

# ANNUAL REPORT

PROVIDENCE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

1952

February 2, 1953

The Honorable John B. Dunn  
Commissioner of Public Safety  
Police Headquarters  
Providence, Rhode Island

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Dear Sir:

It is with a feeling of great personal satisfaction that I present herewith, a detailed report of the activities of the Providence Police Department during the year of 1952.

Figures recently made available by the Federal Bureau of Investigation indicate that crime has increased throughout the nation for the first six months of 1952. This rise has been reflected here, however, complete figures reveal that the increase in crime experienced in 1951 has been reduced considerably during 1952. Clearances on criminal offenses improved greatly over previous years, particularly in the vicious crimes of robbery and burglary. Closely related to increased clearances was the quantity of stolen property recovered and returned to the owners, in fact, the total amount recovered exceeded the national average by 12 percent. A comparison of the incident of crime in cities of 200,000 - 300,000 population group (page 10) shows that the crime rate in this city, in every category recorded, is considerably below the rate in the 'Average City'.

The continued efforts of the Mayor's Traffic Safety Committee, combined with the whole-hearted cooperation which the Committee and this department received from the various civic groups, the local press and radio, and the thousands of citizens of Providence, contributed to a marked degree in keeping the number of highway fatalities in the city to a minimum, and our record in that direction was even better than that of 1951, which was outstanding. A continuous safety campaign throughout the year and strict enforcement of the 25 mile per hour speed limit by the members of the department, also aided materially in the attainment of such good results.

Contributing in a noteworthy degree to the enviable record of the department for 1952 was the addition of twenty patrolmen, ten new patrol cars and the acquisition of modern equipment to assist us in keeping abreast of criminal resources. Also, in the very near future eleven recruits are to start training to become policemen in our Police Training School.

During the year fifteen women were added to the payroll to act as School Crossing Guards. We now have a total of forty School Crossing Guards to aid in the good work being performed by the Junior Police Traffic Patrols in guarding the safety of children at dangerous school crossings. This increase in the number of Crossing Guards has relieved additional patrolmen for other necessary police duties and has generally contributed to overall efficiency.

Continuous efforts were made through the year to enforce the provisions of the vice, gambling and liquor laws with very satisfactory results and there will be no slackening of these efforts during the current year.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
FEB 19 1953

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RESOLVED.

*Everett Whelan*  
CLERK

Respectfully submitted,  
*Warren A. Martin*  
WARREN A. MARTIN  
Chief of Police

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COMMISSIONER  
of  
PUBLIC SAFETY

SECRETARY  
COMMISSIONER  
PUBLIC SAFETY

CHIEF OF POLICE

NIGHT COMMANDER

Director RECORDS COMMUNICATIONS
Central Complaint Room
Headquarters Switchboard
Headquarters Teletype Operators
Headquarters Telegraph Operators
Records Bureau
Radio Dispatcher

Director PERSONNEL TRAINING
Recruit School
Refresher School
Promotional School
Disciplinary Investigations
Police Surgeons
Physical Instructor
Armorer

Precinct CAPTAINS
Precinct 1
Precinct 2
Precinct 3

Prosecution Bureau
Warrant Officers

License Enforcement Bureau
Supervisor Vehicles
Amusement Inspector

Director WOMEN JUVENILES
Juvenile Delinquency Squad
School Safety
Policewomen
Junior Police Corps

Director TRAFFIC DIVISION
Point Control
Motorcycle Patrol
Accident Prevention Bureau

CHIEF of DETECTIVES
General Investigative
Special Service Squad
Hotel Squad
Bank Squad
Pawn Shop Squad
Narcotic Squad
B.C.I. Firearms Identification
Fire Marshal

COMMANDING OFFICERS  
PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WARREN A. MARTIN .....	CHIEF OF POLICE
WALTER E. STONE .....	CHIEF INSPECTOR
JAMES A. GLYNN .....	NIGHT COMMANDER
ABRAHAM KONOPKY .....	NIGHT COMMANDER
WILLIAM E. McCALL, Captain .....	RECORDS-COMMUNICATION
JOSEPH L. BURNS, Captain .....	TRAFFIC DIVISION
EDWARD H. KELLY, Captain .....	WOMEN-JUVENILE
WILLIAM T. HOLT, Captain .....	PERSONNEL-TRAINING
GEORGE E. O'DOWD, Lieutenant .....	LICENSE ENFORCEMENT
ANTHONY A. GENTILE, Captain .....	WARRANT DIVISION
GEORGE W. COWAN, Captain .....	AMUSEMENT INSPECTOR
DANIEL F. FARRELLY, Captain .....	PRECINCT ONE
JOHN A. MURPHY, Captain .....	PRECINCT TWO
JOHN J. LANG, Captain .....	PRECINCT THREE
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ARTHUR RATTENNI, M.D. ....	POLICE SURGEON
JOSEPH M.A. PARILLO, M.D. ....	DEPUTY POLICE SURGEON
JOSEPH M. BADWAY, M.D. ....	SPARE POLICE SURGEON

SUPERIOR OFFICERS  
DIVISIONS & PRECINCTS

WARREN A. MARTIN, Chief of Police	
Captain James A. Glynn	Lieutenant Abraham Konopky
Captain Anthony A. Gentile	Lieutenant William F. McTernan
Captain George W. Cowan	Lieutenant George E. LO'Dowd
Sergeant William A. Leonard	Sergeant Bernard Kavanaugh
Sergeant Peter O'Rourke	

RECORDS AND COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

Captain William E. McCall, Director

Lieutenant Howard A. Franklin, Assistant Director

Lieutenant William H. Feeley  
Sergeant Joseph Barra

Lieutenant Ralph E. Lord  
Sergeant Hugh J. O'Reilly

DIVISION OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING

Captain William T. Holt, Director

Lieutenant George W. Wilding, Assistant Director

Sergeant Noel Pinney, Armorer

TRAFFIC DIVISION

Captain Joseph L. Burns, Director

Lieutenant James C. Comer  
Lieutenant Charles W. Rathbun  
Sergeant Morris Stepak  
Sergeant John J. Lucey  
Sergeant Donald K. Knight  
Sergeant Richard G. Graziano

Lieutenant William R. Bowen  
Lieutenant Walter A. Loiselle  
Sergeant Alton T. Leonard  
Sergeant Edward F. Flynn  
Sergeant James C. O'Neil

DIVISION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES

Captain Edward H. Kelly, Director

Sergeant William E. May, Assistant Director

Sergeant George A. Lonergan

DETECTIVE DIVISION

Walter E. Stone, Chief Inspector

Lieut. Thomas B. Healey, Administrative Assistant

Captain Paul A. King

Captain John J. Barry

PRECINCT 1

Captain Daniel F. Farrelly

Lieutenant Thomas P. Dunn  
Lieutenant Thomas J. Gilchrist  
Sergeant James J. Sullivan  
Sergeant Walter R. McCoy  
Sergeant Frank J. Maguire

Lieutenant Alexander St. Pierre  
Lieutenant Walter F. Maginn  
Sergeant Edward J. Connell  
Sergeant George P. Blessing

PRECINCT 2

Captain John A. Murphy

Lieutenant John M. McGuirl  
Lieutenant Joseph W. McDonough  
Sergeant Irving C. Bucklin  
Sergeant Bertest E. Smith  
Sergeant Patrick J. Powers  
Sergeant Robert F. Washburn

Lieutenant Thomas J. Gorman  
Lieutenant Leo T. Burns  
Sergeant John F. Canning  
Sergeant John S. Hopwood  
Sergeant Edward J. Lovett

PRECINCT 3

Captain John J. Lang

Lieutenant Kevin P. McCarthy  
Lieutenant John F. Tiernan  
Sergeant Harry A. McLaughlin  
Sergeant Howard J. Marland  
Sergeant Kenneth J. Durrell

Lieutenant Leo F. Meagher  
Sergeant Thomas W. Kiernan  
Sergeant Charles A. Lyons  
Sergeant George M. Shea

