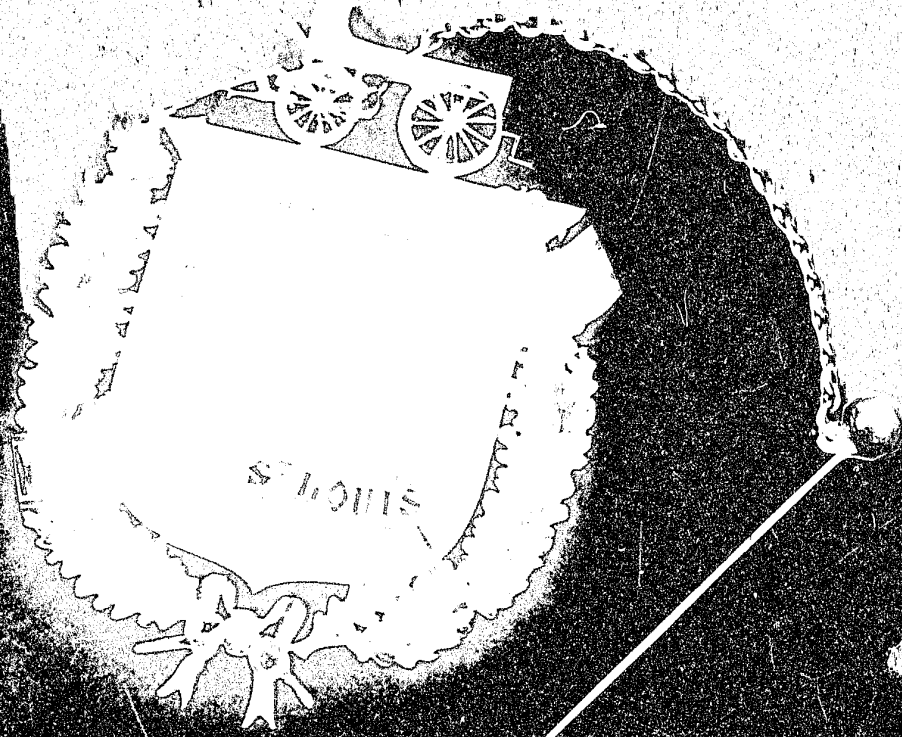


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# Message from the President of the Board of Police Commissioners

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen:

We can all take a great deal of pride in the fact that the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department continues to progress in concert with the nationally recognized rebirth of our city. The past year has brought increasing demands on departmental resources, and we have responded to those demands in timely fashion, bearing in mind limited financial capabilities.

This report highlights some of the innovative measures taken to keep up with the changing times of today while preparing for the needs of tomorrow. It also emphasizes the individual accomplishments of our commissioned and civilian employees, dedicated men and women for whom "service" is a way of life.

The image of St. Louis, today, is a highly positive one. It is our objective to further enhance that image by helping make our city an even better place in which to live and work. We remain optimistic about the future of our Department...and the City our officers are sworn to serve.

## Crime Trends in 1985

After five consecutive years of decline, our total crime index in 1985 increased by 4%. The category of crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery, and assault) rose 11.8%, while crimes against property (burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson) showed a 2.5% increase.

Various explanations have been advanced for this reversal, in particular the resurgence of commercial and amusement activity within St. Louis which brings with it the increased numerical likelihood of criminal incidents. We continue to be encouraged by the active cooperation received from citizens, whose watchfulness and willingness to "get involved" immeasurably extends the efforts of our officers in assuring the security of the community.

## Budget Controls Prove Successful

The issue of budgetary control was central to Departmental activities throughout fiscal 1985-86. Our 1985 budget of \$72 million represented a 3.3% increase over the previous year, with a major portion of the increase allocated to cover a \$1.67 million pay increase for commissioned officers. Civilian employees received a 3% pay raise.

Carefully planned economic measures enabled the Department to return to the City Treasury \$292,000 in authorized but unspent 1985-86 funds. In addition, \$254,000 was provided to the City as the final cost settlement for fiscal-year operation of the Greater St. Louis Police Academy. Both actions reflect our sensitivity to the City's fiscal situation.



*Robert J. Baer, President*

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Specific cost-saving measures were introduced this fiscal year which, on an annualized basis, are expected to yield significant economies in the future. Among the most significant steps taken and resulting economies: a projected \$256,000 saving through replacement of commissioned officers by civilians in Prisoner Processing; \$300,000 expected savings in sick leave, vacation days, and sick leave incentive days as the result of policy changes; \$260,000 in economies realized through introduction of new patrol relief procedures; and \$104,000 projected savings from the Department's new computer dispatching system.

#### Officers and Employees...Our Most Valuable Resources

The Department's effectiveness in law enforcement and related civic service continues to be based upon the commitment shown by our commissioned officers and civilian employees.

Through attrition and because of budgetary limitations, our commissioned ranks declined to 1,590 in 1985-86, compared to 1,688 a year earlier. The Department now employs 505 civilians, 12 fewer than in 1984.

During the year, more extensive use was made of overtime for selective deployment of officers in meeting the community's needs. The Department also made extensive internal organizational changes, eliminating specialized units and shifting their duties to district detectives, thus placing more officers on the street.

#### "Technology"...The Pathway To Modern Policing

Although staffing levels have declined, the Department has been able to increase productivity, improve communications, and more effectively serve the community through expanded reliance on technological developments. Particular attention has been devoted to employee training so that these new resources can be fully utilized.

The Department and City also received a vote of confidence from the community when an \$11 million bond issue to fund a new communications center was approved on April 2, 1985. The facility will house a new, state-of-the-art system for coordinating Departmental activities City-wide.

One technological tool, the Computer-Aided Dispatch system (CAD), has had a significant positive impact on the quality of service provided while concurrently reducing costs. CAD eliminates the manual handling of complaints and allows complaint evaluators to utilize computer terminals for recording information and dispatching officers, with a resultant decrease in paperwork.

