March	Marine/Harbor Complaint	82B-02520
	Felony Flight Investigation	81B-03262 (Officer Reis)
April	Officer Involved Accident	82B-03922
	*Fire Department Involved Accident	82B-04470
	*Serious Injury/Pedestrian Accident	82B-03665
May	*Serious Injury Accident	82B-05371
	*Serious Injury Accident	82B-05840
June	Felony Flight Investigation	82B-06163
	*Felony Flight Investigation	82B-07152
July	*Serious Inj/Officer Involved Accid.	82B-07538
	Serious Inj/Bicyclist Accident	82B-08361
August	Reckless Driving	82B-08641
	*Fatality Accident	82B-09122
September	Vacation	
October	*Fatality Accident	82B-11693
November	*Serious Injury Accident	82B-12600
December	No Calls	

*Call Outs from Home Total 10

GOALS FOR 1983

Some of the goals as a Technical Accident Investigator that I am striving for are as follows:

Personal

To gain additional education in the field of investigation.

To meet and share ideas with other investigators from different agencies

To raise the percent of cases closed, whether they be in arrests or civil redress.

BELLEVUE POLICE TRAFFIC UNIT
1982 ACTIVITY TOTALS

	HOURS		
	WORKED	VACATION	ILLNESS
Captain R. Wittauer Retired October 26, 1982	1494	112	50
Captain P. Olson Assigned October 6, 1982	464	48	
Lt. J. Egan Transferred October 4, 1982	1510	200	10
Lt. C. Turi Assigned December 1, 1982	140	50	
Lt. L. Lorack	1687	230	23
<u>UNIT TOTALS</u> includes all personnel assigned during 1982.	26,841	3,319	1,375.5

ACCIDENT PREVENTION YEAR END REPORT

1982

BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC CONTACTS

	<u>No. of Presentations</u>	<u>Total No. Of Individuals</u>
Elementary Schools	15	891
Junior High Schools	1	26
High Schools	4 (1100 from school) (assembly on DWI)	1160
Employee Groups	11	145
City Employees	6	92
Governmental Employees	5	250
Citizen Groups	5 (600 from school) (parents night on) (DWI problem)	798
Radio Show	1	N/A
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TOTALS	48	3,362

TOPICS COVERED IN PRESENTATIONS

Traffic Safety	32%
Defensive Driving	12%
DWI	25%
Bicycle Safety	18%
Safety Patrol	8%
First Aid	5%
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TOTAL	100%

VARIOUS OTHER ACCIDENT PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

Letters were sent out to all public schools in the City outlining the programs that were available.

Letters were sent out to all safety patrol supervisors at the elementary schools explaining the services available.

Letters were sent out to all churches in the area outlining the programs that are available through Traffic and Crime Prevention.

820 safety patrol certificates are given to area elementary schools for year end awards.

46 Action Requests were submitted to Traffic Engineering by Traffic Officers.

DWI program was implemented 11-17-82.

Participation on the Safe Walking Committee of the Bellevue School District.

Distributed approximately 100 - 200 party packets during the holiday season.

News articles that appeared in newspapers throughout the area.

General Driving	-	69+
DWI/Alcohol	-	71+

SCHOOL/SEMINARS ATTENDED

SPONSOR

DWI Management

Traffic Safety Commission

Basic Accident Investigation

C.J.T.C.

Accident Measurements

Northwestern

Firearms Maintenance/Instructor Course

C.J.T.C.

Breathalyzer/Review

Washington State Patrol

Traffic Safety Conference

Traffic Safety Commission

DWI EMPHASIS PROGRAM REPORT

November 17, 1982 to January 1, 1983

The following report details the statistical results of the DWI Emphasis Program between November 17, 1982 (program start) and January 1, 1983.

TOTAL DWI ARRESTS (Department).....115
(46 days = 2.5/Day)

Arrests by Patrol Officers..... 81 (70%)
Arrests by Traffic Officers..... 34 (30%)

TRAFFIC DWI OFFICER ACTIVITY
(Shift Modified to Work DWI Enforcement)

Total Hours Worked.....170 Hours
Total DWI Arrests..... 19
(1 arrest/8.9 hours worked)

Total citations issued (except DWI)..... 54
(1 citation/3.1 hours worked)

Total All Other Arrests..... 7
Total Traffic Stops.....425
(2.5 stops/hours worked)

DWI HOLIDAY EMPHASIS OFFICER
(Overtime)

Total Hours Worked.....116 Hours
Total DWI Arrests..... 11
(1 arrest/10.5 hours)
Total Citations Issued (Except DWI)..... 32
Total All Other Arrests..... 2
Total Traffic Stops.....171
(1.5 stops/hr.)

