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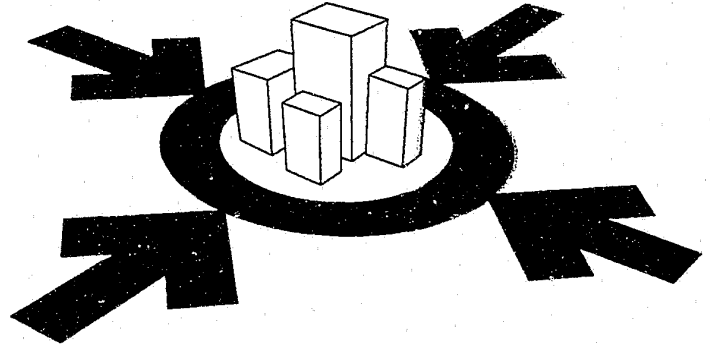
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May 10, 1990

Honorable Mayor Charles E. Box
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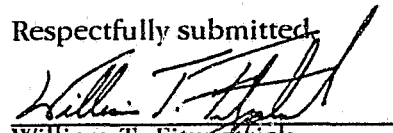
Dear Mayor Box:

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of the Rockford Police Department, which reflects the Department's operation for 1989.

We were very pleased with the exceptionally high solve rate in 1988. We are equally pleased that the men and women of the Rockford Police Department through their energies and perseverance exceeded the 1988 figure to a nine-year record of 25.1%. This is particularly significant when our total calls for service reached an all-time high of 139,996. This reflects a 3.9% increase in calls for service, something over which we cannot control nor for which we can assume responsibility for persons committing crimes. Again, we exceeded the national average solve rate of 21.3%, due largely through the diligent efforts of our officers. In addition, the lower rate of sick time was again a positive indication of the attitude of the men and women of the Department.

We will continue our efforts in 1990 to provide the highest level of service to the citizens of Rockford by maximizing the Department's efficiency. One way we are able to do this is the implementation of the Differential Police Response program. We are seeking to meet the challenges of the nineties with the most effective pro-active policing possible. We hope you will gain greater insight into the operation of the Rockford Police Department through the information contained in this report and we thank you for reading it to become better acquainted with the work the men and women of the Department are doing.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Fitzpatrick,
Chief of Police

**FIVE EXPECTATIONS OF
CITY EMPLOYEES**

1. Adopt a 'Can Do Attitude' through active communication
2. Treat the individual as the most important element in providing services to our citizens
3. Hold yourself accountable for the job you perform
4. Look for opportunities that will promote positive change
5. Grow personally and professionally during your career with the City of Rockford

From Mayor Charles E. Box

**EXCELLENCE IN SERVICES
THAT ENCOURAGE
ECONOMIC AND INDIVIDUAL
GROWTH FOR ALL CITIZENS**

Rockford Police Department

1989 Annual Report

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In the 1988 Annual Report, we indicated that 1989 would be remembered as a year of *positive change*. With that year now complete, it is time for us to look back and evaluate our performance. In addition to the highlights presented on this page, a more detailed look at each Division's performance is presented throughout the rest of this document.

1989 HIGHLIGHTS

- Highest solve rate (25.05%) for Part I crimes in nine years. This despite an increase in calls for service of all types of twenty percent for the same period.
- Implementation of the Differential Police Response system, thereby increasing by up to twenty-five percent the time available to our patrol officers for pro-active patrol and follow-up of major problems within their areas.
- The addition of one more D.A.R.E. officer, funded *without a tax increase*, using monies seized by the Metro-Narcotics Unit from drug dealers in Rockford.
- Continued strong performance of special units, such as the DUI Task Force (with over seven hundred arrests). Special units are aimed at curbing problems whose impact often reaches beyond the criminal into the socio-economic fabric of our society.

Statistics are indicators of performance, viewed in conjunction with other performance indices (sick leave usage, for example) they serve as gauges of how well a Department is accomplishing its mission. It is our feeling the overall performance of the Department as shown by 1989's indicators is in keeping with the highest traditions of professional law enforcement and Mayor Box's *Five Expectations of City Employees*. While there is always room for improvement, we are quite proud of the job performance of *all* police department employees.

Sixty-one officers and five non-sworn employees had no sick days in 1989. The City average was 2.63% for 1989; the Investigative Services Bureau averaged 1.6% for the total Bureau.

No Annual Report focused on past performance only is complete; the Nineties portend major changes in law enforcement. We intend to deal with some of the changes as follows:

- Construction has started on the combined Dispatch Center for '911': Fire, police, and emergency medical dispatch in Winnebago County. For the first time, all area emergency communications will be located in one building under one central management. Our goal is to insure complete inter-agency cooperation in the provision of communications services in this new venture
- Rockford is experiencing growth through annexation and new construction. Nationally, quality of life and equality of opportunity issues long dormant are again commanding public attention. Both of these can and do produce additional requests for a wide variety of police services. Our Department goal for the Nineties: To maximize our ability to serve and protect by re-allocating existing dollars or finding alternative revenue sources and delivery methods whenever possible. As a city, we will work smarter.

**ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
1989 PART I CRIMES**

1989 PART I CRIMES	
Homicide	7
Rape	156
Robbery	448
Aggravated Assault	850
Burglary	3,617
Theft	8,315
Vehicle Theft	595
TOTAL	13,988

1981 - 1989 PART I CRIME RATE COMPARISONS

YEAR	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Homicide	13	11	7	10	6	12	8	17	7
Rape	47	45	54	61	101	125	133	130	156
Robbery	402	440	352	381	380	397	399	501	448
Aggravated Assault	620	723	632	594	670	738	685	684	850
Burglary	4,429	3,560	3,645	3,799	3,939	3,719	4,497	4,085	3,617
Theft	6,977	7,334	6,538	6,639	7,194	6,657	7,650	7,760	8,315
Vehicle Theft	385	353	304	329	368	423	436	565	595
TOTALS	12,873	12,466	11,532	11,813	12,658	12,071	13,808	13,722	13,988
PERCENT CHANGE	-----	-3.16%	-7.49%	2.44%	7.15%	-4.64%	14.39%	-0.62%	1.94%
PERCENT SOLVED	24.50%	22.80%	22.00%	22.00%	21.50%	23.70%	22.30%	23.26	25.05%