CAD interfaces with the Police Incident Reporting System (PIRS) that went on-line in January 1985. Several enhancements have been

*Standing (left to right) John J. Frank, Vice President; James E. Mosbacher, Sr., Purchasing Member and seated, William H. Young, Treasurer.*

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made during the past year to the system, which allows officers to dictate reports via telephone to our word processing center. PIRS has considerably enhanced productivity, and its information retrieval capabilities and other features have contributed to better police protection.

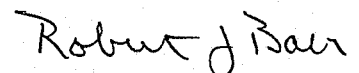
### Building Community Support

The Department devotes considerable time and effort each year to an extensive program of public affairs activities throughout the community. During 1985-86, the subjects of senior citizen safety, drug abuse, rape prevention, and personal and home safety were addressed in more than 275 presentations. Our officers also participated in or helped develop 300 youth programs and made 350 visits to St. Louis schools. The Department's traditional approach of teaching citizens how they can assist in law-enforcement efforts was reflected in 250 "Neighborhood Watch" presentations, which led to the placement of 175 "Watch" signs proclaiming citizens' concern for a safe city and their support of our Department.

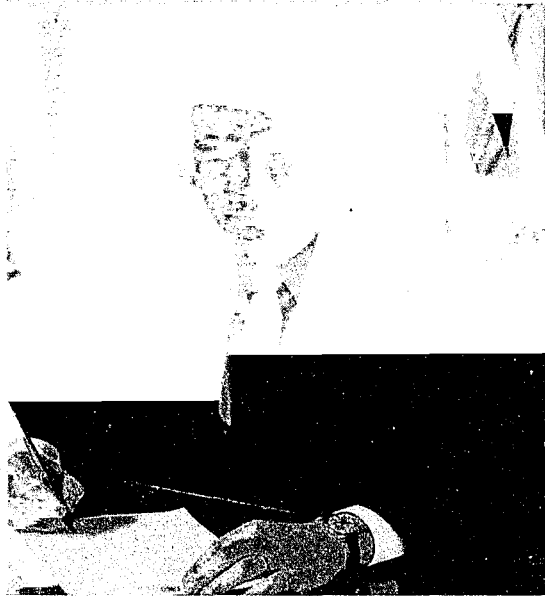
The Police Athletic League formed 45 softball teams involving 275 youths as part of a long-standing initiative aimed at providing younger citizens with constructive social outlets for their energies. "National Night Out" programs involving over 200 neighborhood groups were also coordinated with the Department's assistance.

The Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department enjoys a proud heritage, one which has been crafted over the years by thousands of civic-minded officers and employees. We fully intend to extend that fine tradition by providing the services citizens expect today...and planning for tomorrow's needs. With the assistance of the citizens of St. Louis and the ongoing support of their elected officials, we are confident that the Department's outstanding reputation will continue to serve as a model for other cities across the country.

Sincerely,



Col. Robert J. Baer  
President,  
Board of Police Commissioners



Vincent C. Schoemehl, Jr., Mayor



Capt. Arthur R. Coffey, Secretary

# Message from The Chief of Police

Dear Fellow Citizens of St. Louis,

I am proud to introduce this 1985-86 Annual Report of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. It describes the accomplishments and initiatives of a year that has been exciting, demanding, and rewarding. While it is the purpose of this document to recap our past achievements, each step we take is also designed to position us so that we are better prepared for tomorrow's opportunities.

Since assuming my duties as Chief in September 1985, I have been privileged to work with the Board of Police Commissioners in exploring ways to enhance the Department's law enforcement efforts. Plans are already being translated into action, and we anticipate that the pace of progress will quicken during the coming years, with improvements evident to the citizens we serve.

## Efficient Use of Manpower

Although limited budget resources continue to present significant challenges in the important area of staffing, the Department to date has been able to perform its duties efficiently and in timely fashion, thanks to the dedicated efforts of our commissioned officers and civilian personnel.

Steps have been taken by the Board to maintain high-quality Departmental leadership by instituting changes in the promotion policy. The new process reinforces the emphasis on merit and fairness as key criteria in selecting the men and women who will guide our Department into the next decade. We plan to further refine this process so that more feedback can be provided to officers being considered for promotion, an approach which will constitute an important career development tool. The promotion policy also will permit more rapid filling of vacancies, thereby allowing for a smoother transition of leadership.

New patrol relief procedures have been introduced to provide for better police coverage on the street. Under this process, shift changes are accomplished in stages to avoid having large numbers of officers relieved at the same time.

Authorization has been given to allow officers to work during their off-duty time, on an overtime basis, for selected details during peak work periods and to staff foot beats in various portions of the City. These programs will be continued in the future, funded in part by monies recovered through the new staggered relief procedure.

Our next Annual Report will deal in considerable detail with a comprehensive "Blueprint For Improved Police Protection" conducted for the Department by an outside consulting firm and analyzing every area of our structure and operations. As a result of recommendations accepted from this study, there will be greater utilization of civilian

*Col. Robert E. Scheetz,  
Chief of Police*

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personnel in such units as the Prisoner Processing Division and our Communications Section, freeing a number of officers for patrol duty.

#### Modernization Continues With Technology

According to the availability of funding, Departmental modernization is proceeding. Taking advantage of new technologies, our Police Incident Reporting System (PIRS) and Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems have boosted productivity and allowed the Department to better serve the community through improved patrol unit response. Operational effectiveness is being aided by a new automated duty roster system and wider utilization of personal computers throughout the Department as part of a three-year office automation plan adopted in 1985. We are also taking steps to train officers and civilian employees so that they are able to make full use of these technological tools and thus play an active role in improving the quality of services provided for our citizens.

We recognize that our diminishing personnel and fiscal resources, contrasted against the revitalization of St. Louis and the consequent need for added police services, will present even greater challenges in the future. As the recommendations contained in the "Blueprint For Improved Police Protection" are studied, fine-tuned, and implemented, the Department will experience the streamlining of its organizational structure; police visibility within the community will be heightened; and service capabilities will be increased, without major increases in the cost of operations. An early result of the Blueprint will be the inauguration of the "Personal Vehicle" program for uniformed officers assigned to the Bureau of Field Operations. The program which assigns marked police vehicles to individual officers for their use while on and off duty, will be implemented in stages, beginning in mid-1987.