ACTUAL OFFENSES AND CLEARANCES  
January 1st to December 31st 1951 - 1952

1952 OFFENSE	JAN		FEB		MAR		APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		OCT		NOV		DEC	
	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R	C
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1
RAPE	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	3	3	0	0	3	3	1	1	4	4
ROBBERY	3	2	4	0	6	1	6	5	2	1	6	1	0	0	6	3	5	3	9	2	2	1	10	5
A.D.W.	7	3	4	3	6	6	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	10	4	2	3	4	2	6	3	4	4
BURGLARY	136	47	141	24	146	50	143	25	99	21	103	24	92	22	99	27	94	36	92	25	93	62	75	9
LARCENY	192	40	166	27	264	55	233	52	215	30	163	23	170	155	208	63	175	27	220	46	181	42	145	49
AUTO THEFT	43	15	62	16	76	33	71	31	58	23	33	19	24	9	48	39	39	12	75	7	70	21	79	16
TOTAL	381	107	378	71	501	148	462	120	381	81	315	76	293	193	374	139	316	82	404	86	353	130	318	88
1951																								
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
RAPE	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	2	2	5	5	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	3
ROBBERY	5	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	4	0	5	3	6	1	4	0	6	2	4	1	5	0	4	4
A.D.W.	4	4	5	2	4	3	4	3	6	4	3	2	5	6	6	4	3	2	5	3	3	2	3	5
BURGLARY	94	41	58	5	75	20	87	18	78	15	70	15	78	9	107	9	95	52	117	38	115	22	170	30
LARCENY	165	22	135	10	193	27	215	47	203	25	168	26	183	18	187	37	191	51	207	34	232	32	173	26
AUTO THEFT	16	13	43	11	37	12	36	11	35	21	29	5	24	2	45	14	55	13	36	3	65	15	45	12
TOTAL	314	80	314	29	314	66	347	84	328	67	282	58	297	37	352	77	352	133	363	3	655	155	455	122

NUMBER AND DISPOSITION OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE  
January 1st to December 31st 1952

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	Number of Actual Offenses	Number Cleared by Arrest	Not Cleared by Arrest
MURDER .....	2	1	1
MANS LAUGHTER .....	4	4	0
RAPE .....	27	26	1
ROBBERY .....	59	24	35
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT .....	61	44	17
BURGLARY .....	1313	372	941
LARCENY .....	2332	609	1723
AUTO THEFT .....	678	241	437
TOTAL .....	4476	1321	3135

TABLE SHOWING PART I OFFENSES REPORTED TO THE POLICE  
BY PRECINCT

January 1st to December 31st 1952

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	PRECINCT 1		PRECINCT 2		PRECINCT 3	
	Day	Night	Day	Night	Day	Night
MURDER		2				
MANS LAUGHTER			1	1	1	1
RAPE	2	5	2	2	3	16
ROBBERY	5	29	3	9	3	13
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	11	19	7	15	2	14
BURGLARY	87	476	61	329	96	313
LARCENY	512	687	201	474	236	414
AUTO THEFT	111	296	39	160	37	105
TOTAL	728	1514	314	990	378	876

# COMPARISON OF OFFENSES

January 1st to December 31st 1951-1952

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	1951	1952
MURDER .....	4	2
MANS LAUGHTER .....	8	4
*RAPE .....	23	27
ROBBERY .....	50	59
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT .....	51	61
BURGLARY .....	1144	1313
LARCENY .....	2252	2332
AUTO THEFT .....	465	678
TOTAL .....	3997	4476

\*Included in this category are Carnal Knowledge Cases

FORCIBLE RAPE ..... 5

CARNAL KNOWLEDGE ..... 22

## COMPARISON OF CLEARANCES

January 1st to December 31st 1951-1952

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	PERCENT CLEARANCE	
	1 9 5 1	1 9 5 2
MURDER .....	100.	50.
MANS LAUGHTER .....	100.	100.
RAPE .....	100.	96.
ROBBERY .....	30.	40.
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT .....	78.	72.
BURGLARY .....	24.8	28.
LARCENY .....	15.7	26.
AUTO THEFT .....	28.3	35.
TOTAL.....	21.5	29.



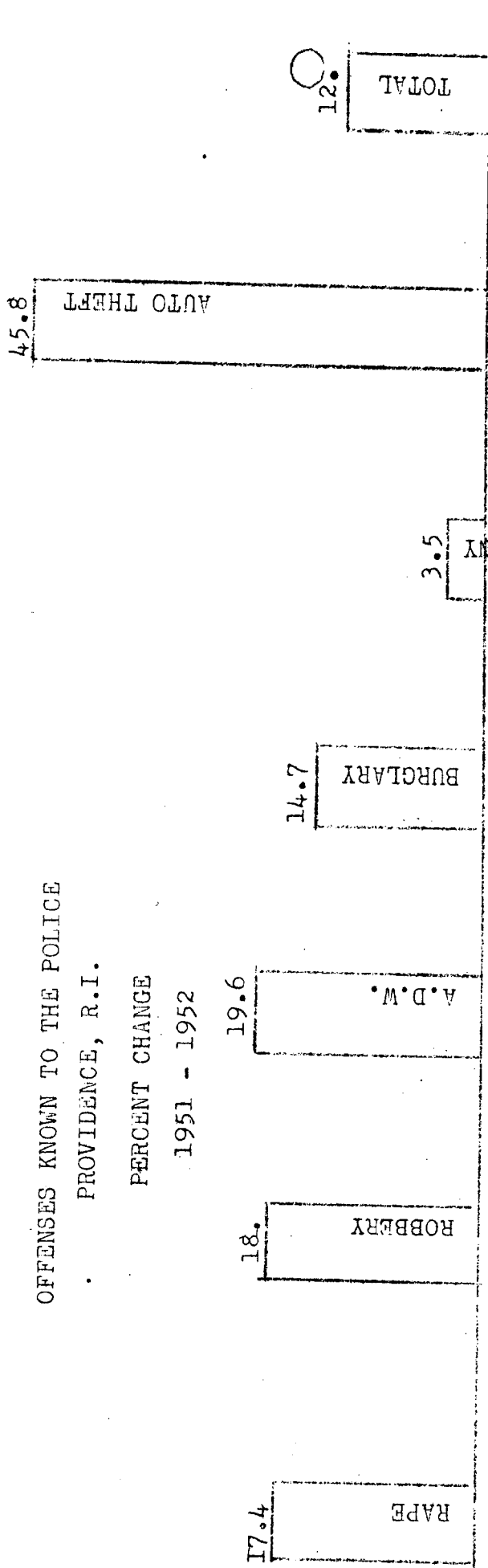
# TABLE OF OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE AND VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN

January 1st to December 31st 1952

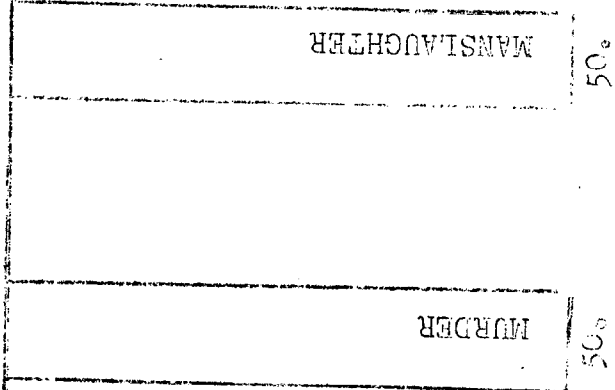
UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	ACTUAL OFFENSES	VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN
1. CRIMINAL HOMICIDE		
a. Murder & Non-Negligent Mnsltr	2	
b. Manslaughter by Negligence	4	
TOTAL	6	
2. RAPE		
a. Forcible .....	5	
b. Statutory .....	22	
TOTAL.....	27	
3. ROBBERY		
a. Highway .....	30	\$ 13,303.23
b. Miscellaneous .....	29	3,253.81
TOTAL.....	59	\$ 16,557.04
4. BURGLARY (Breaking/Entering)		
a. Residence.....	396.	68,810.45
b. Non-Residence (Store-Office).	917	67,581.61
TOTAL.....	1313	\$ 136,392.06
5. LARCENY		
a. \$50; & over in value.....	528	\$ 127,488.00
b. \$5. to \$50. in value .....	1558	24,628.42
c. Under \$5. in value.....	246	390.00
TOTAL.....	2332	\$ 152,506.42
6. AUTO THEFT		
a. Joy Riding.....	535	\$ 569,239.34
b. All Other .....	143	214,384.62
TOTAL .....	678	\$ 783,623.96
5x NATURE OF LARCENIES IN ITEM 5		
a. Purse Snatching .....	37	723.
b. Pocket-Picking .....	56	2,172.
c. Shoplifting .....	80	994.
d. Thefts from Auto .....	434	40,094.
e. Auto accessories .....	704	14,242.
f. Bicycles .....	261	6,294.
g. All Other .....	760	87,984.
TOTAL .....	2332	\$ 152,506.

OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE  
 . PROVIDENCE, R.I.

PERCENT CHANGE  
 1951 - 1952



1951 CRIME LEVEL



## COMPARISON OF CRIMINAL OFFENSES

Jan-Jun 1952

CITY	POPULATION	MURDER	ROBBERY	A.D.W.	BURGLARY	LARCENY OVER \$50.	LARCENY UNDER \$50.	AUTO THEFT
AKRON, Ohio	273,139	2	62	54	528	205	1278	398
BIRMINGHAM, Ala	298,720	19	91	180	793	443	665	401
DAYTON, Ohio	243,108	9	68	117	363	202	1131	216
FORT WORTH, Texas	277,047	30	74	67	974	233	2080	433
LONG BEACH, Calif	244,072	0	104	81	899	Inc	1687	374
MIAMI, Florida	246,983	19	136	139	1121	611	1020	415
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okl.	242,450	8	69	58	860	691	1496	403
OMAHA, Nebraska	247,408	3	40	23	408	127	1179	321
RICHMOND, Va.	229,906	20	98	132	588	479	1216	607
PROVIDENCE, R.I.	247,700	2	27	31	768	268	965	343
AVERAGE	255,053	11.	76.	88.	730.	362.	1271.	391.