Average Number of Annual Incidents 1981-1989 - 12,869
Average Solve Rate 1981-1989 - 23.01%

National Solve Rate - 21.3%

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

1989 TRAFFIC STATISTICS

TRAFFIC VIOLATION	1987	1988	1989
Disobeyed Traffic Signals	998	720	856
Disobeyed Stop Signs	611	832	824
Drag Racing	7	15	18
Driving After Suspension/Revocation	1,230	1,387	1,566
Driving Under Influence (and Related)	997	710	784
Failed to Yield at Intersections	140	157	187
Fleeing to Avoid Arrest	60	71	85
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	102	156	216
Improper Turns/Signalling	332	529	503
Negligent Driving	738	846	893
No City Sticker	490	541	436
No Valid Driver's License	631	639	754
No Valid Registration	584	457	935
Reckless Driving	328	179	291
Seat Belt Violations	134	223	309
Speeding	5,471	5,446	6,238
All Other Violations	7,626	4,228	4,609
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	21,483	18,239	20,727

PARKING TICKETS			
	1987	1988	1989
TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKING TICKETS	38,523	40,863	46,715

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

TYPE OF ACCIDENT	1987	1988	1989
Accidents with Injuries	1,788	1,196	2,319
Fatalities	10	16	18
Hit-and-Run Accidents	1,466	1,203	1,347
Property Damage Only	4,589	4,876	7,068
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	7,853	7,291	10,749

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

CHAPLAIN'S DIVISION

The Chaplains' Division was started in 1973 when Chief Peterson saw a real need to assist Rockford citizens in areas which go beyond the normal law enforcement responsibilities. While an officer might easily be tied up on a domestic disturbance call for a long period, that officer knew the persons involved needed more help than he had time or skills to handle. The officer knew it was likely it would only be a matter of time before the same persons would be involved with the police again. Areas which go beyond the scope of law enforcement responsibility still needed to be addressed: Persons needing special attention, such as transients, mentally-disturbed persons, or persons who just needed someone to talk to; persons who had lost a loved one through an accident or other causes had to be notified, but had immediate needs to be met which often went beyond the time the officer could spend on the incident or was qualified to deal with. It was out of this need that the Chaplains' Division was started.



Today, after sixteen years of service, the Chaplains' Division assists the patrol officer as well as other divisions when called on. The Division also provides assistance to many persons within the Rockford community with special needs, and assists our officers as well as officers of the Fire Department and other police agencies in the area when those officers have special needs. The Duty Chaplains, available on call on a twenty-four hour a day basis handled more than 4,549 calls for assistance in 1989; these assistance calls included accident/death notification, family disturbances, lonely and despondent persons calls, counseling, and calls from persons with specific needs, such as food, shelter and transportation.

1989 VOLUNTEER HOURS	
Father, Wentink	2,190
Duty Chaplains	8,760
Office Help	560
Resource People	1,536
Thanksgiving Help	600
Christmas Help	900
TOTAL HOURS	14,546

The success of the Chaplains' Division hinges on volunteerism. The Duty Chaplains provide their services on a volunteer basis. Other volunteers, persons who believe in the program, assisted in providing secretarial service, helping to sort, package, and deliver food baskets to the needy families

in our community, and sometimes just befriending a person who was lonely. The numerous persons involved in volunteering innumerable hours are many; it is estimated that the total number of volunteer hours given by the Duty Chaplains and the many other volunteers who help our program totaled more than 14,546 hours.

Total monies spent in 1989 were \$89,406.71, of which \$71,928.14 were spent directly on needs to help others. In addition to monies received through churches, civic groups, and individual donations which made up this \$89,406.71, non-monetary assistance included food which was supplied by individuals and local churches. As a result, we distributed two hundred and three food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas; in addition, emergency food boxes were available to persons who needed temporary assistance. Additional help was provided through the Treasure Shop where we distributed articles of clothing, blankets, household items, toys, appliances, and furniture items.

Assistance to city employees — police officers, fire-fighters, and other city employees — ranged from conducting Family Life Seminars and Stress Classes, to mention a couple of in-service programs; many hours of counseling; visiting those with special needs, including those hospitalized or ill, and just keeping in touch with retired officers and their widows or other family members. We expanded the bi-monthly newsletter, *The Callbox*, which we have sent to active, disabled, and retired officers for several years to include all persons who are a part of the Rockford Police Department, sworn and non-sworn personnel alike. Assisting other agencies, we presented more than one hundred and sixteen programs to churches and other community organizations throughout the Rockford area. A special program — our Teddy Bear Program — gives us a chance to help the children in our area by stocking the Fire Department ambulances, the area helicopters, and area police agencies with teddy bears, which were given out to more than two hundred and seventy-six children who were involved in crisis situations.

Our goals for 1990 include the re-training and re-vitalization of our Duty Chaplains; taking time to spend more time with police officers and their families — active, retired, and disabled; and finding other resources to help carry the load the Chaplains' Division is presently handling; and to continue to coordinate our efforts with other local helping agencies to assist those who are in crisis situations.

SOURCES OF 1989 REVENUE	
Private Individuals	42.8%
Churches	24.8%
City of Rockford	10.7%
Civic Clubs	12.9%
Businesses	4.7%
Interest Earned	1.2%

TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division is responsible for the classroom and hands-on training provided to Department personnel. Training is a must; professional police service is a direct result of quality, job-related training. During 1989, the Training Division successfully met the goals set in 1988. Total training hours for 1989 amounted to over 23,000. The *Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board, Mobile Team Two* provided 11,859 hours of training to the personnel of the Rockford Police Department.