#### Police Helping People

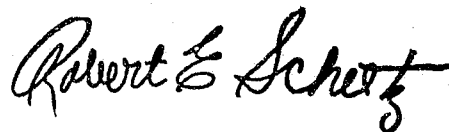
The Department continues to strengthen its ties with the community, recognizing the importance of good relations and a positive image as ways of encouraging citizen involvement in fighting crime. Response to such programs as "Neighborhood Watch" and "Operation SafeStreet" continues to be highly favorable, and the Department maintains an ambitious schedule of programs in schools and before citizen groups. Our Public Affairs Division and several district stations have gone that "extra mile" by organizing activities for young people, including an annual chess tournament for high school and elementary students; a city-wide football league; and Halloween Night candy distribution, as well as sponsorship of a "haunted house." The needy were also assisted by our officers. During the year-end holidays, in conjunction

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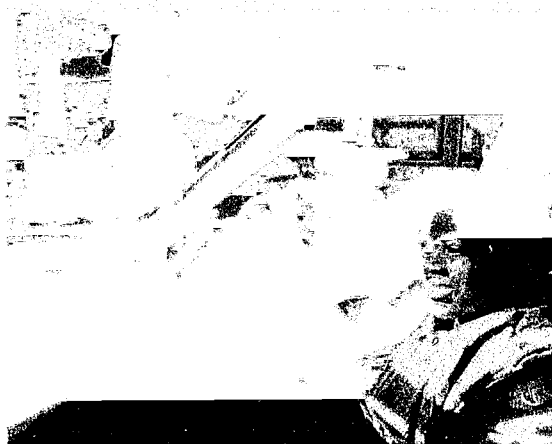
with local business organizations, toys were distributed to dozens of youngsters, and nearly 800 food baskets were delivered to senior citizens.

At the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, we are looking forward to the opportunities of tomorrow. Ours is a distinguished tradition of accomplishment and service which has contributed to our City's growth over the years. We have every expectation of extending our record of achievement, given the potential of new technology, the dedication of our officers and civilian employees, and the fine support of our citizens.

Sincerely,



Col. Robert E. Scheetz  
Chief of Police





# In Memory of...

The Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department joined with the rest of the country on May 15 to commemorate "National Police Officer Memorial Day" honoring police men and women killed in the line of duty.

The lobby of Police Headquarters at 1200 Clark was filled to capacity for the Department's observance -- a simple, fitting ceremony involving a "roll call" of the 145 St. Louis police officers whose lives were lost in the performance of duty between 1863 and 1985. As each name was read, a bell tolled in remembrance of the officer. Following a benediction, an honor guard of two police officers as well as a final note of taps brought a military bearing to the solemn ceremony for those who have gone before.

Less than a month after the memorial, Police Officer Johnnie Corbin became the 146th St. Louis police officer killed in the line of duty. Officer Corbin, 42, joined the Department in 1967. During his 17 years of service, he was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Citation and a Chief's Letter of Commendation. He was assigned to the Traffic Safety Division at the time of his death.

*Below, a police officer's widow and fellow officers attend a ceremony in the lobby of Police Headquarters honoring police men and women who gave their lives in service to the community.*



*Police Officer Johnnie Corbin*



# Above and Beyond The Call of Duty

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Although police officers often risk their lives in the performance of duty, there are circumstances which must be viewed as exceptional -- which exceed the call of duty and which therefore warrant special recognition.

During 1985-86, Officer Timothy Kaelin and Detectives Steve Alsup and Ward Griggs were honored with Meritorious Service Citations for their exceptional performance in situations which placed them in imminent danger. The award, the second highest given to police officers, is presented to a sworn member of the police force who distinguishes himself or herself in the face of personal risk and, in so doing, brings credit to the Department.

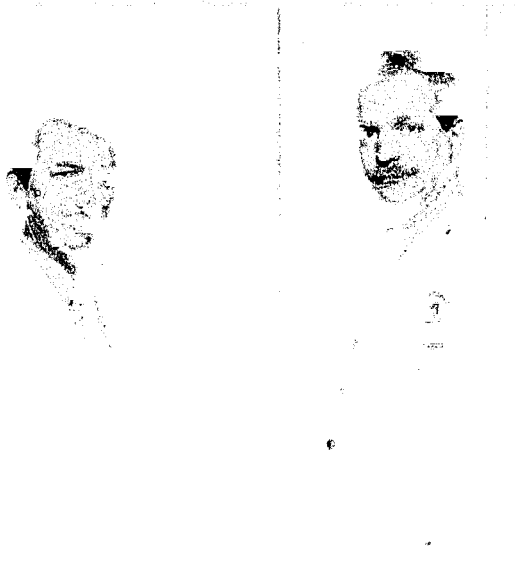
Officer Kaelin, of the Fourth District, received his award on December 20, 1985, after an incident in which one of two subjects he had stopped for questioning attempted to remove a pistol from a shoulder bag. Officer Kaelin was forced to fire one shot which fatally wounded the individual. It was later determined that the other subject, who fled on foot, was wanted for capital murder.

Detectives Alsup and Griggs, assigned to the Bomb and Arson Squad, received their Meritorious Service Citations from the Board on April 10, 1986, after saving an elderly man from a burning building. Observing smoke coming from the structure, the Detectives first searched the building on their hands and knees in dense smoke. The lone occupant was discovered on a second search, and after considerable effort, the Detectives managed to bring the man out of the building.