TABLE COMPARING THE VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN IN PROVIDENCE  
WITH THE NATIONAL AVERAGE

CLASSIFICATION	Number of Offenses	Value of property Stolen	Average Value per Offense Providence	Average Value per Offense National
ROBBERY	59	\$ 16,557.	\$ 280.	\$ 194.
BURGLARY	1313	13 92.	103.	139.
LARCENY	2332	152,506.	65.	62.
AUTO THEFT	678	783,623.	1,155.	965.

TYPE OF PROPERTY	Value of Property Stolen	Value of Property Recovered	Percent Recovered Providence	Percent Recovered National
CURRENCY	80,709.	8,973.	11.	12.9
JEWELRY	67,840.	2,329.	3.4	18.2
FURS	16,635.	589.	3.5	3.7
CLOTHING	22,438.	2,342.	10.4	16.6
AUTO THEFT	783,623.	758,096.	96.0	93.2
MISCELLANEOUS	117,831.	44,467.	37.0	26.0
TOTAL	1,089,079.	816,799.	75.	63.7

TABLE SHOWING ARRESTS BY PRECINCTS AND DIVISIONS  
January 1st to December 31st 1952

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	JUV DIV	DET DIV	TRAF DIV	LIC. ENF. DIV
MURDER	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
RAPE	3	3	9	6	5	0	0
ROBBERY	1	0	2	17	19	0	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	7	4	5	5	10	1	0
BURGLARY (B&E)	11	2	7	235	53	0	0
LARCENY	11	16	15	283	96	1	1
AUTO THEFT	1	0	0	121	46	0	0
ASSAULT	30	21	26	54	1	1	0
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
EMBEZZLEMENT	0	0	0	0	60	0	0
ILL. POSS. STOLEN PPTY.	2	0	0	12	21	0	0
ILL. POSS. WEAPONS	5	11	2	11	8	1	2
PROSTITUTION & VICE	0	10	0	0	0	0	5
SEX OFFENSES	31	13	9	33	3	0	2
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	0	0	0	29	3	0	0
VIO. NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
VIO. LIQUOR LAWS	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
DRUNKENNESS	2116	574	382	3	3	28	12
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	71	65	19	410	2	25	9
VAGRANCY	5	4	0	0	6	0	0
GAMBLING	1	7	1	0	0	0	41
DRUNKEN DRIVING	4	3	2	1	0	44	0
VIO. DRIVING LAWS	351	580	246	168	0	7104	0
PARKING VIOLATIONS	1450	540	232	1	0	3552	0
VIO. MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS	51	42	24	88	0	391	0
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	65	26	39	779	152	54	3
SUSPICION	0	0	0	0	11	0	0
TOTAL	4217	1922	1021	2256	513	11206	79

# COMPARISON OF ARRESTS

January 1st to December 31st  
1951 -- 1952

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	1 9 5 1	1 9 5 2
MURDER .....	3	1
MANSLAUGHTER .....	10	4
RAPE .....	23	26
ROBBERY .....	21	39
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT .....	36	32
BURGLARY (D&E) .....	203	308
LARCENY .....	359	423
AUTO THEFT .....	100	168
ASSAULT .....	130	133
FORGERY .....	14	5
EMBEZZLEMENT .....	41	60
ILL. POSS. STOLEN PROPERTY .....	35	35
ILL. POSS. WEAPONS .....	23	40
PROSTITUTION & VICE .....	9	15
SEX OFFENSES .....	83	91
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY .....	48	32
VIO. NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS .....	2	8
VIO. LIQUOR LAWS .....	18	7
DRUNKENNESS .....	3375	3118
DISORDERLY CONDUCT .....	453	601
VAGRANCY .....	12	15
GAMBLING .....	84	50
DRUNKEN DRIVING .....	29	54
VIO. DRIVING LAWS .....	7675	8449
PARKING VIOLATIONS .....	4988	5775
VIO. MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS .....	538	596
ALL OTHER OFFENSES .....	1083	1118
SUSPICION .....	14	11
TOTAL .....	19409	21214

TOTAL ARRESTS FOR 19 52

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MURDER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
RAPE	0	1	2	3	4	4	2	3	0	2	1	4
ROBBERY	2	0	0	10	4	2	0	6	7	2	1	5
A.D.W.	3	1	5	4	3	2	2	3	2	1	2	4
BURGLARY	25	27	39	25	36	19	20	17	24	32	26	18
LARCENY	33	39	42	41	32	27	25	43	26	32	33	50
AUTO THEFT	16	20	16	24	10	11	5	20	7	5	20	14
ASSAULT	8	5	3	8	5	5	15	17	19	9	19	20
FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0
EMBEZZLEMENT & FRAUD	7	3	5	5	6	3	6	7	6	3	6	3
REC.STOLEN PROPERTY	1	1	2	2	9	4	2	2	5	3	1	3
ILL. POSS. WEAPONS	4	2	3	8	4	2	1	0	2	6	7	1
PROSTITUTION & VICE	2	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0
SEX OFFENSES	6	21	6	8	10	6	9	1	4	15	4	3
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	4	1	3	5	7	2	0	3	4	3	0	0
VIO NARCOTIC DRUG LAW	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
VIO LIQUOR LAWS	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
DRUNKENNESS	201	205	257	279	305	304	279	303	245	243	249	248
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	27	15	52	49	78	58	52	54	51	55	76	34
VAGRANCY	0	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	2
GAMBLING	4	4	4	6	4	7	5	3	2	6	4	1
DRUNKEN DRIVING	4	3	4	1	4	1	3	3	3	11	6	11
VIO.DRIVING LAWS	732	705	850	713	901	626	506	486	832	867	654	577
PARKING VIOLATIONS	485	484	518	524	471	441	390	382	432	587	588	473
VIO.M.V. LAWS	25	41	66	50	51	34	44	52	54	74	65	40
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	67	96	101	122	98	107	101	60	90	100	122	54
SUSP.INVESTIGATION	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	1657	1682	1983	1888	2047	1672	1478	1468	1821	2063	1888	1567

COMPARISON OF JUVENILE ARRESTS  
January 1st to December 31st 1951-1952

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	TOTAL ARRESTS 1951	TOTAL ARRESTS 1952	JUVENILE COURT REFERRALS 1952
MURDER .....	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER .....	0	0	0
RAPE.....	6	6	6
ROBBERY .....	1	17	15
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT ....	8	5	4
BURGLARY (B&E) .....	161	235	151
LARCENY .....	242	283	101
AUTO THEFT .....	70	121	108
ASSAULT .....	35	54	19
FORGERY.....	5	0	0
EMBEZZLEMENT & FRAUD	1	0	0
ILL.POSS.STOLEN PROPERTY.	10	12	11
ILL. POSS. WEAPONS.....	2	11	8
PROSTITUTION & VICE ...	0	0	0
SEX OFFENSES .....	22	33	28
*OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY	43	29	29
VIO.NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS.	0	0	0
DRUNKENNESS .....	9	3	1
DISORDERLY CONDUCT ....	276	410	15
VAGRANCY .....	0	0	0
GAMBLING .....	0	0	0
DRUNKEN DRIVING .....	0	1	1
VIO. DRIVING LAWS .....	133	168	144
PARKING VIOLATIONS ....	0	1	0
VIO.MOTOR VEHICLE LASW.	65	88	66
ALL OTHER OFFENSES ....	869	779	174
TOTAL.....	1958	2256	881



# MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES RENDERED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Aided Cases .....	886
Animal Complaints Investigated .....	689
Annoyances Investigated .....	601
Wayward Juveniles .....	886
Burglar Alarms Investigated .....	767
Disturbances Suppressed .....	3332
Drunks arrested on Citizens complaints .....	266
Lost and Found Articles reported and investigated .....	767
Miscellaneous cases investigated .....	1144
(includes gas leaks, wires down, fire hazards, information)	
Needless Runs by Police responding to telephone complaints	557
Non-vehicular accidents investigated .....	812
Out-of-town missing persons located .....	2
Out-of-town autos recovered .....	16
Persons committed to Charles V. Chapin Hospital by police ....	87
Property Damage Complaints Investigated .....	2002
Prowler Complaints Investigated .....	354
Business Establishments found unsecured .....	1355
Lights Burning-Usuallyextinguished .....	203
Lights Out- Usually burning .....	218
Suspicious Persons, noises, autos, etc investigated .....	442
Sudden deaths investigated .....	337
Sudden illness cases investigated 1.....	734
Suicides and attempted suicides investigated .....	39
TOTAL .....	21,762