The Department has mandated training for all officers who work directly with the public with forty hours of First Responder (first aid training), forty hours of Physical Encounter Control, and all uniformed officers with thirty-two hours of the Proper Use of the Baton. Officers affected must also take a periodic review in these courses. The Federal government has mandated – beginning March 1, 1990 – all officers that may respond to hazardous materials accidents receive eight hours of initial training and be certified annually. We have been offering these training to our personnel for over two years and simply had to make attendance mandatory for all line personnel.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

During 1989, three supervisors attended the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern Traffic Institute in Evanston. This four-hundred hour program provides the necessary skills for assuming increased responsibility in the administrative staff or line command positions. We also had one supervisor attend the four hundred and forty hour F.B.I. National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. This was a first participation in this training offering by the F.B.I. since 1985. One supervisor attended the two hundred and forty hour Delinquency Control Institute at the University of Southern California. Supervisors also attended numerous shorter courses concerning their specialized function, and a number of supervisors attended various in-house training courses when pertinent to their work.

INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

Investigators assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau attended courses in Homicide Investigation, Narcotics Investigations, Cults and Ritualistic Crimes, Interviews and Interrogations, Child Abuse and Sexual Exploitation, Hate Crimes, Youth Officers' Training, Evidence Technician, and Medicolegal Investigations of Death. Investigators also attended in-house training courses which are related to their job assignments.

UNIFORMED OFFICERS TRAINING

During 1989, officers assigned to the Uniformed Services Bureau attended various courses. Fourteen new patrol officers attended the four hundred hour Basic Law Enforcement course at the Police Training Institute in Champaign. Officers also received training in such courses, as Interviews and Interrogations, Law for Police, Cult and Ritualistic Crimes, Narcotics, Bomb Technician Training, Vehicular Homicide/DUI Investigations, Firearms Instructors Training,

Accident Investigations, Breath Alcohol Testing, and numerous other courses related to Traffic and Patrol functions.

In anticipation of the Department's conversion to auto-loading pistols, several officers received training in revolver to pistol transition training and pistol maintenance and repair. All sworn personnel participate regularly in our Firearms Training Program.

NON-SWORN PERSONNEL TRAINING

Civilian non-sworn employees attended over eight hundred hours of classroom training, including areas for Victim/Witness Assistance, computers, Working with People, Dealing with Difficult People, Office Effectiveness, Management Training for Secretaries, Travel Planning, Mental Health, Liabilities, and Policies/Procedures Training.

L.E.T.N.

As 1989 closed, the Rockford Police Department was negotiating along with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to have a new training medium available to officers. Via satellite, the company which operates the Law Enforcement Training Network (L.E.T.N.) programs can provide in-house training on a variety of subjects through dedicated television programs for law enforcement officers. This will allow many officers to receive training on non-scheduled bases, and provide additional training for special areas as well. This is one of exciting goals we are seeking to implement in 1990.

TRAINING GOALS FOR 1990

In looking towards 1990, the Training Division intends to continue pertinent job-related training. With the completion of the installation of the L.E.T.N. programs, we will provide specialized training in various areas not previously used. We will seek to offer opportunities to as many of our personnel as possible to receive in-service training on an on-going basis.

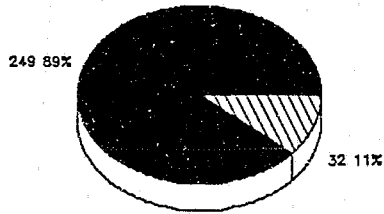
RECRUITING OFFICE

The need for professionally-trained and qualified police officers has increased with the ever-demanding responsibilities of any police department. Our goal is to hire the most qualified men and women available without reference to sex or race. We have sought to reach this goal each year since we began an annual hiring list. Applications for 1989 were about the same as prior years, with two hundred and eighty-one persons applying; there were two hundred and eighty-eight in 1988.

The testing process is the same one we have used for the past four years. Each applicant is required to successfully pass a physical agility test, which includes measuring for body fat, sit-ups, body press, and running a quarter mile. Those passing the physical agility test must then pass a job-related written exam, a psychological exam, and an oral exam before the Police and Fire Commission.

Our goal for 1990 is to secure qualified men and women who can serve our community in a professional manner.

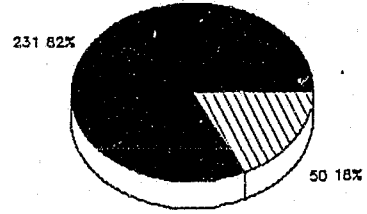
1989 RECRUITING PROGRAM
TOTALS BY SEX



PERCENTAGE

Recruiting Division

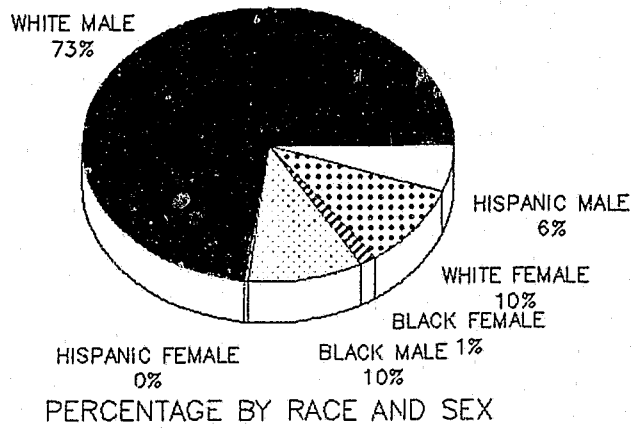
1989 RECRUITING PROGRAM
TOTALS BY RACE



PERCENTAGE

Recruiting Division

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
1989 RECRUITING PROGRAM



PERCENTAGE BY RACE AND SEX

Recruiting Division

COMMUNICATIONS/RECORDS BUREAU

RECORDS

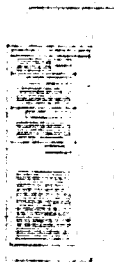
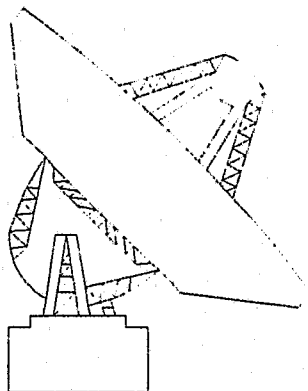
The Records Division includes the keeping of records for the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, and Machesney Park. While each are separated for each agency, there are many responsibilities common to all. Data entry operators enter the call ticket as well as information from each incident report; from this information, searches for names, addresses, vehicles, and property are available to provide information to patrol officers and investigators in a timely manner.