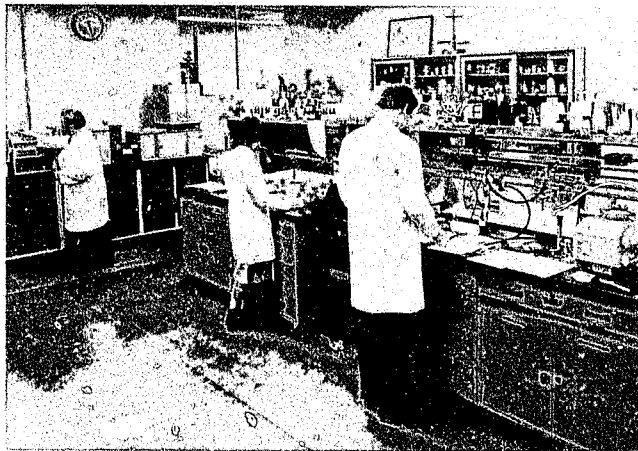
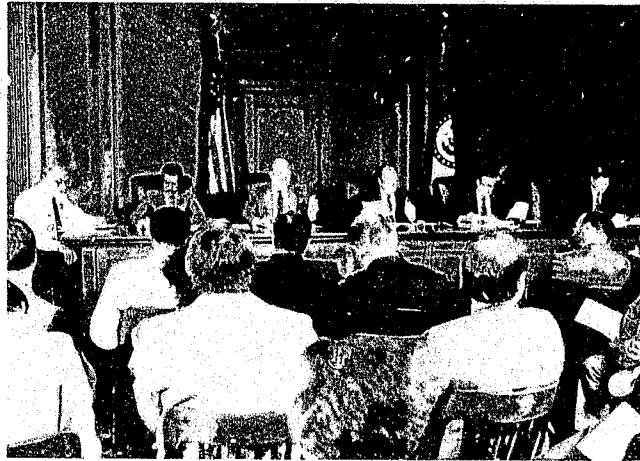
Exceptional service is a hallmark of the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department. Our Meritorious Service Citation recipients symbolize the highest standards of law enforcement...and we share in their own personal pride at their accomplishments.



*Police Officer Timothy Kaelin*



*Detective Ward Griggs and  
Police Officer Steve Alsup*



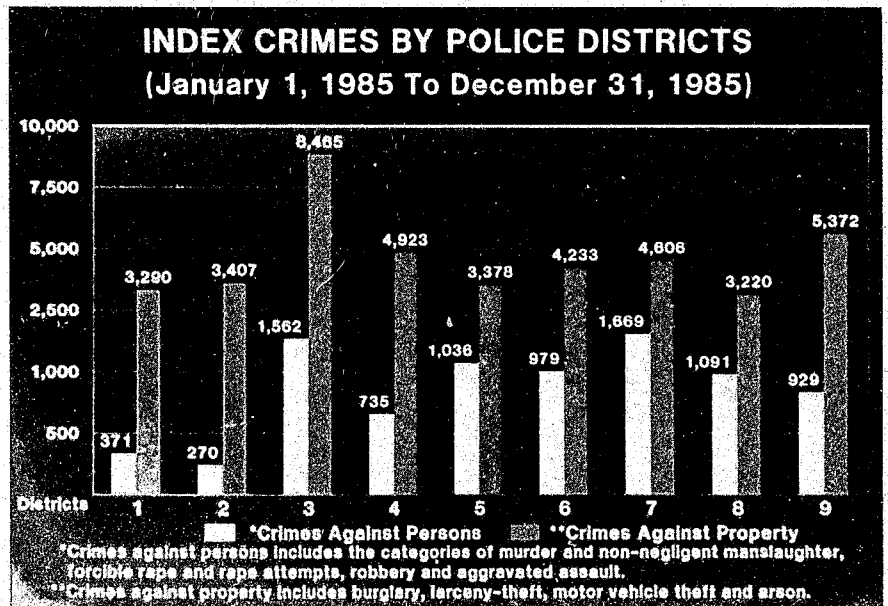
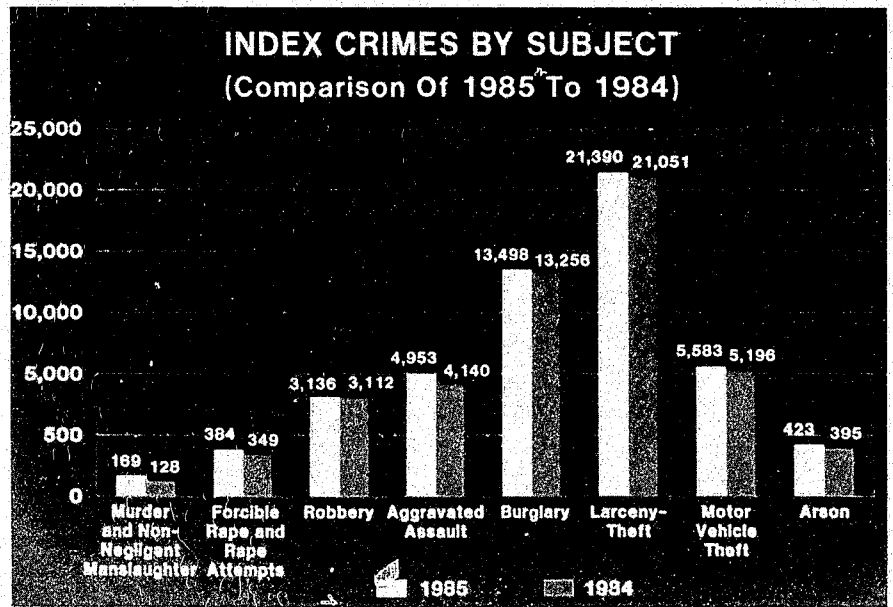
# Overview

The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department's "Index Crime Report" serves as a yardstick by which the general public can compare crime statistics for the City of St. Louis. While the causes for increases or decreases in crime generally cannot be quantified, the statistics provide a useful overview of trends, measured in terms of: reported crimes; crimes cleared by arrest; index crimes by police district; types of offenses; and related information. The graphs on the following pages illustrate these trends.

## Crime Trends

Crimes reported during 1985 totaled 49,536, an increase of 4% over the 47,627 crimes reported in 1984. Crimes against persons accounted for most of this upturn, with murder up 32%, aggravated assault up 19.6%, and rape up 10%. Robbery rose 0.8%. Total crimes against persons numbered 8,642 in 1985, 11.8% above the 1984 total of 7,729.