OVERTIME COST

116 X \$18.89 = \$2,191.24
(\$199/DWI Arrest)

<u>DWI - 1982 COMPARED TO 1981</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Total DWI Arrests	232	396 (Up 71%)
Nov./Dec. DWI Arrests	60	122 (Up 100%)
Total DWI Accidents	96	78 (Down 19%)
Nov/Dec. DWI Arrests	17	10 (Down 41%)

INDIVIDUAL OFFICER STATISTICS

TRAFFIC DWI OFFICER

<u>OFFICER</u>	<u># HOURS</u>	<u>#DWI ARRESTED</u>	<u># CITS. ISSUED</u>	<u># OTHER ARRESTS</u>	<u># TRAFFIC STOPS</u>
SPERRY	40	3	10		106
FELLSTROM	40	2	3		49
HASSINGER	40	4	9		48
REIL	40	3	10	6	45
FERGUSON	40	4	9		92
BEATH	30	1	3		29
HILL	40	2	10	1	56

HOLIDAY DWI EMPHASIS OFFICER

HILL	8	1	2	1	15
GEORGE	8		6		22
GAY, R.	24	4			12
REIL	10	1	3		12
ROCHELLE	18	2	8		40
HASSINGER	16	1	6		22
GAY, C.	8	2	3	1	11
PIERSON	16		2		28
BAKER	8		2		9

TO: Captain Olson
 FROM: Lieutenant Lorack
 DATE: January 6, 1983

SUBJ: DWI ARRESTS (By Officer) Nov. 17, 1982 to Jan. 1, 1983

<u>TRAFFIC OFFICER</u>	<u>DWI ARRESTS</u>	<u>PATROL OFFICER</u>	<u>DWI ARRESTS</u>
PIERSON	1	LARSON	1
BEATH	2	POTTER	1
HILL	4	LADKE	1
SPERRY	3	GERBER	1
HASSINGER	5	LIGHTENING	1
REIL	4	HAILES	1
FERGUSON	4	MCBRIDE	1
FELLSTROM	9	GULEY	2
BOYD (2 while in Patrol)	2	HAUTER	2
		T. BAKER	1
		DINGFIELD	2
TOTAL	34	CHINN	1
PATROL DWI	81	GASPERETTI	1
		ERICKS	2
TOTAL	115	FOOTE	8
		FORREST	6
		LEWIS	4
		PENTONY	1
		JOHAL	3
		GRIFFIN	5
		MORGAN	5
		ELLIOTT	7
		MURPHY	4
		THOMPSON	9
		BRADEN	1
		GAY, R.	4
		GAY, C.	2
		ROCHELLE	2
		TOTAL	81

1982 ANNUAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS

The statistics for the year of 1982 as compared to the same period of 1981 are listed below.

<u>ENFORCEMENT CITATIONS</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982*</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
TRAFFIC	6337	7944	+25%
PATROL	1963	2238	+14%
TOTAL	8300	9646	+22%

TOTAL ACCIDENT CITATIONS ISSUED IN 1982.....1099

<u>ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
TRAFFIC	1602	1431	-11%
PATROL	679	487	-28%
TOTAL	2281	1918	-16%

<u>COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Number of Persons Injured	816	719	- 12%
Number of Pedestrian Accidents	28	30	+ 7%
Number of Bicycle Accidents	32	32	0
Number of Fatality Accidents	3	4	+ 33%
Number of Fatalities (Deaths)	3	7	+133%
Number of Hit & Runs	542	426	- 21%
Monetary Loss	\$2,834,209	\$2,922,271	+ 3%

*Figures adjusted due to error in April Citation Summary

TO: Captain P. H. Olson

FROM: Officer R. C. Smith

DATE: January 7, 1983

SUBJ: ANNUAL TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR 1982

ANNUAL SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS - 1982

The City of Bellevue has experienced a reduction in auto accidents of 16% during the last year, which far exceeds any of our expectations. Listed below are some of the highlights that occurred in the Traffic Division that in a small way may explain some reasons for this reduction.

Highlights in the Traffic Division for the Year 1982

1. A reduction of accidents by 16% over the previous year
(See Attached Traffic Statistics)
2. Traffic Enforcement is up by 16% over the previous year
(See Attached Traffic Statistics)
3. A DWI Enforcement Program was initiated on November 17, 1982
(See DWI Emphasis Report)
4. The City unfortunately experienced 7 fatalities during 1982, however 4 were attributed to one accident in which 4 teenagers died.
5. The cooperative attitude between the Traffic Division and the Traffic Engineers has been very beneficial in providing for improvements on the city streets.
6. The Traffic Division, with media assistance generated considerable public awareness in the areas of general traffic safety and alcohol related traffic problems over the past year.
7. The Traffic Division also provides presentations to all levels of people to promote Traffic Safety awareness.

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8. The Traffic Unit provided DWI update training for all department officers.
9. In addition to traffic related matters the Traffic Unit made 15 criminal felony arrests and 49 misdemeanor criminal arrests.

The Traffic Unit is looking forward to 1983 in hopes that 1983 will be a better year than 1982 in traffic related matters.

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

1982

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	<u>URBAN</u>	<u>RURAL</u>	<u>STATEWIDE</u>
TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	58,671	41,973	100,644
Property Damage Accidents.....	38,133	24,042	62,175
Injury Accidents.....	20,369	17,421	37,790
Persons Injured.....	28,795	25,994	54,789
Fatal Accidents.....	169	510	679
Persons Killed.....	184	573	757

STATUS OF PERSONS KILLED

Drivers.....	59	301	360
Passengers.....	42	146	188
Pedestrians.....	46	55	101
Bicyclists.....	4	4	8
Motorcycle Drivers.....	27	59	86
Motorcycle Passengers.....	6	8	14

HELMET INFORMATION: Worn: 25 ----- Not Worn: 74 ----- Not Stated: 1

FIVE YEAR RECAP OF TOTALS

	<u>TOTAL REPORTED ACCIDENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>	<u>MOTORCYCLIST DEATHS</u>
1982	100,644	757	100
1981	111,993	872	101
1980	113,751	985	120
1979	118,686	1,034	119
1978	116,923	1,006	114

