

**BELLEVUE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON**

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ANNUAL REPORT



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F O R W A R D

TO: The City Manager
W. W. Kennedy

I wish to present the following report on the Police Department for the calendar year of 1956. This is the third annual report since the inauguration of a police department in the City of Bellevue and is intended to present to you, as the Chief Administrative Officer, a comprehensive picture of the activities, functions, cost analysis, personnel and services.

It is sincerely hoped that the following pages will present a -broader view and a clearer understanding of this department in the city administration.

G. L. Plowman,
Chief of Police

CITY OFFICIALS

Councilmen:

C. Norman Dickison, Jr. Mayor

Melvin Love

Frank Armstead

William Glorius

George Kardong

Park Westover

Irene Gies

City Manager:

W.W.Kennedy

Civil Service Commission:

Thomas Dann, Chairman

Clifton Crawford

M.B.Petram

Jean Scholer, Secretary & Chief Examiner

Judge of Municipal Court

Gayle Hilyer

HISTORY

The department was authorized by Council action when Ordinance No. 8 of the City of Bellevue was passed on April 28th, 1953. The department was activated on August 1, 1953 when a Chief of Police was hired by the city. No actual patrolling was done in the city until September 16th, 1953 when a Sergeant was added to the department. Acquisition of equipment, the creation of Ordinances and the various paper forms to keep records all had to be accomplished before the department could actively start to work.

January 1, 1954, when two more men were added to the department, a twenty four hour service was given for the first time. The department was faced with a heavy traffic load with close to seventy miles of streets to patrol within a five square mile area. At this time the census showed a population of 5,950.

In April of 1954 the population grew to 7, 658. Two more officers were added on the ninth of September, 1954, bringing the department personnel up to six. Realizing that the population was still growing and the Law Enforcement program demanding more and more service, three more men and a policewoman were added to the department on the first of January, 1955, bringing the number of personnel to ten. A census in April of 1955 showed a total population of 8, 901.

With the addition of added personnel in 1955 the desk in the station was in operation twenty four hours a day. Prior to that time all calls for assistance and the notification of cars by radio was handled during the city office hours and when the offices were closed, the operation was coordinated at the Chiefs home.

On the sixteenth of October 1955, another officer was added to the department and the Juvenile and Crime Prevention division was established.

Two more men were added on January 1, 1956, bringing the department strength to thirteen. This allowed the addition of another car to patrol the business area during the night hours. The population in April of 1956 totalled 10, 002.

HISTORY Continued

On the first of January, 1957, four more officers were added to the department, bringing the total personnel to seventeen.

During the period from August 1, 1953 to January 1, 1957, the department work load was increased two hundred to three hundred per cent each year.

The department was faced from the start with a continuing traffic problem and although the city does not have many sidewalks and pedestrians are forced to walk from the shoulder of the streets, fatalities from traffic has been held to a minimum. With the daily rate estimated on January 1, 1957 as between 38, 000 and 40, 000 cars per day, only two traffic accidents since the incorporation of the city have resulted in fatalities.

The department has acquired much equipment since it's inception and expects to acquire more as finances allow.

Members of the department attend school each Saturday morning for two hours and officers are sent to various schools conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation which are held at Fort Lewis. These include training in basic law enforcement, Command and Fingerprint instruction.

The department now operates four squad cars, which are leased by the city and also operates two motorcycle shifts. All employees in the department are full time regular officers, including the one policewoman.

Cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Washington State Patrol, the King County Sheriff's Office and the Seattle, Renton and Kirkland Police Departments as well as many other agencies in the state have all contributed a large share in the progress towards our goal of a good police department. Because of this, the department is very grateful and appreciates the aid given to it.

PERSONNEL - 1957

G.L. Plowman	Chief
G.C. Whitman	Sergeant
R.A. Sollitto	Sergeant
G.R. Quarnstrom	Sergeant
W.J. Giardina	Sergeant
H.F. Corkrey Jr	Patrolman
R.S. Moscrip	Policewoman
T.A. Bass	Patrolman
J.C. Robbins	Patrolman
D.F. Mulivrana	Patrolman
F.H. Anderson	Patrolman
D.P. Van Blaricom	Patrolman
J.A. Conrady	Patrolman
C.A. Meyer	Patrolman
R.H. Westbrook	Patrolman
D.M. Beard	Patrolman
C.R. Smithrud	Patrolman

Chief Gerald L. Plowman, 153 104th. S. E. Bellevue, was born at Freeport, Illinois on September 20th, 1910. He graduated from Freeport High School in June 1928. On August 6th, 1937 he was married at Kentland, Indiana and is the father of a boy seventeen and two girls, thirteen and ten years of age. He worked for the Railway Express Agency until September 1937. While a deputy Sheriff of Stephenson County he was assigned to motorcycle patrol in the Freeport Park District from September 1937 until July 1st, 1941.