In the category of crimes against property, the largest increases were reported in motor vehicle thefts (up 7.5%) and arson (up 7.1%). Total crimes against property rose 2.5% (40,894 in 1985 versus 39,898 in 1984). The largest decrease in the category was reported in residential burglaries (down 7%). Increased citizen involvement in deterring crime through the Mayor's "Operation SafeStreet" and the Department's "Neighborhood Watch" activities have helped promote community crime prevention.



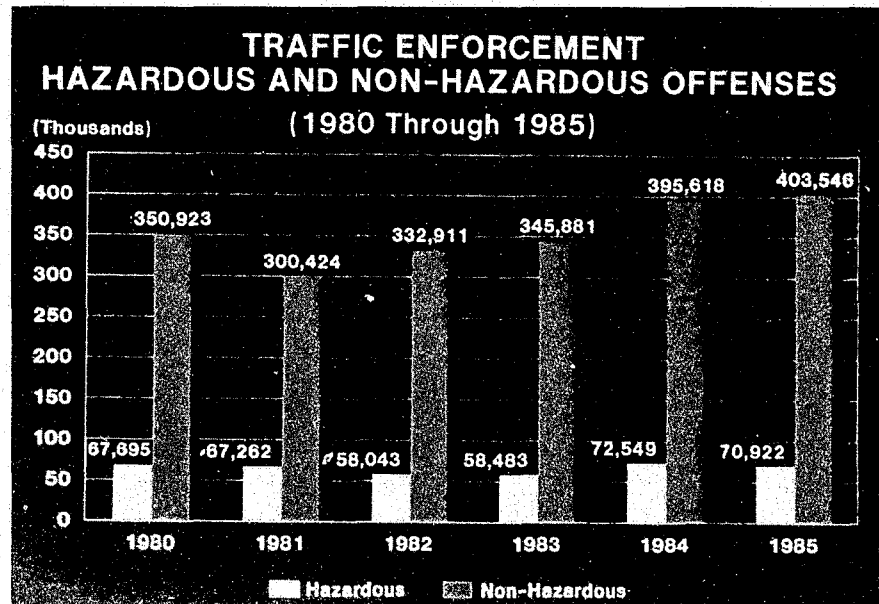
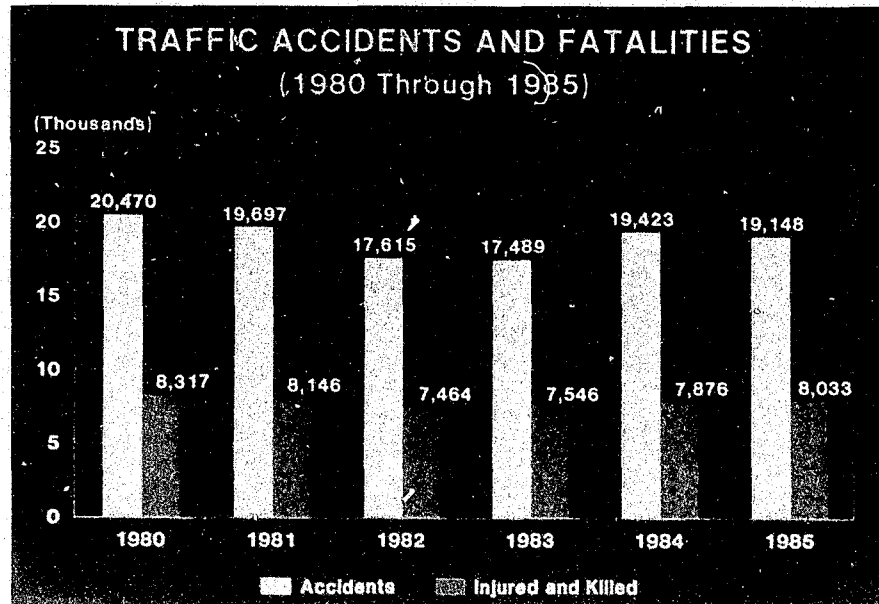
## Overview

Although total index crimes rose in 1985, the percentage of crimes cleared by arrest in categories involving violent crimes also increased, another reflection of heightened citizen concern and involvement. The cleanup percentage of total crimes against persons was 55.4% in 1985, compared to 53.1% in 1984. The Department cleared 11,442 offenses by arrest in 1985 -- 23.1% of reported crimes.