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

January 1st to December 31st, 1952

## PERSONS FINGERPRINTED

CRIMINALS ..... 2847  
 Copies to F.B.I. .... 1267  
 Copies to State Bureau 454

## NON-CRIMINAL

Hackney License Applicant 200  
 Police Constable ... 48  
 Private Operators ..... 29  
 Pistol Permits ..... 23  
 U.S. Civil Service ..... 400  
 Gov't Loyalty Checks .. 310  
 Civil Air Patrol ..... 280  
 Miscellaneous ..... 510

## WANTED CIRCULARS ISSUED

(600 copies) ..... 4

## PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN

Criminals Photographed  
 Male ..... 649  
 Female ..... 176

## All Other

Accidents (inc. fatals) 172  
 Autopsies 78  
 Bookie raids 16  
 Arson 17  
 Assault & Robbery Scenes 52  
 Recovered Property 27  
 Public Relations 400  
 Miscellaneous 1543

Pictures furnished to Gov't  
 Law Enforcement agencies and  
 other Police Departments 2900

## Photostats

Accident reports 312  
 (Average 6 sheets each)

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

a. Crime scenes investigated  
 for fingerprints ..... 392  
 b. Fingerprints developed at  
 Scenes ..... 67  
 c. Cases cleared by latent  
 fingerprints ..... 5  
 d. Laundry mark identifica-  
 tions made ..... 8  
 e. Fingerprints disclosing  
 previous arrests ..... 12  
 f. Unknown dead identified ... 2  
 g. Files checked for Criminal  
 records for Police Depts.,  
 Gov't Agencies and Defense  
 Plants ..... 31,617  
 h. Services of B.C.I. Personnel  
 required at night for Special  
 Arraignments, accidents,  
 breaks, etc. .... 178  
 i. Crossing guard applicants  
 printed and Photographed 55

## POLYGRAPH (Lie-Detector)

Subjects examined on  
 Polygraph ..... 185  
 Subjects cleared ..... 113  
 Subjects implicated as  
 result of tests ..... 41  
 Demonstrations and lectures  
 on Polygraph 10  
 Polygraph examinations for  
 other Police Departments 13

## DIVISION OF PERSONNEL & TRAINING

### Recruit School

During the year 1952, this division conducted the Ninth Recruit School, which started January 21, 1952 with a total of 20 trainees, and they completed their training July 21, 1952. Upon the completion of their training schedule there were 18 vacancies in the department which were filled by the men of this class to bring the department up to the desired and authorized strength of patrolmen. Two men from this school were placed in the pool of recruits and they were appointed as vacancies occurred.

### School Crossing Guards

At the beginning of the fiscal year in October 1952, this department was authorized to increase the number of school crossing guards up to an authorized strength of 40. This increase was based on the success of the plan conducted during the year 1951 - 1952. These women have been doing splendid work and have received high praise for the efficient and capable manner in which they carried out their assignments. They have won the confidence of children and respect of parents and motorists by the manner in which they have performed their duties. At a recent fire at Candace Street Grammar School, three crossing guards were commended for their actions in caring for pupils released from the school by taking charge of them during the entire morning administering to their comfort and calming their fears regarding clothing and possession left behind because of their quick exit.

In order to bring the number up to the authorized strength of 40, it was necessary to hold an examination and select 21 new guards due to the resignation of 6, at the termination of the school year.

### Auxiliary Police

At the present time the department has 70 Auxiliary Police, and they meet once a month and are given instruction in police procedure, traffic control, the proper method of patrolling a post, courtesy, and the latest techniques of civilian defense. They have formed a unit within their own group known as the Police Reserves which is separate from the Civilian Defense Group. They have selected 20 men from the Auxiliary Unit and have received a charter. They also meet once a month and they plan to continue after the present emergency to help the police in any manner in which they can be called upon to lend assistance.

### Inspection of Personnel and Precinct Records

Periodical Inspections were conducted by this division of personnel on duty. Violations that were observed were reported to either Division or Precinct Commanders, and they were instructed to take the necessary steps to enforce department regulations and correct violations. In some instances when violations of a minor nature were observed they were warned by the inspecting officer. Precinct and Division Records and Record Books were inspected periodically and evidence of laxity or incomplete records were immediately brought to the attention of the officer in charge for proper action.

Nightly inspections were conducted by this division, and during these night inspections it was observed that the Sergeants have been unable to supervise the personnel in the proper manner. This is due to the fact that one Sergeant and one Lieutenant have been assigned during a tour of duty and various incidents which arise during a tour of duty makes it impossible in some instances for the Sergeant to respond because of a previous incident requiring his time, and this also causes a lack of supervision of the personnel. It is felt that more Sergeants are needed in the precincts in order to properly supervise their personnel, and unless they are motorized they could not efficiently discharge their duties. It is my opinion that there should be at least two sergeants for each night relief, also the precincts should be sub-divided so that the sergeants would be supervising not more than one-half of the personnel out during a tour of duty. Sergeants also should be rotated on each tour of duty so that they would not be supervising the same personnel on successive tours of duty. This would increase the efficiency of the patrolling force and would effect the discipline of the entire department due to the increased supervision.

## Inspection of Personnel and Precinct Records (cont'd)

It is felt that the relieving posts should be re-established and enforced. In transporting the patrolmen to and from their relieving posts, it is felt that the cruiser should be manned with a Sergeant taking the outgoing relief to the various relieving posts and picking up the incoming relief. The other Sergeant in a scout car should follow the same procedure and in this manner the city would not be left unprotected.

### Firearms Training

Due to the sale of the department pistol range at Sockanosset, at the present time there is not a suitable range available to carry out this important phase of training. This was reflected by the results of the qualification held at the Warwick Police Department's Range, when 31% of the number reporting for qualification failed, and due to the fact that this range was not available for further use the men were not able to fire again in order to qualify. Unless this phase of training is established again, many of our men who have received yearly training and familiarization with the various types of weapons used by this department may find themselves unable to handle weapons other than their own sidearms when called upon in an emergency.

### Refresher School

It has been three years since a refresher school was held at this division. In view of the fact that important legislation affecting police procedure has been adopted by the General Assembly during this time, I recommend that such a course be held sometime during the coming year of 1953, so that the personnel of this department can be briefed and given a clear explanation of their duties, and changes of department police outlined to them, and at the same time courtesy and discipline can be stressed. This will enable them to render to the public an intelligent and efficient discharge of their duties.

Ninth Recruit School, started January 21, 1952 and their course of training was completed July 21, 1952, the following statistics relate to this school:

I	<u>Applications accepted</u>	57
II	<u>Rejections</u>	
	(a) Failed to pass physical examination	5
	(b) Failed to pass qualifying examination	12
	(c) Rejected because of police record	<u>2</u>
		19
III	<u>Other Causes for Failure to be Admitted</u>	
	(a) Failed to furnish eligibility (30 days)	8
	(b) Withdrew before qualifying examination	5
	(c) Failed to appear for qualifying examination	3
	(d) Called back into Armed Service	<u>2</u>
		18
IV	<u>Candidates Accepted for Training</u>	<u>20</u>
	Total	57
I	Average Age	25 1/5 years
II	Average Height	5 ft. 9 3/5 in.
III	Average Weight	177 lbs.
IV	Scholastic Attainment	2 1/2 yrs. High School

School Crossing Guards: August 5, 1952 an examination was held for the position of school crossing guards, and 21 were selected for this position to bring the number of guards up to the authorized strength of 40, and fill vacancies caused by the resignation of 6. The following statistics relate to the applications received for this position:

Applications Received -----		75
I	Rejected Overweight -----	5
	" Underweight -----	2
	" Failed to meet minimum height requirement -----	2
		9 9
II	Failed to Process Application -----	2
	" to appear for Qualifying Examination -----	8
	" to pass Qualifying Examination -----	34
		44 44
III	Withdrew Application -----	1 1
IV	Accepted for Appointment -----	21 21
Total --		75

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Auxiliary Police: The following is a report of the number of Auxiliary Police Qualified for this phase of Civilian Defense with this department:

Auxiliary Police ----- 70

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PROMOTIONAL SCHOOLS

There were no schools for prmotion conducted this year, as there is sufficient personnel from the previous schools awaiting promotion to the rank of Sergeants and Lieutenant. The Lieutenant's roster contains a total of 5 men awaiting promotion to that rank and the Sergeant's roster contains a total of 7 men eligible for promotion to that rank.