On July 1st. 1941, he joined the Illinois State Police, completing the Illinois State Police School course on July 21, 1941. After promotion to Sergeant on September 1st. he was assigned to the second session of the police school and served as assistant to the Director. On October 1st. he was assigned to Northwestern University Traffic School. Upon finishing school he was named Acting Lieutenant in charge of District #1 at Sterling, Illinois.

Having passed the Civil Service examinations he became a patrolman in the Freeport Police Department on April 1st. 1942. In April 1943 he was placed in the Detective Division and was promoted to Sergeant in 1944. He left the department in 1947 and came to the West in July of that year.

He worked at Lee & Eastes Motor Freight Company until July 1st. 1948 when he came to Bellevue and patrolled the area until October 15, 1952. Then he organized a company which provided taxi, ambulance and other services until August 1, 1953. On August 1, 1953, he was appointed Chief of Police of Bellevue, Washington.

In February of 1956, Chief Plowman was nominated to the F. B. I. National Academy in Washington, D. C. by J. Edgar Hoover, Director. He entered the school on March 19th. and was graduated on June 8th. 1956.

Sergeant George C. Whitman, 1004 108th S.E., Bellevue, was born in Seattle on January 23, 1927. He attended West Seattle High School. In February, 1943, he joined the United States Coast Guard where he served for three and one half years. He was honorably discharged after serving his term of duty, with the rating of Signalman First Class.

On July 1st, 1946, Sergeant Whitman was married and he now has two sons, nine and five years of age and a stepson age twelve.

From July 1946 until December, 1946, he served with the United States Navy. Following his discharge he went to work for the Bethlehem Steel Company in Seattle as a weighmaster and locomotive engineer. From then until December, 1950 he was employed by the Puget Sound Freight Company. In December, 1950, he began working for Boeing Airplane Company in the plant protection division.

On September 16th, 1953, he joined the Bellevue Police Department and is night Sergeant at this time.

Sergeant Robert A. Sollitto, 135 108th, N.E., Bellevue, Washington, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on July 23, 1924. He graduated from Harrison High School, Harrison, New York, in 1942. He entered the United States Army in November, 1942, and served in the United States and European theaters until his discharge in January, 1945.

During 1945 he took a six month course in Air Craft instruments which enabled him to accept a position with the United States Government Army Transport Command at Presque Isle, Maine. He left this position to enter the employ of the United States Rubber Company in New York City. In 1947 he was transferred to the company branch office in Seattle where he held the position of department head of the General Products Division. He left this company in 1952 to accept the appointment of assistant supervisor of the Metal Cal division of the C. & H. Supply Company, aircraft suppliers. When the company opened a branch at Inglewood, California, he was made supervisor of the Seattle office.

On January 1st, 1954, he joined the Bellevue Police Department and was promoted to Sergeant on January 1, 1955. He is married and has a four year old son. He is a third generation police officer, his father and grandfather both served on the New York Police Department in Brooklyn. Sergeant Sollitto is currently the head of the Investigation and Identification division of the department.

Sergeant George R. Quarnstrom, 721 99th. N. W. Bellevue, Washington, was born August 9, 1925, in Bremerton, Washington. He was graduated from Bremerton High School in 1943.

In April, 1944, he entered the United States Army and served in the Phillipines as an engineer and later in the Medical Corps until his discharge in May, 1946.

From September, 1946, to June, 1947, he attended Olympic Junior College. From September, 1947, until September, 1948, he was enrolled in Jewel's Detective School in Seattle.

He worked for the Retail Credit Company from October, 1948, until December, 1949. The following year Sergeant Quarnstrom was employed by the Cowlitz County Sheriff's office. He was with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard Police Department from March, 1951, until January, 1, 1955, the date he became a member of the Bellevue Police Department. While with the Shipyard Police he completed a 67 hour traffic school conducted by the Washington State Patrol.

He is married and has four children, a boy five, a girl seven and a half, and twin girls three years of age.

He was appointed sergeant on July 8, 1956, and is assigned to the third shift.