The PIMS computer system continues to be a valuable tool to have information accessible from agencies in the Chicago suburbs in addition to our own records which are available on call. It will be a goal in the new year to get information entered more quickly to have it available for use.

Legislation was passed several years ago to allow agencies to recover their costs for report requests from attorneys, traffic accidents, and information requested for special purposes. Since this has occurred, we have gained additional revenue which is turned in to the City. In 1989, \$42,506.93 was collected for report copies, up from the 1988 figure of \$40,205.80.

The **Report Review Section**, transferred to the Records Division in 1988, is responsible for reviewing, correcting, and routing all incident reports. Personnel in this Section

also maintain and distribute the daily 'Squeal Sheets' to the various parts of the Department. Additional responsibilities will be given to Report Review personnel during the coming year to permit better information to be available to Department personnel.



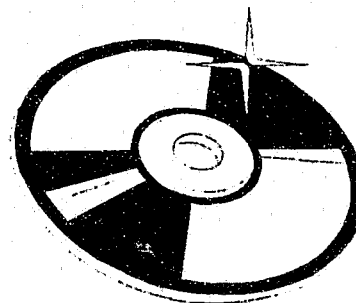
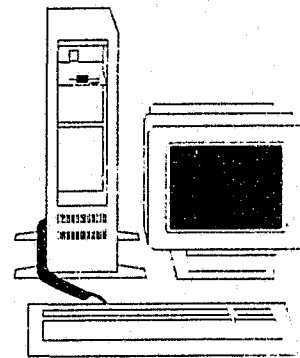
COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Center is the information relay center for in-coming and out-going operational activity for the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Machesney Park, and fourteen other public safety agencies in this county.

Planning and implementation have been the focus of 1989 in preparing for bringing on-line a 'turnkey 911 answering center' (PSAP) and a new county-wide consolidated communications center. The existing center which is now locat-

ed at the Public Safety Building is slated to be moved to the soon-to-be-remodeled fire station headquarters (the old Fire Station Number Two) at First and Walnut Streets during the early part of 1991. The in-depth study conducted by Spectra Associates, Inc, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa was completed and will play an integral part in the planning and completion of the new center. The intent is to combine the police, fire, and emergency medical dispatch functions in one consolidated center. The Loves Park Police Department will maintain their Dispatch Center as a back-up for the main PSAP.

The final procedures were established and the Differential Police Response (DPR) program is ready to begin. Implementation of these procedures is scheduled for early 1990. The program calls for the Communications Center personnel to screen calls for service using an established criteria and referring those calls to a DPR officer to be taken over the telephone. It is expected to decrease the dispatched call volume by approximately twenty-five percent. In 1989, the Communications Center dispatched 195,397 calls from the approximately 800,000 calls received.

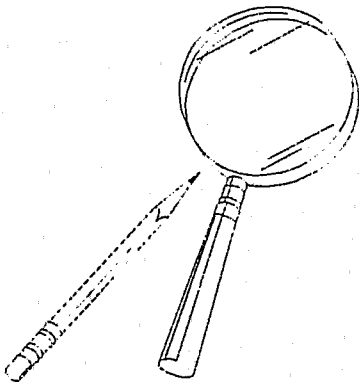


INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division of the Rockford Police Department consists of various sections and units. These include the Identification, Metro-Narcotics, Violent Crimes, Burglary, and General Case Sections, plus the Fraud and Forgery, Gangs, and Pawn Shop Units. All of these sections and units work in a cooperative spirit with one another, along with other divisions of the Department to maintain the highest possible level of services for the citizens of Rockford.

In 1989, 6,287 cases were assigned for follow-up investigation. This is an increase of over one thousand cases compared to 1988. The General Case Section was assigned twenty-five hundred cases, Burglary was assigned fifteen hundred cases, Violent Crimes was assigned nearly two thousand cases, and Fraud and Forgery were assigned a little over three hundred cases.



Our solved rate for Part I Offenses were up in every category with the exception of Theft, although it was well above the national average for cities our size. Solved rates for Burglary and Aggravated Assault were the highest in the past decade with a solved rate of 18.7% and 78.0% respectively. The total solved rate for Part I

Offenses was 25.1%, again the highest in the past decade.

Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine was a year in which several changes were made within the Detective Division. The Burglary Section's physical area was expanded by the use of portable room dividers, the Photo Lab was eliminated (with all photo-processing now being accomplished through private enterprise), and the Metro Narcotics Section moved into new and larger quarters formerly occupied by the Illinois State Crime Laboratory.

We are looking forward to 1990, contemplating more changes, higher solved-rates, and the continual cooperation of all the various elements of the Police Department to bring about a safer and more secure city in which to live.



YOUTH DIVISION

As a part of the Investigative Services Bureau, the Youth Division has the responsibility of handling any criminal acts which may be committed by or directed at youth in our City. In addition, as a pro-active measure, the Youth Division places emphasis on preventing criminal activity through such programs as D.A.R.E., Officer Friendly, and opportunities to talk both individually and collectively with young people

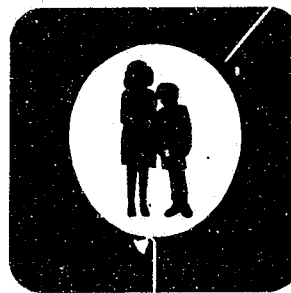
who may be leaning towards or influenced by others already involved in crime.

We see our responsibility to be three-fold: First, to investigate criminal incidents involving juvenile victims or suspects. A second is to educate the community on better ways to prevent crime and better secure their homes and businesses. The third area involves dealing with victims of crime and witnesses to crimes to help them through the complexities of the criminal justice system. The work of the Youth Division is outlined in the various sections below.