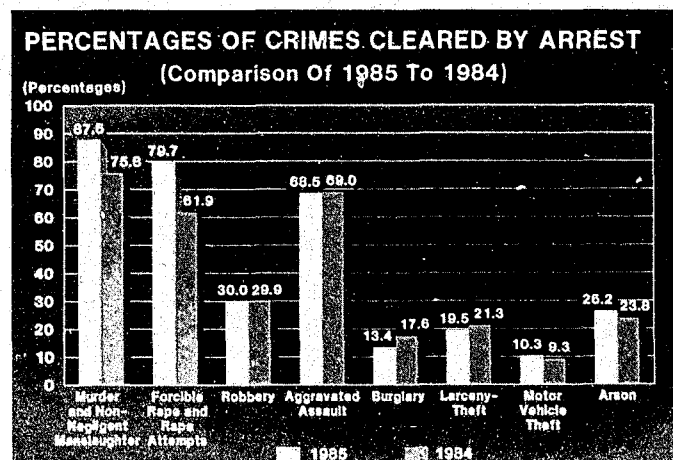
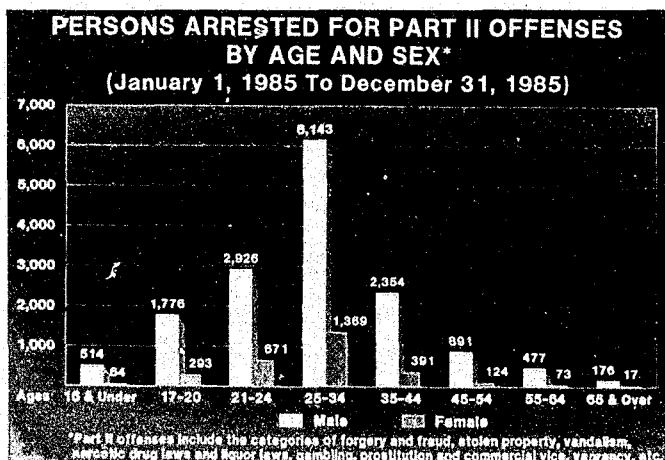
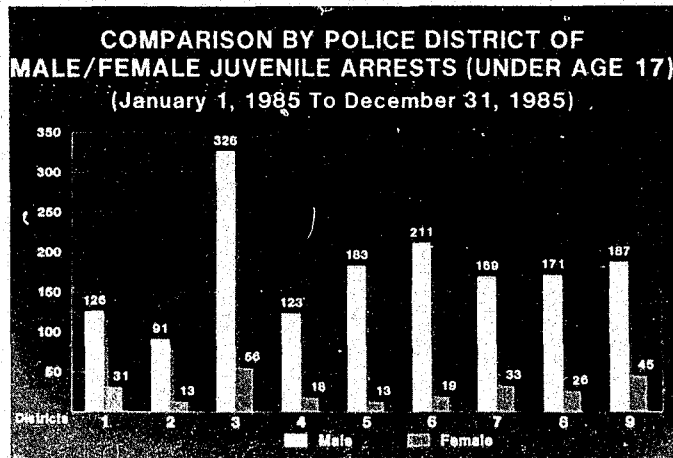
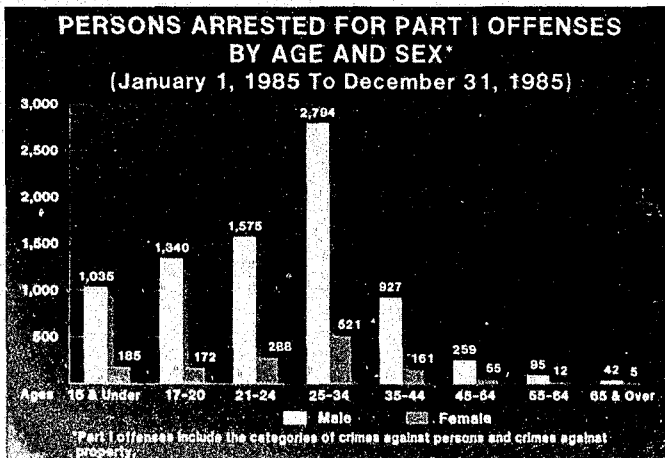
### Traffic Enforcement

Statistics for 1985 show a slight decrease in traffic accidents. However, total injuries and fatalities were up slightly. In 1985, 55 persons were killed in traffic accidents and 7,978 were injured, compared to 49 fatalities and 7,827 injuries in 1984. Non-hazardous offenses also showed a slight increase in 1985, while hazardous accidents decreased.

In the category of "driving while intoxicated," offenses were down 14% from 1984 (611 arrests versus 717). "Driving under the influence" arrests also declined in 1985, numbering 1,056 compared to 1,383 in 1984. Part of the decrease in these arrests is attributed to a cutback in federal grant money which previously financed the assignment of additional manpower to enforcement of this vital area.



# Overview



# Distribution-Plant and Equipment

## December 31, 1985

(District Area and Population)

Divisions (1)	Year Built (2)	Property Value at cost 4/30/86 (3)	Population of District 1980 Census (4)	Area in Sq. Miles (5)	Cruising Patrol (6)	Autos (7)	Tri-cars (8)	Vans/ Trucks (9)	Motorcycles (10)	Other (11)
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$10,029,901	453,085	61.37	12	472	34	33	12	12
Board of Police Commissioners						7				
Chief's Office						28		5		2
Office of Assistant Chief						18		4		
Bureau of Administration						8				
Prisoner Processing Div.					1	1				
Communications Division						1		1		
Criminal Justice Liaison						1				
Bureau of Field Operations										
Commander's Staff						8				
Districts:										
First	1931	221,009	67,442	8.85	1	16	2			
Second	1937	216,405	68,846	11.79	1	16	2			
Third	1937	232,400	87,520	9.78	1	29	2			
Fourth (In Headquarters)	----	----	11,266	3.86	1	16	1			
Fifth	1939	212,032	32,424	4.34	1	18	2			
Sixth	1930	203,831	59,392	11.16	1	18	3			
Seventh*	1907	477,665	56,725	4.75	1	22	3			
Eighth	1937	202,116	35,084	2.81	1	15	2			
Ninth	1937	200,190	34,386	4.03	1	18	2			
Juvenile Division						15				
Traffic Safety Division	1941	160,129				25	12	4	12	1
Canine Section	1959	47,076				14				2
Mounted Patrol Section (In Forest Park)		128,883				1		2		3
Correspondence Investigation Division						5				
Police Reserves						1		1		
Bureau of Investigation						106		1		1
Bureau of Services						2				
Laboratory Division						5		2		
Records/Identification						3				
Buildings Division**								6		1
Supply Division**		173,750						1		
Fleet Services Division	1923	673,885				2		6		2
Fleet Services Extra Pool					2	53	3			
Headquarters and Gymnasium	1926	5,332,851								
Firearms Range		554,045								
Land		993,634								

\*New Station at Yalem Center, 724 N. Union Blvd.

\*\*All housed in Buildings and Supply Division Warehouse.