List of Sergeants awaiting promotion to rank of Lieutenant ----- 5

List of Patrolmen awaiting promotion to rank of Sergeant ----- 7

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PROMOTIONS

The following promotion was made during the year 1952:

Promoted from Captain to Chigf of Detectives - 1

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AVERAGE SERVICE AND AGE OF POLICE PERSONNEL

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Number Personnel</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>Average Age In Years</u>
		<u>Average Length of Service in Years</u>	
All Rank	477	11.7	39.9
Captains and above	14	34.1	60.5
Lieutenants	28	27.2	53.4
Sergeants	40	24.4	50.1
Patrolmen	351	9.55	37.6
Policewomen	4	3.8	33.
Crossing Guards	40	.7 mos.	34.5
		20	

COMMENDATIONS

The following commendations were made during the year 1952:

Chief of Detectives -----	1
Lieutenants -----	4
Sergeants -----	10
Patrolmen -----	<u>59</u>
Total ---	74

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following is a report of the disciplinary action taken during the year 1952:

Penalized  
According to Rank

Patrolmen - 5	Received a total of <u>850 Extra Hours of Duty</u>
	Extra Hours of Duty ----- 3
	Transferred ----- 2
	Reprimanded ----- 2

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CHANGES IN NUMERICAL STRENGTH FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

1951 - 1952

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Numerical Strength, January 1st -----	434	455
Recruited Policemen -----	22	20
Recruited Policewomen -----	1	0
Recruited Crossing Guards -----	<u>25</u>	<u>22</u>
	482	497

SEPARATIONS FROM THE SERVICE

(a) Voluntary -----	14	10
(b) Retired: Accidental Disability	3	0
(c) Retired: On Pension -----	8	2
(d) Dismissed for Cause -----	2	0
(e) Killed in Line of Duty -----	0	0
(f) Deceased -----	0	1
(g) Crossing Guards Resigned -----	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Total Separated -----	<u>27</u> 27	<u>20</u> 20
NUMERICAL STRENGTH, December 31st	455	477

<u>SEPARATIONS ACCORDING TO RANK:</u>	<u>Chief Insp.</u>	<u>Ptln.</u>	<u>Crossing Guards</u>
(a) Voluntary -----		10	7
(b) Retired on Pension -----	1	1	
(c) Deceased -----	---	<u>1</u>	---
Total -----	1	12	7
Grand Total -----	20		

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#### AUTHORIZED & PRESENT STRENGTH OF DEPARTMENT

	<u>Present Strength</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>EXISTING VACANCIES</u>
Chief of Police	1	1	Captain - 1
Chief of Det.	1	1	Patrolmen - <u>2</u>
Captains	12	13	Total - 3
Lieutenants	28	28	
Sergeants	40	40	
Patrolmen	351	353	<u>PERSONNEL IN ARMED SERVICE</u>
Policewomen	4	4	Traffic Div. - Patrolman - 1
Crossing Guards	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>	Precinct 1 - Patrolman - 1
	477	480	Precinct 3 - Patrolmen - 2
			Traffic Div. (Clerk) - <u>1</u>
			Total - 5

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#### INSPECTION OF UNIFORMS

During the periodical inspection of uniforms during the year 1952, the following uniforms were ordered to be replaced:

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>
Overcoats -----	10	23
Trousers -----	18	74
Dress Blouses -----	4	20
Breeches -----	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
Total ---	34	120

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#### LECTURES

During the year 1952 members of this division lectured to civic organizations, fraternal organizations and various police departments of several cities and towns. Following is a summary of lectures presented:

City & Town Police Departments	- 5
" " Auxiliary Police	- 3
Civic & Fraternal Organizations	- <u>3</u>

### ARMORER'S ACTIVITIES

The following is a report of the attendance and qualification of the department for the year 1952:

Total Attendance (Including Recruits of 9th School) -----	379
<u>QUALIFICATION:</u> Experts -----	84
Sharpshooters -----	94
Marksmen -----	<u>81</u>
Total -----	259 68.3%
<u>UNQUALIFIED:</u> -----	<u>120</u> 31.7%
	379

#### REPORT OF QUALIFICATION OF 9TH RECRUIT SCHOOL:

<u>QUALIFICATION:</u> Experts -----	5
Sharpshooters -----	<u>15</u>
Total --	20
<u>UNQUALIFIED:</u> -----	0

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The following repairs were made by the Armorer during the year 1952:

.38 cal. Service Revolvers repaired -----	15
.44 cal. Service Revolvers repaired -----	7
Riot Guns Repaired -----	<u>4</u>
Total	26

Monthly inspections were conducted at roll calls of precincts and divisions to check the condition of arms and if personnel were carrying the proper equipment.

At the recent incident which occurred in the city of Pawtucket involving a crazed gunman who killed a Pawtucket Policeman, the Armorer's Wagon which is equipped with gas guns and riot guns for such emergencies was dispatched to the scene. Fortunately the wagon was in the garage at the time, but if it had been out on the highway it would have been impossible to dispatch this important piece of equipment to the scene as it is not equipped with a radio. Inasmuch as the Armorer was the one who fired the projectiles into the house and routed the crazed gunman from his cover, I recommend that this vehicle be equipped with a two-way radio in order that this vehicle can be dispatched to the scene of an emergency without any delay.



INVESTIGATIONS

The following investigations were conducted by this division for the year 1952:

Failing to detect a break, while on post -----	8
Officer, Fails to register a duty call -----	1
Investigation; Complaint of mistreatment by police -----	2
" Dispute involving Sergt. and Patrolman -----	1
" Policeman accepts gratuities -----	1
" Policeman associating with undesirables -----	<u>1</u>
Total ---	14

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ACCIDENTS INVESTIGATED INVOLVING CITY-OWNED DEPARTMENT VEHICLES

<u>Accidents Involving:</u>	<u>Number of Accidents Investigated</u>	
	<u>1952</u>	<u>1951</u>
Scout Cars	40	32
Cruisers	5	9
Motorcycles	14	13
Passenger Cars (Private Plates)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
Total	62	58

## JUNIOR POLICE ACTIVITIES

Safety education of the school children played an important part of the activities of the Junior Police Patrolmen. Each of the 62 public elementary and junior high schools and the 26 parochial schools were visited at least twice by the patrolmen. They went from room to room, from the kindergarten to the ninth grade, and instructed the children in highway safety.

Sixteen Junior Police Traffic Patrols were on duty at school crossings, protecting their classmates while crossing the streets. These patrols, composed of boys between the ages of 11 and 16, were organized and are supervised by the patrolmen with the cooperation of the school principals. Each Junior Police Patrol relieved one regular Policeman from school traffic duty and left him free for other important police work. However, with the inauguration of the Women Crossing Guards in September 1951, many principals since that time have refused to allow Junior Police Patrols to be installed at their schools. They feel that the Women Crossing Guards are better able and equipped to perform this duty.

A well rounded athletic program was conducted during the year 1952. Five teams were entered in the baseball league sponsored by the Department of Recreation. Five teams were also entered in the same department's touch football league. A team coached by Patrolman Raymond F. Waldruff, representing the Elmwood Section, defeated a team coached by Patrolman John J. Flynn, of South Providence, for the City Championship. All the necessary equipment needed was furnished by the Recreation Department as the Junior Police is without funds. There were also five teams entered in the Journal-Bulletin Community Basketball League for Boys, and we extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Webster Youlden, of the Journal-Bulletin, for inviting the Junior Police to compete in this league.

During the summer months a team representing the North End Junior Police, organized and coached by Patrolman Charles J. Davey, was entered in the Providence Junior League. This team won the championship in its league and went on to defeat the winners of the championship of the City Junior League.

We are also thankful to the City Council for appropriating the necessary funds to operate the Junior Police Camp at Point Judith during the past summer. 360 needy boys were given a two weeks vacation at the seashore. This camp has now been in operation for the past seven summers and its benefits are too numerous to mention here.

On the night of October 31st. Hallowe'en, parties were given for over 5000 children in six neighborhoods of the city. These parties were organized and conducted by the members of the W. & J. Division. The purpose of the parties was to eliminate, as much as possible, vandalism and destruction of property which is so prevalent on this night. Judging from the number of complaints received, it is safe to say that the parties were successful. Much of the credit for their success belongs to the merchants and other interested citizens of our city who were so generous in their donations of food and prizes.