A total of 1,802 cases were assigned to youth investigators in 1989; of these, seventy-six percent, or 1,380 cases were cleared. By clearing cases, this might refer to counseling the individuals involved, station-adjustments of offenders, referral to other agencies, or making arrests. Four hundred and twenty-nine juveniles and ninety-six adults were arrested as the result of investigations made by youth investigators.



One of the greater concerns of Youth Division personnel is the growing problem of child abuse. Of the two hundred

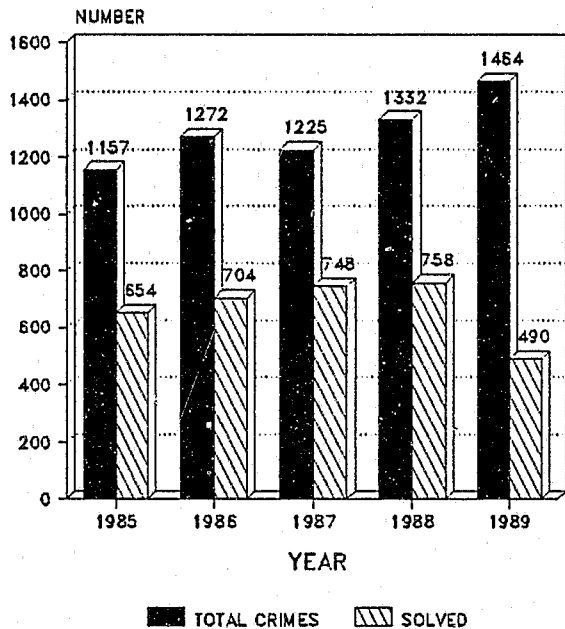


and one cases of child abuse or neglect which were investigated in 1989, fifty persons were arrested on related charges. Thirty-three persons were arrested as the result of the one hundred and forty-seven morals cases which came to the attention of the Youth Division. We are committed to help educate the community to become alert and

sensitive to the problem of child abuse so that those responsible are made to answer for these crimes.

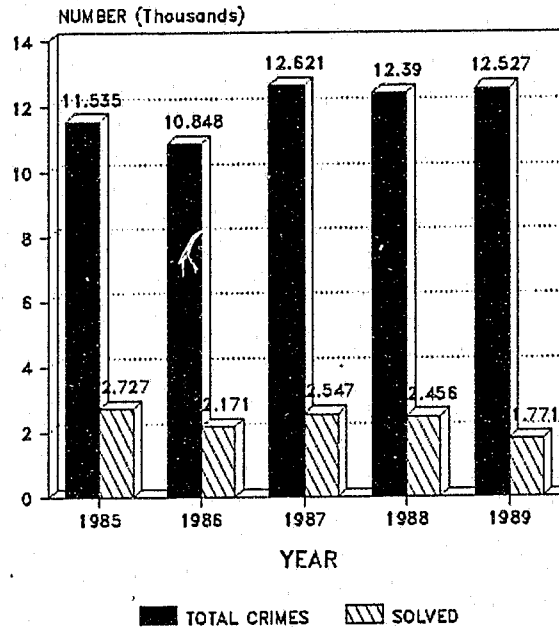
While runaways cannot be prevented, we know that a significant amount of crime results where these missing persons often turn to ways to survive on the street. During 1989, a total of 1,141 persons were reported to the Department as missing or runaway; the one full-time investigator who specializes in this area was kept busy checking leads and attempting to locate these missing persons. Breaking down these statistics, we find that there were six hundred and twenty females and five hundred and twenty-one males who came to the attention of our Division; of the missings/runaways, three hundred and sixty were from minority families and seven hundred and eighty-one were caucasian; and by

PART I CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS
1985-1989



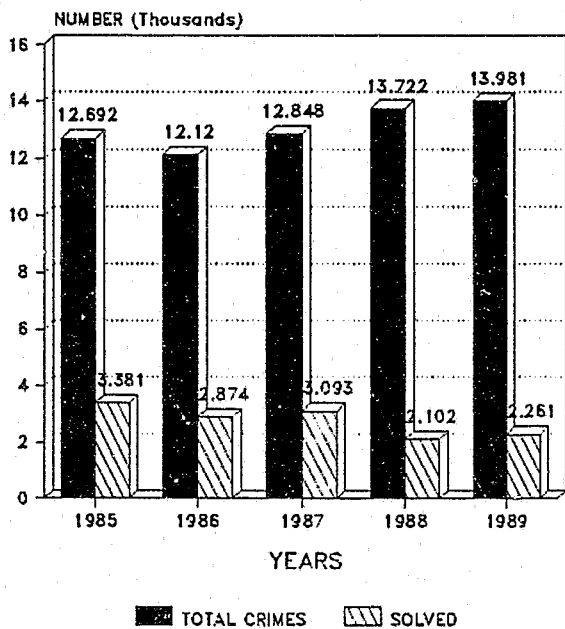
Research and Development

PART I CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY
1985 - 1989



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TOTAL PART I CRIMES
1985 - 1989



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ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
1989 PART I CRIMES

1989 Solve Rate for
Rockford is 25.05%.

National Average
Solve Rate is 21.3%.

age, the majority — eight hundred and fifty-four — were juveniles, while reported missing adults totaled two hundred and eighty-seven persons.

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

Crime Prevention involves education of the community to help us by being observant and reporting activities which appear to be criminal; it also involves specific education programs, such as D.A.R.E. and Officer Friendly, in which we attempt to reach elementary-age children to help them make right decisions with respect to alcohol and drugs, and to encourage them to relate to the police officer as their friend. Within the Crime Prevention Unit are the Officer Friendly Program and the D.A.R.E. officers; the Crime Prevention officer is primarily concerned with adult education programs and making security surveys of homes and businesses in Rockford.

The D.A.R.E. Program is being expanded with an additional officer being involved to increase the number of children and schools served by the D.A.R.E. officers. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education is aimed at elementary students in an educational program designed to provide life skills to help them avoid the dangers of substance abuse. This is done by helping these students to develop their self-esteem, to allow them to make their own decisions instead of

relying on peer pressure, and to recognize signs of drug use and misuse. The target students are fifth and sixth graders.