Sergeant Nicholas J. Giardina, 13803 S. E. 1st, Bellevue, Washington, was born on March 12th, 1921, in New York City. He attended Samuel Gompers High School, then went to the Bronx Vocational School for three years.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 2nd, 1942, and saw action at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, New Britain, Pellieu and Okinawa. His duties were that of a machine gunner, flame thrower and assault squad leader. He spent a total of 38 months overseas and was discharged on January 2nd, 1946.

He moved to the West Coast and was employed at Kent Washington. He became a member of the Bellevue Police Department on January 1, 1955.

Sergeant Giardina was assigned to the Investigation and Identification division October 9th, 1956, and was promoted to Sergeant on April 8th, 1957, in charge of the Juvenile and Crime Prevention division.

He is married and is the father of a 5 year old girl and a 6 year old son.

Officer Thomas Bass, 10660 46th. N. E. Kirkland, Washington, was born May 2nd, 1926, at Wiggins, Mississippi. He attended Elementary and Junior High School there and moved to Gulfport, Mississippi, and attended the first two years of High School. He then transferred to Perkinston, Mississippi, and graduated from high school in June of 1942. He entered Perkinston Junior College until January 1943.

Officer Bass joined the United States Navy February 1, 1943, as a hospital apprentice 1st class and was discharged September 1946, as a pharmacist mate 2nd class.

Officer Bass is married and has three children, two girls age 10 and 9 and a 3½ year old son.

Officer Bass attended Clark Junior College, Vancouver, Washington, 1946 to 1949. He graduated with Associate of Arts Degree. He also attended the University of Washington from 1949 to 1951 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He was then employed by the West Coast Fast Freight Company as a claim adjuster and Investigator. He joined the Kirkland Police Department in 1952 and stayed with their department until October 16th, 1955, at which time he became a member of the Bellevue Police Department.

Officer Harold F. Corkrey Jr., Ames Lake, Fall City, Washington, was born in Seattle on August 20th, 1929. After graduating from Seattle Preparatory School in 1948, he attended the University of Washington, Saint Martins College and Seattle University.

In July, 1950, he entered the United States Coast Guard and served in the Far East and the South Pacific areas. Following his discharge in July, 1953, he was employed on several jobs in the Bellevue area until he joined the Bellevue Police Department on September 9th, 1954. He resigned from the department on April 1st, 1955, to work for a local roofing company and returned to the department on December 1st, 1955.

Officer Corkrey was married on May 20th, 1955, and has a one year old son. He is assigned to the traffic division as a motorcycle officer.

Policewoman Ruth S. Moscrip, 10003 N. E. 29th Place, Bellevue, Washington, was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, on June 18th, 1921. She graduated from Durfee High School in Fall River in June, 1938. She attended Allan's Secretarial School and Wilson Business College in Providence, R. I.

She is married and has two sons, 16 and 13.

From 1941 to 1942 she worked for Sessions & Gifford in Providence as a private secretary to the Vice-President. In 1944, she accepted the appointment as head of the U. S. O. Women Hostesses at the United States Naval Station in Newport, R. I. From 1945 to 1950 she and her family lived in Blaine, Washington, where her husband was teaching school.

When her husband was recalled to service in 1951 she and her sons joined him in Guam, for a period of two years. While on Guam she worked as a receptionist at the Naval Hospital and also availed herself of the Armed Services courses. She was able to complete over a year's college during the time she resided on Guam. Twenty of the fifty credits earned were in psychology.

In 1953, she graduated from the Patricia Lee Modeling School and was employed in fashion work in Portland, Oregon.

When her husband was released to inactive duty, she and her family moved to Bellevue where her husband accepted a teaching position in the Bellevue Schools. She worked at Motke Ford Motors as a License clerk and on December 7th, 1955, she accepted employment and was appointed a Policewoman on the Bellevue Police Department.

She has charge of the files and records and has various other duties.

Officer John C. Robbins, 11018 W. E. 112, Bellevue, was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado, on February 4th, 1923. He graduated from La Junta Senior High School in June 1940.

He spent one summer in Citizens Military Camp and six months in the C. C. C. in Monument, Colorado, as a forestry clerk.