# FATAL ACCIDENTS

NAME	AGE	SEX	PED.	TIME	WEATHER	LOCATION	DATE
1-N.Stark	58	M	X	12.05AM*	Snowing	On Broad St. (Fr.#1333)	3-14-52
2-L.Robinson	50	F	X	8.30AM	Clear	On Point St. (At Richmond St.)	4-24-52
3-R.Almagno	10	F	X	6.20PM	Clear	On Pocasset Ave. (Fr.#339½)	6-18-52
4-V.Faiola	52	M	X	9.30AM	Clear	On Niantic Ave. (Fr.#276)	9-6-52
5-R.Wallbridge	11	M	X	10.10PM*	Clear	On Broad St. (At Stewart St.)	9-13-52
6-J.Lambert	78	M	X	7.45PM*	Clear	On Third St. (At Highland Ave.)	10-6-52
7-R.Lavimodiere	8	M	X	10.15AM	Clear	On Thurburs Ave. (Fr.#103)	10-29-52
8-W.Cadden	79	M	X	8.15PM*	Clear	On Smith St. (Nr. Nelson St.)	12-3-52

# HOURS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

<u>12----3:00</u>	<u>3:01----6:00</u>	<u>6:01----12:00</u>	<u>12:01-----6:00</u>	<u>6:01</u>	<u>12:00</u>
12:05AM*		8:30AM 9:30AM 10:15AM		6:20PM 10:10PM* 7:45PM* 8:15PM*	

\* DARK

# ANALYSIS OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

<u>OPERATOR'S EXCUSE</u>	<u>PED. FAULTS</u>	<u>DRINK</u>	<u>CAUSE OF ACCIDENT</u>
1-Did not see Pedestrian	Drink	Yes	Innat. Poor Visibility
2-Saw Pedestrian step off curb and applied brakes.	Innat.	No	Innat. Pedestrian
3-Did not see Pedestrian	Innat.	No	Ran into the Highway
4-Did not see man in the Highway	O.K.	No	Innat. Poor Vision
5-Saw object in front of car and applied brakes.	Innat.	No	Playing football ran into the Highway
6-Admitted driving auto that struck Pedestrian.	O.K.	Yes	Speed, Drink, Hit-Run
7-Tried to turn left to avoid hitting child.	Innat.	No	Innat. Ped.
8-Saw Pedestrian step out from in front of another car and applied the brakes.	O.K.	No	Innat. Oper.

## ACCIDENT INFORMATION----- 1952

	ACC. TOTAL	ACC. INJ.	PROP. DANG.	ACC. FATAL	ENFORC. INDEX
JANUARY	444	53	391	0	13.2
FEBRUARY	443	50	393	0	13.9
MARCH	399	40	359	1	21.6
APRIL	439	56	383	1	11.1
MAY	451	55	396	0	15.2
JUNE	429	65	364	1	12.1
JULY	392	56	336	0	12.3
AUGUST	495	75	420	0	6.9
SEPTEMBER	499	68	431	2	13.3
OCTOBER	543	63	480	1	14.7
NOVEMBER	558	58	500	1	12.2
DECEMBER	638	74	564	1	9.3
TOTALS	5,730	713	5,017	8	12.8

# ANALYSIS OF PEDESTRIAN

## FATAL ACCIDENTS

Pedestrians Killed-----	8
Killed after dark-----	4
Hit-Run Fataals-----	1
Cleared by arrest-----	1
Killed at Intersections-----	3
Male Pedestrians Killed-----	6
Female Pedestrians Killed-----	2
Drink Involved Pedestrians-----	1
Drink Involved Operators-----	1
Pedestrians wholly at fault-----	5
Operators wholly at fault-----	3
Youngest Pedestrian Killed-----	8 yrs.
Oldest Pedestrian Killed-----	79 yrs.
Average age of all Killed-----	43.2 yrs.
Average age of Children Killed-----	9.2 yrs.
Operators residing in State-----	8
Operators residing out of State-----	0
Operators residing in City-----	4
Average age of Operators Involved-----	37.6 yrs.
Youngest Operator Involved-----	19 yrs.
Oldest Operator Involved-----	82 yrs.

## HOURS OF PEDESTRIAN FATAL ACCIDENTS

A-----	M
<u>12--1</u> <u>1--2</u> <u>2--3</u> <u>3--4</u> <u>4--5</u> <u>5--6</u> <u>6--7</u> <u>7--8</u> <u>8--9</u> <u>9--10</u> <u>10--11</u> <u>11--12</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	
1	1 1 1 4

<u>12--1</u> <u>1--2</u> <u>2--3</u> <u>3--4</u> <u>4--5</u> <u>5--6</u> <u>6--7</u> <u>7--8</u> <u>8--9</u> <u>9--10</u> <u>10--11</u> <u>11--12</u> <u>TOTAL</u>	
	1 1 1 1 4

Total ----- 8

# ACCIDENT ANALYSIS

## COMPARISON 1951 and 1952

YEAR	TOTAL ACC.	TOTAL INJ.	PEDESTRIANS		TOTAL PED. INJ.	M.V.C. ACC.	INJ/ M.V.C. ACC.	FATALS
			CHILD	ADULT				
1951	659	831	153	141	303	365	528	12
1952	713	848	196	162	363	335	485	8

Average Injury Accidents Per Month--1951---- 54.9

Average Injury Accidents Per Month--1952---- 58.1

## OPERATORS IN INJURY ACCIDENTS

Average Age of Operators in Fatal Accidents- 37.7yrs.

Average Age of Operators in Injury Accidents 36.5yrs.

Hit-Run Operators in Fatal Accidents----- 1

Cleared by Arrest----- 1

Accidents occuring after dark(Fatals)----- 4

Accidents occuring after dark(Injury)-----249

## MONTHLY ACCIDENTS

### TYPES

	TOTAL ACC.	PEDESTRIANS				TOTAL PED. INJ.	MOT. VEH. COLL. ACC.			TOTAL	
		CHILD	INJ.	ADULT	INJ.		ACC.	INJ.	CHILD	INJ.	FATALS
J-	53	7	7	21	21	28	25	45	13	73	0
F-	50	6	7	10	13	20	14	21	3	41	0
M-	40	11	11	12	12	23	17	20	5	43	1
A-	56	15	15	9	9	24	32	46	2	70	1
M-	55	20	20	13	13	33	22	30	1	63	0
J.	65	27	27	9	9	36	29	41	5	77	1
J-	56	21	22	8	8	30	27	36	1	66	0
A-	75	25	25	10	10	35	40	55	3	90	0
S-	68	23	23	15	15	38	30	44	6	82	2
O-	63	23	23	15	15	38	25	36	3	74	1
N-	58	11	11	19	19	30	28	44	5	74	1
D-	74	7	7	21	21	28	46	67	6	95	1
T-	713	196	198	162	165	363	335	485	53	848	8

ANALYSIS OF INJURY ACCIDENTS

Age groups of Persons Killed

<u>1--5</u>	<u>6--16</u>	<u>17--25</u>	<u>26--40</u>	<u>41--50</u>	<u>51-----OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	3			1	4	8

Age groups of Persons-Injured--PED.

<u>1--5</u>	<u>6--16</u>	<u>17--25</u>	<u>26--40</u>	<u>41--50</u>	<u>51-----OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
72	126	12	29	13	111	363

OPERATORS RESIDENCE

State-----	103
Outside-----	224

AFTER DARK ACC.

Pedestrians-----	104
Collisions-----	145

U.T.C. ACC. FATALS

Trackless Trolley-----	0
Gas Busses-----	0

DRINK INJ. ACC.

Pedestrians-----	7
Operators-----	30

SEX OF OPERATORS

Male-----	809
Female-----	100

SEX OF PED. INJ.

Male-----	258
Female-----	105

RIDERS INJURED

Male-----	266
Female-----	219

Age groups of Persons Injured-- RIDER

<u>1--5</u>	<u>6--16</u>	<u>17--25</u>	<u>26--40</u>	<u>41--50</u>	<u>51-----OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
17	42	155	135	61	75	485

AGES OF OPERATORS INVOLVED IN PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS

<u>16--18</u>	<u>19--20</u>	<u>21--24</u>	<u>25--35</u>	<u>36--45</u>	<u>46--55</u>	<u>56---OVER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
22	20	15	125	88	43	36	349

DAYS OF THE WEEK INJURY ACCIDENTS  
OCCURED

Monday-----	90
Tuesday-----	82
Wednesday-----	110
Thursday-----	101
Friday-----	98
Saturday-----	137
Sunday-----	95

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS            713

HOURS OF INJURY ACCIDENTS  
PEDESTRIANS

	<u>ACC.</u> <u>A-----</u>	<u>INJ.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>ACC.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>INJ.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>ACC.</u> <u>P-----</u>	<u>INJ.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>ACC.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>INJ.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>ACC.</u> <u>-----</u>	<u>INJ.</u> <u>-----</u>
	12-----	6-----	6-----	12-----	12-----	6-----	6-----	12-----	TOTALS	
J	1	1	4	4	13	13	10	10	28/28	
F	0	0	3	6	6	7	7	7	16/20	
M	1	1	7	7	9	9	6	6	23/23	
A	1	1	3	3	14	14	6	6	24/24	
M	1	1	3	3	22	22	7	7	33/33	
J	1	1	4	4	17	17	14	14	36/36	
J	0	0	8	8	14	15	11	11	33/34	
A	1	1	4	4	14	14	12	12	31/31	
S	0	0	4	4	25	25	9	9	38/38	
O	1	1	5	5	27	27	6	6	39/39	
N	1	1	4	4	19	19	5	5	29/29	
D	0	0	6	6	16	16	6	6	28/28	
T-	8	8	55	58	196	198	99	99	358/363	