The Officer Friendly program differs from the D.A.R.E. program in that students in all grades, Kindergarten through Sixth are involved. The intent of the Officer Friendly program is to help these students learn that

the police officer should not be feared, but respected; the officer is one of the good guys, someone who can help you when you need help. The officer assigned to this program seeks to make the student see the police officer as a friend.

Crime Prevention is everyone's job, but our Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for many education programs. One of the more significant areas covered is that of implementing Neighborhood Watch programs throughout the community. The Neighborhood Watch concept seeks to

involve neighbors to be observant and to help one another by looking out for suspicious activity or persons and to report this to the police. The Operation Identification program is an

attempt to reduce or eliminate the desire to burglarize or steal by marking valuable items so that they can be easily identified, thereby making it more difficult to sell the item or to mark it in such a way that it can be traced back to the rightful owner. Another area in which the Crime Prevention Unit seeks to reduce crime is to provide free security surveys to homeowners or business persons to better protect their

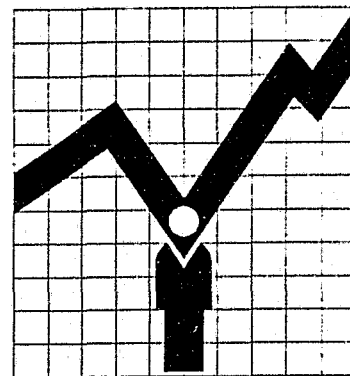


property. Education programs, such as how to avoid con artists, the prevention of robbery, anti-shoplifting tips, and avoiding sexual assaults.

CRIME STOPPERS

The Crime Stoppers program is enjoying its eighth year of operation. To date, 7,154 persons have contacted the Rockford Area Crime Stoppers office at least once, but there were many repeat callers who have provided valuable information to area police agencies. As a result of these calls, 2,255 felony cases have been solved in the Greater Rockford area and the recovery of nearly nineteen million dollars in stolen property and narcotics. Money for rewards comes from contributions from foundations, corporations, businesses, civic clubs and the general public; no tax money is used for rewards.

In 1989, five hundred and fifty-three felony cases were solved, with three hundred and twenty-four persons arrested, \$584,502 in stolen property was recovered, and \$780,205 in narcotics seized. As a result of this information, \$46,400 was paid in rewards to the callers who aided in these cases.



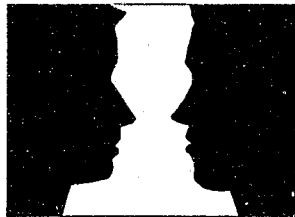
COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

There is a need to keep open communication lines between the Rockford Police Department and various agencies who serve the Rockford community. This includes the housing developments, high rises, special neighborhood groups, and various community organizations. The Community Services officer serves as a liaison between the Police Department and these various organizations and agencies. Many times the Community Services officer can diffuse potentially volatile situations to help all persons involved come to a reasonable solution. Many times this can be accomplished simply by taking time the patrol officers cannot spend in resolving the matter to work with the participants and seeking to help reach a workable solution for all persons involved.

Much of the Community Services Officer's work is concerned with problems which develop in the various housing developments or highrises. Since both are a part of the Rockford Housing Authority, in order to be aware of potential problems, the Community Services officer attends the resident council meetings and the All-City meetings. Sometimes the residents perceive their problems and needs to be different from what they are; where the Department can provide a solution, this investigator seeks to work towards a suitable solution. In situations where we have no authority or are unable to resolve the situation, the Community Services officer tries to interpret this to the various interested parties. The residents of these housing areas have unique problems, but the majority of their problems are not unlike

any other section of the community; it is the job of the Community Relations officer to relay this information where it is needed.

The primary goal of the Community Services Unit is to keep a direct line of communication open between the Rockford Police Department and various agencies and interest groups within the Rockford community. As such, the Community Services officer serves by being a part of their boards and/or attending meetings of these groups. Such groups have included the Friends House, Rockford Recreation Area Association, the Salvation Army, the Drug Task Force/Community Advisory Committee of the Rockford Housing Authority. Special interest groups include services to groups, such as the Indo-Chinese Refugee Social Service.



Offering other help in the area of community interest, this officer is involved with *National Police Week*, 'On the Waterfront' Festival, the City of Rockford *Home Show*, and has recently reinstated tours of the Public Safety Building for various organizations and groups. Of special interest this past year, a community-wide drug awareness campaign, consisting of public service announcements and a door-to-door literature campaign was initiated by the City with the combined efforts of the Community Services officer and the city training coordinator to strive for a drug-free Rockford area.

Among the 1990 goals is to continue to establish some positive communication lines among various groups within the community and the Department. This is highly important as we seek to work with the multi-lingual and multi-cultural groups in Rockford. We know that while many problems often will reoccur, there are indications that we are able to make an impact in these areas. The biggest satisfaction is being able to communicate our willingness to help where we can, and more important, that there is an avenue where individuals and groups can vent their feelings, and realize that the Rockford Police Department through its Community Services officer cares about their problems and needs.

VICTIM/WITNESS

Completing its thirteenth year of operation, the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit has had another successful year. General services provided by the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit include information and referral regarding the criminal justice system and procedures, advocacy for victims' rights, assistance in obtaining criminal complaints, information and referral to social service agencies in the community, Crime Victims' Compensation information/filing, investigation and assessment of referral cases, court escort, and other assistance as needed. In our providing follow-up with crime victims and/or their families, the intervention may include, within limits, whatever help is needed to help de-traumatize the effects of the criminal act and to prevent secondary victimization by the criminal justice system.

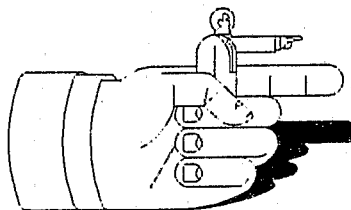
The Unit also administers the Intent to Prosecute procedure within the Rockford Police Department — from receiv-

ing the completed Incident Report, to filing and reviewing signed Intent cases with an assistant State's Attorney and clearing the case.