# Distribution of Commissioned Personnel By Rank

## December 31, 1985

	Board of Police Commissioners				AREA I			AREA II			AREA III			Juvenile Division	Police Reserve	Canine	Bureau of Services	Bureau of Investigation	Mounted Patrol	CID	TOTAL
	Chief's Office	Bureau of Administration	BFO Staff		First District	Second District	Third District	Fourth District	Fifth District	Ninth District	Sixth District	Seventh District	Eighth District								
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)
<b>TOTAL</b>	2	85	100	60	94	86	181	121	99	111	108	134	96	35	2	17	40	206	13	26	1616
Police Comm. (Col.)	4*																				4*
Sec. to Board	1*																				1*
Chief of Police		1																			1
Lieut. Colonel		1	1	1																	5
Major		1	2	3																	5
Captain	1	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				1	1			21
Lieutenant		3	4	1	5	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	4				3	2		1	57
Sergeant		21	17	6	13	14	23	16	14	13	13	20	13	6	1	3	4	24	1	2	224
Police Officer																					
11 Yrs. & Over		41	53	43	65	64	104	75	53	57	53	75	32	27	1	13	27	137	6	21	947
6-10 Years		14	9	4	9	2	47	21	25	31	28	19	35	2		1	4	38	4	2	295
5 Years																					
4 Years									1		1	2	1								5
3 Years							1	3	1	3	4	2	3								17
2 Years					1					1	3	10	7								22
Begin 1st Year Probationary Police Off.																					
Turnkey	1		14																	2	17

\*Not Included In Total



# The Metropolitan Police Department of the City of St. Louis

## Detail Schedule of Expenditures

	<u>Disbursements</u>
<b>Salaries and Benefits:</b>	
<b>Salaries:</b>	
Police	\$47,635,891
Civilian	9,143,792
<b>Benefits:</b>	
Civilian Pension	468,393
Civilian Social Security	645,113
Group Life, Health and Medical	3,750,207
Workmen's Compensation	<u>1,244,794</u>
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b><u>\$62,888,190</u></b>
<b>Supplies:</b>	
Office	\$ 118,645
Printed Forms	66,672
Automotive	865,802
Janitor	49,619
Medical and Laboratory	32,446
Light Bulbs	4,803
Food for Prisoners	43,958
Small Tools	3,026
Uniforms	124,807
Training	18,528
Mounted Patrol	12,603
Photo and Art	81,777
Canine	7,504
Communication	96,078
Computer	42,787
Armory	71,155
Miscellaneous	<u>53,582</u>
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,693,792</u></b>
<b>Materials:</b>	
Construction	\$ 13,921
Electrical	6,365
Plumbing and Heating	2,742
Painting	6,424
Automotive	400,079
Material for Barricades	<u>2,567</u>
<b>Total Materials</b>	<b><u>\$ 432,098</u></b>

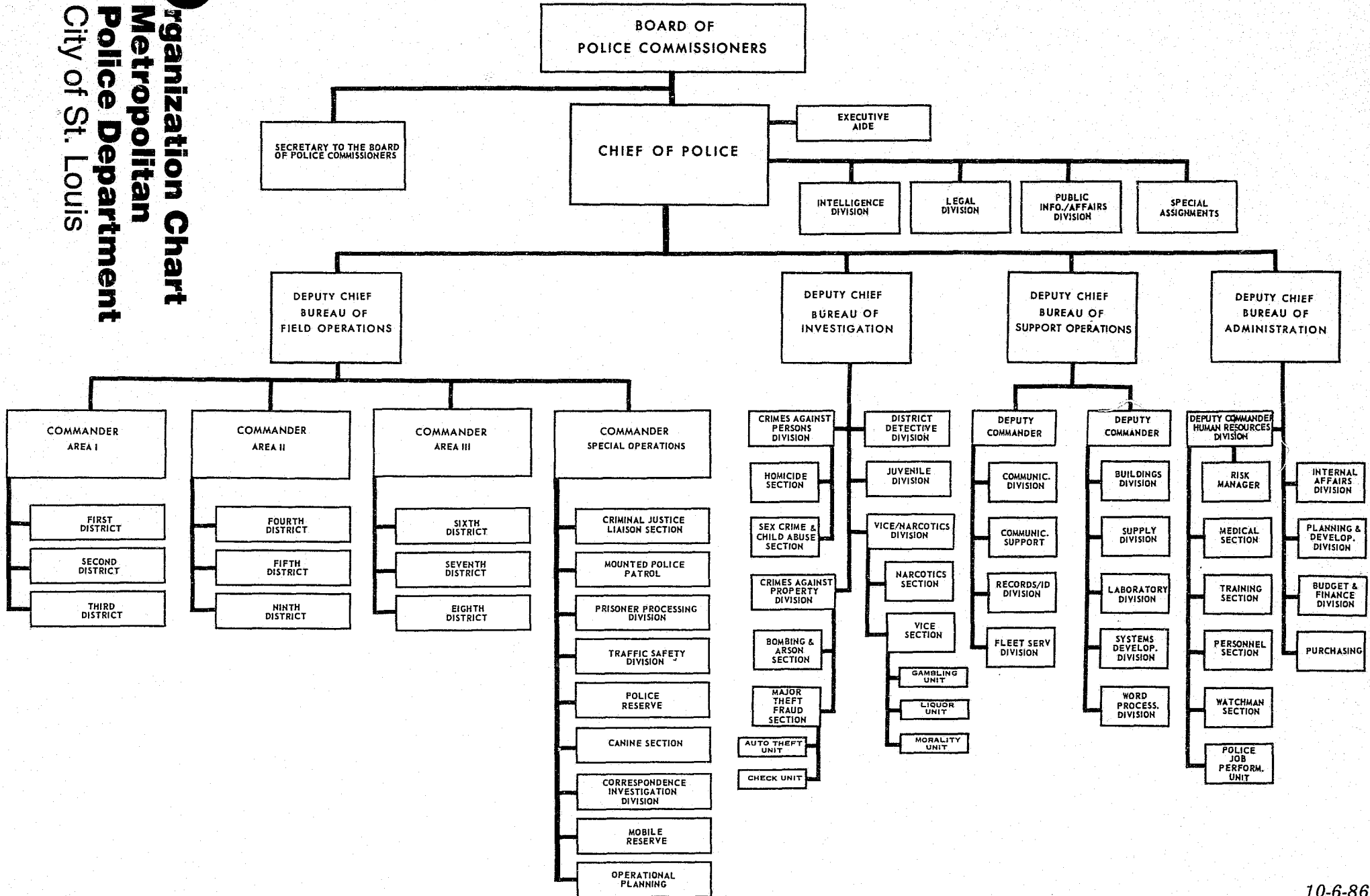
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## General Expenditures Fund