# HOURS OF INJURY ACCIDENTS

## MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS

	<u>ACC.</u>	<u>INJ.</u>	<u>ACC.</u>	<u>INJ.</u>	<u>ACC.</u>	<u>INJ.</u>	<u>ACC.</u>	<u>INJ.</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
	<u>A</u>			<u>M</u>	<u>P</u>			<u>M</u>	
	12	6	6	12	12	6	6	12	
J-	3	6	8	9	8	14	6	16	25/45
F-	2	2	2	2	5	12	5	5	14/21
M-	2	2	3	3	7	9	5	6	17/20
A-	5	6	7	12	15	21	5	7	32/46
M-	3	3	1	1	9	12	9	14	22/30
J-	4	9	2	2	18	25	5	5	29/41
J-	4	6	3	4	11	14	9	12	27/36
A-	8	10	1	1	14	17	17	27	40/55
S-	4	5	4	4	8	14	14	21	30/44
O-	4	5	2	3	8	9	11	19	25/36
N-	6	8	5	13	11	14	6	9	28/44
D-	9	17	6	10	17	19	14	21	46/67
T-	54	79	44	64	131	180	106	162	335/485

## INJURY ACCIDENTS BY PRECINCTS

<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
JANUARY	27	15	11	53
FEBRUARY	24	10	16	50
MARCH	22	11	7	40
APRIL	24	12	20	56
MAY	19	20	16	55
JUNE	29	14	22	65
JULY	23	10	23	56
AUGUST	29	17	29	75
SEPTEMBER	27	18	23	68
OCTOBER	34	16	13	63
NOVEMBER	27	12	19	58
DECEMBER	34	16	24	74
TOTALS	319	171	223	713

PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS

713

PEDESTRIAN  
ACCIDENTS

358

MOTOR VEHICLE  
COLLISIONS

335

CORNER----- 143

BETWEEN----- 215

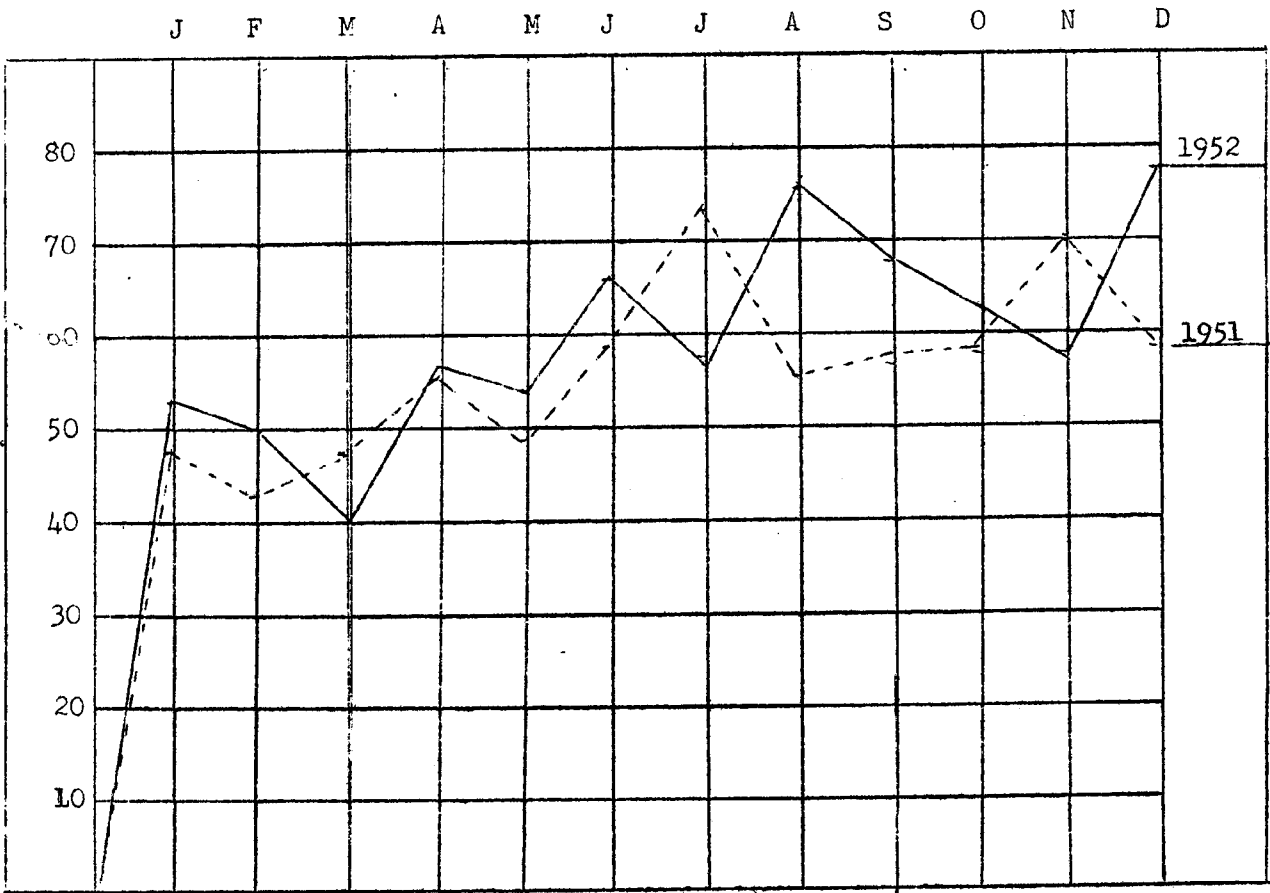
CORNER----- 221

BETWEEN----- 114

<u>CHILD</u>	<u>ADULT</u>
196	162

<u>M.V.C.</u>	<u>POLE</u>	<u>BIKE</u>	<u>PARKED AUTO</u>	<u>MISCL.</u>
221	45	21	24	45

GRAPH OF INJURY ACCIDENTS YEAR--1951 & 1952



TOTAL --- 1951----- 659

1952-----713

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# REPORT OF BUREAU OF PROSECUTION

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## POLICE COURT

There were 15,168 persons arraigned in the Police Court in 1952.

3,097 persons were arraigned and convicted for drunkenness.

4,016 persons were arraigned and convicted for Violations of the Traffic Regulations.

7,327 persons were arraigned and convicted for Violation of the Parking Regulations.

139 persons were arraigned and convicted for Disorderly Conduct.

589 persons were arraigned and convicted for other violations.  
15,168 TOTAL

### TRIALS

19 persons pleaded not guilty to the following charges and after trial, 15 were convicted and 4 were found not guilty.

	<u>GUILTY</u>	<u>NOT GUILTY</u>
Drunkenness	-	1
Violation of Parking Regulations	4	1
Violation of Traffic Regulations	1	-
Disorderly Conduct	5	1
Other Violations	5	1
TOTAL	15	4

The following is a list by months of the arraignments in the Police Court:

	<u>DRUNKS</u>	<u>TRAFFIC VIOL.</u>	<u>PARKING VIOL.</u>	<u>DIS. CON</u>	<u>OTHER VIOL.</u>
January	198	365	594	6	44
February	203	315	569	1	37
March	252	393	798	10	38
April	280	331	622	8	27
May	302	468	566	15	49
June	301	370	594	12	51
July	276	185	491	10	61
August	304	185	434	31	47
September	245	490	560	10	54
October	237	455	726	19	75
November	241	242	837	14	40
December	258	217	536	3	66
TOTALS	3,097	4,016	7,327	139	589

During the year 1952, the Bureau of Prosecution issued the following summonses;

POLICE COURT	19,556
District Court	6,432
Served for out of the City Police Departments	1,510
Served for out of the State Police Departments	139
Served for R.I. Unemployment and Sickness	226
TOTAL	27,863

DISTRICT COURT

There were 5,457 arraignments in the District Court; there were 215 trials, after which there were findings of 173 guilty or probably guilty, and 42 not guilty or probably not guilty; they listed as follows:

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>GUILTY</u>	<u>NOT GUILTY</u>
Aid and Record Bet	4	3
Assault	25	7
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	8	2
assault intent Rape	1	
Attempt Arson	1	
Breaking and Entering	1	
Breaking and Entering-Intent Larceny	2	
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	8	3
Carnal Knowledge	4	
Carnal Knowledge-Attempt	3	
Carrying Concealed Weapon-Knife	1	
Common Drunk	1	
Concealed Weapon-No License	1	1
Defacing Property	1	
Defective Brakes	1	
Discharge Pistol Across Highway	1	
Drive Off Auto		2
Embezzlement	3	
Entering and Larceny	1	
False Alarm of Fire	4	
False Pretence	1	1
Forgery	4	
Fornication	3	
Harboring Criminals	7	3
Incest	1	
Indecent Exposure	1	
Intent to Extort	3	
Keeping House of Ill Fame	1	
Kidnapping	5	
Larceny	14	4
Larceny from Person	3	
Larceny of Auto	4	
Leaving Scene	2	3
Lewd and Wanton	3	2
Maintaining Liquor Nuisance	1	
Obstructing Police Officer	1	
Operating without a License	1	
Operating without a Taxi License		1
Operating Under the Influence	3	
Passing Boulevard Stop Sign	2	1
Passing Signal Light		1
Possession of Drugs	4	2
Possession of Lottery	4	1
Possession of Obscene Pictures	2	2
Procuring for Lewdness	2	
Receiving	8	1
Reckless Driving	8	2
Reckless Driving-Death	1	
Robbery	4	
Selling Liquor without a License	1	
Sodomy	1	
Speeders	1	
Unlawful Carnal Connection	1	
Vagrancy	1	
Violation of Bank Laws	4	
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	173	42