A monetary grant from the Illinois Attorney General's Crime Victims' Assistance Program totalling \$14,000 was received in 1989 by the Department for the application toward a caseworker's salary.

The Unit is a member of the National Organization for Victim Assistance and staff members attended the National Conference held in Chicago from August 7-11, 1989.

During 1989, our staff has been involved in attempts to assist interested persons within the community in the formation of a local chapter of the organization, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Also, staff has been researching support groups in various locales serving families of homicide in an effort to begin establishing a similar group for the Rockford community.



The Unit provided assistance to 1,280 citizens during 1989. In addition, the Unit was responsible for numerous cases involving the Intent to Prosecute procedure. Our Unit will strive to maintain the professional level by which we have operated in the past to make our fourteenth year as productive.

CRIMINAL ARREST STATISTICS 1988 - 1989

	1988	1989	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE			- 16.67%
Adults	12	10	
Juveniles	0	0	
SEXUAL ASSAULT			67.74%
Adults	27	42	
Juveniles	4	10	
ROBBERY			42.05%
Adults	65	95	
Juveniles	23	30	
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT			73.88%
Adults	222	361	
Juveniles	46	105	
BURGLARY			17.67%
Adults	180	232	
Juveniles	86	81	
THEFT			1.69%
Adults	1,003	1,055	
Juveniles	479	452	
VEHICLE THEFT			126.92%
Adults	12	24	
Juveniles	14	35	
TOTAL	2,173	2,532	16.52%
Adults	1,521	1,819	
Juveniles	652	713	

OTHER UNITS

IDENTIFICATION

Physical evidence plays an integral role in the identification, apprehension, and subsequent prosecution of criminal offenders. It is often the only means of linking a suspected offender to a crime.



The ten personnel assigned to the Identification Section are responsible for the collection, preservation, and analysis of physical evidence which is in the custody of the Rockford Police Department. This role is accomplished by means of increasingly complex and sophisticated technology. Included are a variety of still and video

photographic equipment, computerized fingerprint systems, laser technology, and electrostatic evidence recovery systems. These are goals we hope to realize within the next few years.

1989 STATISTICS	
TOTAL CASES	3,013
TOTAL MANHOURS	4,262
TOTAL MILES	13,148
FINGERPRINT MATCHES	66
NARCOTICS TESTS	187

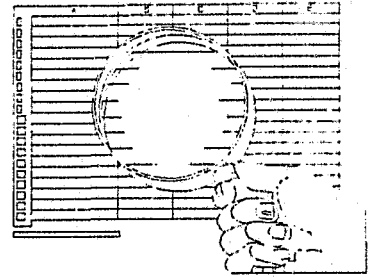
METRO-NARCOTICS

The Metro-Narcotics Unit has had a very successful year in the battle against narcotic offenders. We look forward to an even more successful year in 1990. Presently the Unit consists of eight full-time narcotics officers, some of which are city officers, some of which are county officers. It is the Unit's hope to further improve our operations during the coming year to increase our productivity and our effectiveness. We are currently working on possible plans to utilize more manpower without increasing our regular operations.

In 1989, monies seized as a result of investigations and arrests totalled approximately \$530,000. The total street value of narcotics seized in 1989 was \$1,485,700; approximately fifty-seven weapons were confiscated along with other miscellaneous property. With increased manpower and resources, these figures could be greatly increased which would, of course, result in additional monies for all agencies.

The narcotics information accumulated on suspects, addresses, vehicles, associates, and other miscellaneous

information has been recorded on index cards and files. We hope to improve our efficiency in terms of both filing and retrieving information quickly through the use of a computer, which would allow us to have instant information and good cross-referencing capabilities. This would allow for preparation of search warrant affidavits and other 'boiler-plates' which would then require only minor changes before printing, thus eliminating the time-consuming task of re-typing repetitious information for these documents.



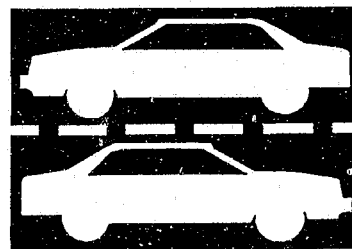
Our new facilities have greatly enhanced our investigative capabilities and added to the professionalism that this Unit must display to all law enforcement agencies and to the public. The confidentiality of informants is secured by a private interview room; the alarm system protects the sensitive area of office files. Two separate squad rooms has enabled the Unit to divide into two groups, allow each to work on individual investigations simultaneously, while still being available for joint manpower in cases of search warrants, surveillances, etc. This, no doubt, will ultimately result in a greater number of arrests. This is among our goals for 1990.

EVIDENCE AND PROPERTY

The Evidence and Property Unit is responsible for receiving, cataloging, and maintaining all evidence which is brought into the Department for safe-keeping. In addition, uniform equipment and departmental supplies are ordered and distributed through the Unit.

In 1989, 13,994 pieces of evidence were processed in some manner, either by receiving new evidence, taking and receiving evidence from the court or crime lab, returning it to the rightful owner, or disposing of it through sales or other legal methods. It is interesting that we received 6,637 pieces of new evidence, 1,406 more than in 1988.

A total of nine hundred and three vehicles were impounded, with four hundred and forty sold at auctions, for a total net income for the vehicles to the Department of \$34,278.60. Two hundred and five bicycles were sold for a net income of \$3,927.50. Total



income from all sales totalled \$51,540.14.

Of interest may be the miscellaneous sales, which would include unclaimed property, used lead gathered from the pistol range, and scrap metal and scrap parts sales. A total of \$13,228.04 was received from these sources.