In October, 1942, he joined the Naval Reserve and was sent to San Diego and Portsmouth, Virginia, to the hospital Corps School. He was sent overseas with a Landing Craft Unit and spent some time in base hospitals on Guadalcanal, Tulagi and the Solomon Island group during the Bougainville campaign. He returned to the states and was assigned to the Pre-embarkation dispensary at Treasure Island, California, until his discharge in January, 1946. He enrolled in La Junta Junior College and took a course in Pre-medicine. In June, 1946, he came to Seattle and spent six years in various manager jobs with the United States Army Post Exchange at Fort Lawton. Since then he spent one year with the University of Washington Campus Safety Police, six months as a telegraph operator with the Southern Pacific Railroad and two years in the Central Complaint Bureau of the Seattle Police Department.

He joined the Bellevue Department in June, 1956, and is assigned to desk duty. He is married and has a six year old son.

Officer Donald F. Mulivrana, 14346 20th. N. E., Seattle, was born in Seattle on November 17th, 1925. He attended high school in Bothel, Washington. He served in the United States Army and was discharged in 1942.

He worked in Seattle driving an ambulance for three years and then joined the Seattle Police Department. He was a member of the Seattle force for four and one half years working as an undercover agent with the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, motorcycle patrol, prowler car and jailor. In 1949 he left the department and started to sail in the Merchant Marine. During this time he made trips to the Far East and South America. The last trip was to Lake Maracibo, Venezuela, where he was employed as a welder and skin diver. He stayed there for six months then returned to the states.

He joined the Bellevue department on October 1st, 1956 and is assigned to traffic, riding a motorcycle.

Officer Mulivrana is married and has two sons, age two and four.

Officer Frank H. Anderson, 7822 N.E. 14th., Bellevue, was born in Seattle on June 19th, 1934. He attended Lincoln High School in Seattle and Edison Technical Training School Photographic Trades Class for a period of one year where he graduated.

He entered the United States Navy on January 18th, 1954. He attended boot camp at San Diego, California, Airman Training at Norman, Oklahoma, and from there was sent to the Navy School of Photography at Pensicola, Florida. Upon graduation he was sent to Whidby Island, Washington, for duty as a Aerial Photographer. From there he was sent overseas to the Far East for a period of six months with his squadron, V. P. 29. He was discharged from active duty on January 18th, 1956 as an Aerial Photographer, 3rd Class.

He was employed by Jack Hoss Realty in Seattle as a salesman prior to joining the Bellevue Police Department on November 13th, 1956.

Officer Anderson is married and has no children.

Officer Donald P. Van Blaricom, 4602 N. Cloverdale, Seattle, was born in Brooklyn, New York, on April 3rd, 1935. He was raised in Seattle with the exception of one year in Alaska. He graduated from West Seattle High School in May of 1952. He worked in the insurance business until his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps in March of 1954. During his time in service he was stationed in Japan and Hawaii. He was discharged in February of 1956 with the rank of Corporal.

After his return to Seattle he went to work for the Pinkerton National Detective Agency as a special investigator. On December 16th, 1956 he was appointed to the Bellevue Police Department.

Officer Van Blaricom was married in January of 1954 and has a ten month old daughter. Officer Van Blaricom is assigned to the Investigative division.

Officer James A. Conrady, 4145 51st, S.W., Seattle, was born in Lorain, Ohio, on March 2nd, 1933. He attended St. Peters Parochial School and Mansfield Senior High School in Mansfield, Ohio.

After leaving school in 1949, he went to work for Westinghouse Electric Corporation. In August 1950, he entered the United States Navy and served three and one half years of which two were spent at Sand Point Naval Air Station and one and one half years aboard the U. S. S. Essex. While in the navy he had schooling in crash fire fighting.

Upon being discharged from the service, Officer Conrady went to work at Boeing Airplane Company as a jig builder. He stayed with Boeing until his appointment to the Bellevue Police Department on January 1st, 1957.

He is married and has a three year old son.

He was a member of the Seattle Police Reserves for over two years.

Officer Charles A. Meyer, 5404 230th, S. W. Mount-Lake Terrace, was born in Seattle on June 21st, 1932. He attended Ballard High School in Seattle. On January 3rd, 1950, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was attached to the 5th Marine Regiment of the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, California. He spent six months in Korea and thirteen months in Japan. He attended N. C. O. school at Camp Pendleton and was discharged on March 8th, 1954 with the rank of Sergeant.

After his return to civilian life Officer Meyer worked for Safeway Stores for a period of eighteen months. He also worked for Structural and Reinforcing Iron Works Union, Local 86.

He joined the Police Department on January 1, 1957, and is married. He is the father of a three year old son and a two year old daughter.