TOTAL

The following cases were presented before the 6th District Court during 1952

Abortion	2
Adultery	12
Aid and Abet Larceny	1
Aid and Assist Larceny of Auto	3
Aid and Record Bet	31
Assault	98
Assault with Dangerous Weapon	20
Assault intent Murder	2
Assault on Police Officer	1
Assault intent Rape	1

Assault intent Robbery	3
Assault and Robbery	2
Attempt Arson	1
Bigamy	1
Breaking and Entering	5
Breaking and Entering-Intent Larceny	19
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	70
Carnal Knowledge	10
Carnal Knowledge-Attempt	6
Carrying Concealed Weapon Knife	3
Cause to Operate Improperly Registered	7
Cause to Operate Under 16 years	3
Cause to Operate without a License	12
Common Cheat	3
Common Drunk	19
Concealed Leased Property	1
Concealed Weapon-No License	18
Contempt of Court	1
Crime against Nature	2
Defacing Property	25
Defective Brakes	115
Desertion of Family	3
Did offer to obtain a Certificate of Learning or	
Diploma from Medical College	1
Discharge Firearms on Private Property	2
Discharge Fireworks	8
Discharge Pistol Across Highway	1
Disorderly Person	13
Drive off Auto	12
Embezzlement	13
Entering and Larceny	1
Evading Payment of Fare	1
Failed to Yield Right of Way	1
False Alarm of Fire	12
False Pretence	21
False Statement to Social Security	1
Forgery	8
Fornication	26
Fugitive from Justice	78
Harboring Criminals	10
Improperly Registered	102
Incest	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Keep Dangerous Dog	1
Keeping House of Ill Fame	2
Kidnapping	6
Larceny	136
Larceny from Person	9
Larceny of Auto	40
Leaving Auto Unattended	3
Leaving Scene	63
Lewd and Wanton	11
Maintaining Gamblin Nuisance	1
Maintaining Liquor Nuisance	1
Muffler Cut Out	22
Murder	1
Obstructing Police Officer	1
Operating without a License	312
Operating without a License-Application Refused	7
Operating without a License-Suspended or Revoked	30
Operating without a Taxi License	1
Operating Under the Influence	53
Passing Boulevard Stop Sign	53
Passing Signal Light	17
Peeping Tom	1
Pistol in Vehicle	4
Playing Cars and Dice on Sunday	23
Possession of Drugs	7
Possession of Fireworks	1
Possession of Lottery	30
Possession of Obscene Pictures	3
Possession of Weapon-Dangerous	11
Procuring for Lewdness	3
Put Slugs in Telephone	2
Rape	3
Receiving	30

Receiving for Immoral Purposes	1
Reckless Driving	78
Reckless Driving-Death	2
Refused to show Operator's License to Police Officer	1
Resist Arrest	1
Robbery	10
Selling Fireworks without a License	5
Selling Liquor without a License	4
Sodomy	1
Speeders	3,516
Statutory	4
Tampering with Auto	7
Threat to Kill	1
Throw Glass in Street	1
Unlawful Carnal Connection	1
Utter False Narcotic Prescription	2
Vagabond Thief	1
Vagrancy	14
Violation of Bank Laws	91
Violation of Probation	6
Wrong Name to Pawnbroker	8
TOTAL	<hr/> 5,457

Report of Bureau of License Enforcement  
January 1, to December 31, 1952.

Number of applications for licenses investigated, all classes-----	16,271
Number of inspections of licensed premises made -----	10,950
Hearings before the Bureau for violations of licensed premises -----	47
Number of licenses warned for minor violations -----	116
Hearings before the State Liquor Control Administrator -----	4
Remonstrances filed and investigated -----	19
Carnival petitions investigated -----	5
Licenses suspended after Hearing before the Bureau -----	25
Licenses revoked after Hearing before the Bureau -----	1
Licensees reprimanded after Hearing before the Bureau -----	21
Licenses suspended:	
Class A. Retailer's -----	3
Class B. Victualer's -----	4
Class C. Retailer's -----	9
Class E. Druggist's -----	1
Junk Shop -----	2
Sunday Sales -----	1
Second Hand Licenses -----	2
Newsboy -----	1
Peddler's -----	1
Pool Table License -----	1
Number of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licenses issued -----	534
Number of Hackney Carriage Power Vehicles Licenses issued -----	216
Number of Trucking Licenses issued -----	351
Hackney Carriage Driver's Licenses revoked -----	4
Hackney Carriage Driver's Licenses suspended -----	10
Number of Hackney Carriage Driver's Licenses tabled pending future conduct	3
Total Hearings before the Bureau of Licenses -----	17
Hackney Carriage Drivers warned for violations -----	558
Trucks warned for violations -----	8
Total Violations -----	566

Prosecutions:

Illegal Possession of Lottery .....	31
Aiding & Assisting in the Recording of a Bet on a Horse Race .....	26
Maintaining a Gambling Nuisance .....	1
Playing Cards on Sunday .....	6
Procuring for Immoral Purposes .....	2
Maintaining a House of Ill Fame .....	1
Receiving for Immoral Purposes .....	1
Lewd and Wanton .....	1
Disorderly Person .....	3
Carrying Concealed Weapon (Knife) .....	1
Illegal Possession of Firearms (Loaded Revolver) .....	1
Selling intoxicating Beverages Without a License .....	4
Larceny .....	1
Wrong Name to Paymbroker .....	1
Possession of Firecrakers .....	1
Disorderly Conduct .....	3
Drunk .....	11
Operating an Automobile not Properly Registered .....	1
Total number of Prosecutions .....	96
Telephones removed for gambling activities .....	63
Persons arrested for investigation .....	403



## DETECTIVE DIVISION

During the year 1952 the Detective Division, under the supervision of Chief of Detectives Walter E. Stone and his Administrative Assistant, Lieutenant Thomas B. Healey, investigated a preponderance of the 31,241 complaints received by the department ranging from Murder to petty complaints. The efficiency of this division is emphasized when its clearances are compared with those of other departments of cities of comparable population.

Of two murders reported, one was quickly solved. The paucity of leads in the second murder have been traced to surrounding cities as far west as Buffalo, N.Y., but to date have been unsuccessful. However, this case is still under investigation and detectives assigned and instructed to follow any and all clues in an effort to apprehend the perpetrator or perpetrators of this vicious crime.

The narcotic squad, activated last year, investigated seven complaints of teen-age smoking of marijuana cigarettes and found them to be gossip and without foundation. This squad is bent on suppressing this traffic and has made a few arrests of addicts. From their investigations it can be positively reported that the narcotic traffic in this city is very light.

Information was received by this division that a gang of thugs were planning a holdup of one of our leading hotels. Detectives were assigned to keep a surveillance on the activities of this mob and representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Massachusetts State Police were kept informed and invited to participate with our detectives in this case. On May 5, 1952 the holdup was to be staged and from the surveillance it was learned that the gang had met in a local diner. Our detectives and the other law enforcement agents swooped down on them and effected the arrests of three armed hoodlums in the crowded diner without a shot being fired and nobody hurt. Among those arrested was Harvey (Mad Dog) Bistany, a notorious criminal, wanted in New York City for Post Office robberies, in Worcester, Massachusetts for Assault with Intent to Kill and Robbery and also wanted in several Massachusetts cities for Bank Robberies. This arrest with its ramifications, lead to the arrest of ten other notorious criminals, all who have been convicted of bank robberies in Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey. It focused national recognition to this department and caused our own City Council to pass a resolution commending our detectives for their bravery and efficiency. It is a striking example of our desire to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies.

In August of this year a thug was arrested by our detectives for robbery and positively identified by the victim. During the investigation it was learned that this man was wanted in Connecticut for a brutal murder. The Connecticut authorities were notified and the murderer was delivered to them and has been tried and convicted. This is another example of our cooperation with other departments.

Clearances of major crimes reported was increased 8% over last year with a general clearance of 29%. Seventy-five percent of stolen property was recovered and ninety-six percent of all automobiles stolen were recovered and returned to their owners.

No organized crime exists in this city and none will be tolerated.

Assistance received from the various precincts and division is appreciated and the Detective Division has and will reciprocate to the fullest extent.

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