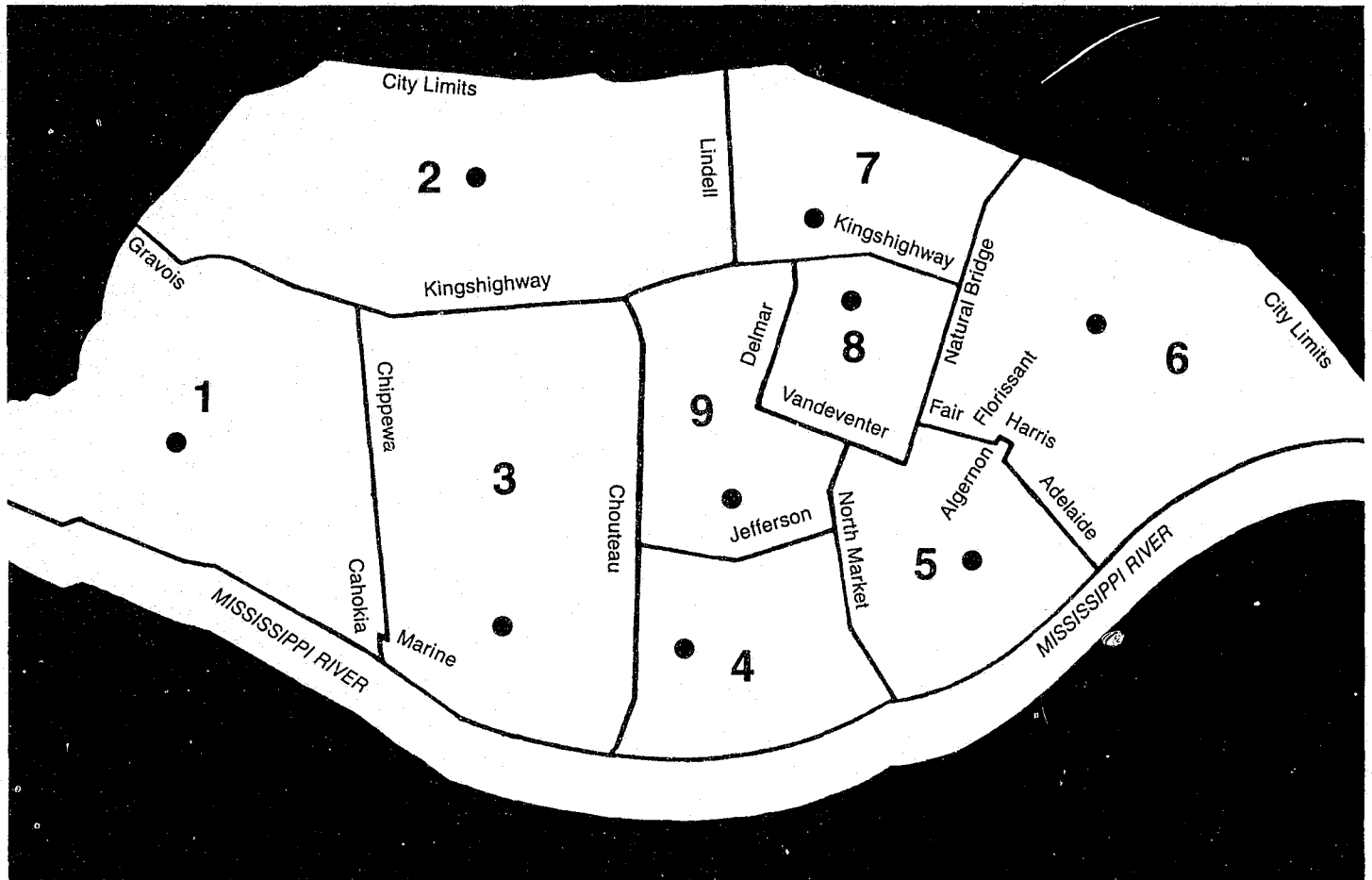
	<u>Disbursements</u>
<b>Equipment:</b>	
Office	\$ 25,697
Printing and Reproducing	44,208
Automotive	1,027,661
Medical and Laboratory	17,520
Maintenance	884
Air Conditioners	3,160
Garage	39,962
Computer	327,602
Communication	77,363
Guns and Revolvers	13
Land	2,000
Miscellaneous	14,305
<b>Total Equipment</b>	<u>\$ 1,580,375</u>
<b>Contracted Services:</b>	
Postage	\$ 36,043
Telephone and Teletype	420,301
Office Services	16,473
Automotive Repairs	86,562
Building Repairs	425,629
Equipment Repairs	326,912
Equipment Rental	84,784
Advertising	11,573
Cleaning Services	25,392
Light and Power	361,682
Heating Services	208,392
Computer/Systems Service	1,351,669
Special Personal Services	1,358,747
Miscellaneous	9,018
<b>Total Contracted Services</b>	<u>\$ 4,723,177</u>
<b>Fixed and Miscellaneous:</b>	
Vehicle License	\$ 8,657
Real Estate Rental	32,609
Surety Bonds and Insurance	27,683
Travel and Scholarship	192,204
Finance Charges	1,323
Legal and Damage	152,250
Freight	1,303
Contingency Funds	43,575
<b>Total Fixed and Miscellaneous</b>	<u>\$ 459,604</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$71,777,236</u>

**Organization Chart**  
**Metropolitan**  
**Police Department**  
 City of St. Louis



# Boundaries of Police Districts

## Names and Locations of District Stations



District 1—909 Holly Hills Avenue—444-5411  
 District 2—2634 Hampton Avenue—444-5421  
 District 3—2727 South Tucker—444-5431  
 District 4—1200 Clark Avenue—444-5441  
 District 5—1901 Penrose Street—444-5451

District 6—5076 West Florissant Avenue—444-5461  
 District 7—5240 Enright—444-5471  
 District 8—1430 Deer Street—444-5481  
 District 9—3021 Sam Shepard Drive—444-5491

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