UNIFORMED SERVICES BUREAU

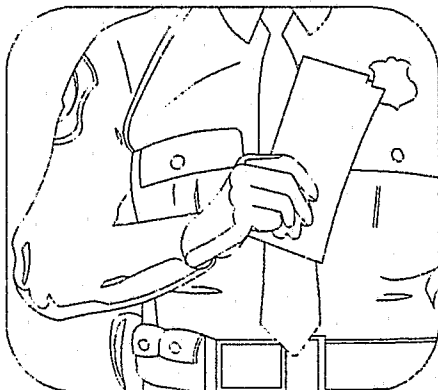
PATROL

The Uniformed Services Bureau includes both the Patrol Division and the Traffic Division. In 1989, the Patrol Division had three regular shifts, made up of approximately forty officers per shift. Eight officers on the Day Shift were assigned to Day Cover; eight officers each from the Afternoon and Night Shifts made up the Night Cover shift, thereby allowing us to have adequate manpower on the street on a continuous basis. This shift pattern will be altered in 1990 to give better service to the community.

Among the benefits of our one-man patrol units is more efficient service to the Rockford community. The squadrols are staffed with two persons, which help to provide back-up to the other patrol units in terms of transporting prisoners so the area cruisers can remain on the street, serving subpoenas, and providing additional patrol responsibilities when they are free. The squadrols have become a familiar sight in the community, but serve a very important function in the patrol program.

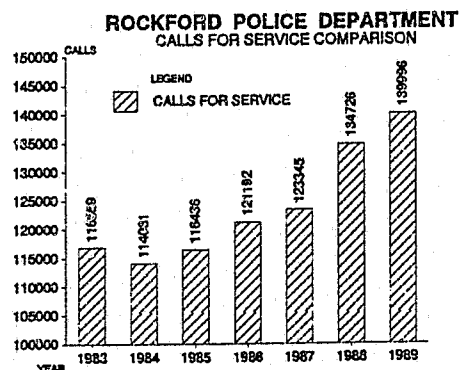
Many years ago, a large part of the downtown area — from Auburn to Morgan, from Kilburn to Sixth Street and Broadway/Seventh Street — was patrolled by officers on foot. As motorized patrol has replaced these various beat officers because of higher efficiency, the number of foot beats was greatly reduced. In recent years, only two beats on the west side and one on the near east side were regularly staffed. When the foot patrol program was virtually eliminated, it was assumed that these responsibilities could be handled by the area cruisers, but the personal contact of the beat officer was lost. In 1984, the foot patrol program was again implemented between 7 A.M. and 11 P.M. when the needs are greatest. Two officers walk downtown west, one per shift; after 6 P.M., the afternoon beat officer extends his beat to East State from the river to Sixth Street. During special events in the downtown area, the beat officer assists with crowd and traffic control. Because the patrol officer is the person who most often comes into contact with the public, we have also continued a program implemented several years ago where the officer is encouraged to park the squad at specific business areas, and spend a few minutes each day on foot patrol around these areas in a *Park-and-Walk* program which has been in effect for the past several years.

Seeking to effectively and efficiently serve the citizens of Rockford, we implemented a Differential Response Program several years ago to take certain types of reports by telephone at the Front Desk. This includes the cancellations of missing persons and various types of nuisance and threats



made by phone. Because of its success, the program will be greatly expanded in 1990 and officers will be assigned to a special DPR unit to handle certain types of calls which do not require the officer to go to the scene. These types of reports will be taken by phone, which we believe will provide better service overall to our citizens; it will free the motorized patrols to provide better patrol procedures and the investigation of serious offenses.

The city is divided into ten actual patrol areas. With the growing expansion of the city limits to the east, we must provide additional services to this area. Exploring the possibility of re-aligning the patrol areas will be further examined in the coming year, as well as ways to provide better service to all persons throughout the city. The shifts will be altered to include two permanent cover shifts — a Daytime Cover Shift and a Night Cover Shift. Each will be supervised by a permanent sergeant on each shift. These cover shifts will continue to serve with normal responsibilities, but may be assigned special duties when the need arises.



The Patrol Division realizes its important function in serving the public. Training for our officers will continue to be a high priority during the coming year. The commanders will continue to seek ways to make effective use of our officers to serve our community effectively.

TRAFFIC

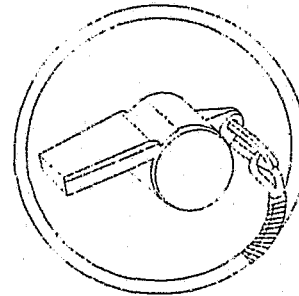
The Traffic Division personnel in 1989 consisted of ten traffic investigators, two hit-and-run investigators, two warrant investigators, one abandoned vehicle officer, four parking control officers, one secretary, a sergeant, and one lieutenant.

In addition to regular duties assigned to personnel, the Traffic Division provided many services and performed specific functions during the past year. These include: Traffic enforcement; accident investigation, including hit-and-run follow-up; abandoned vehicle service, parking ordinance enforcement, warrant service, and service for numerous special events which occurred in the Rockford community.

The Division activity, as compared with statistics from 1988, include:

FUNCTION	
Special Event Functions (Parades, Walk-A-Thons, etc.)	
1988	27
1989	80
Accident Investigations	
1988	3,472
1989	4,048
Hit-and-Run Investigations (71.8% solved rate)	
1988	470
1989	471
Total Accidents Reported (Including Hit-and-Run)	
1988	7,291
1989	10,746
Warrants served by Warrant Investigators	
1988	1,147
1989	1,527
Abandoned Vehicles Moved	
1988	2,098
1989	2,395
Abandoned Vehicles Towed	
1988	434
1989	376

These statistics reflect the increased efforts and improved effectiveness which was part of the goals for the Traffic Division for 1989. We will continue to provide the excellent quality of service to the citizens of Rockford in 1990; also, we will seek to increase the effectiveness of Traffic Division personnel.



OTHER PROGRAMS

POLICE AUXILIARY

The Rockford Auxiliary Police Unit was originally established as a part of the old Civil Defense program to assist in times of natural disaster or accident, and to augment regular police services in the event of a major emergency. As a part of this responsibility, the Auxiliary Police were available in case of emergency, special events, and other areas to help preserve peace and to protect life and property. As the emphasis changed from Civil Defense to a broader area, the role of the Auxiliary Police Unit has changed only slightly, primarily in emphasis. Today, the Auxiliary Police Unit plays an important role in assisting with parades both in crowd control and traffic control, and working on a volunteer basis to allow the sworn officers to assume their regular duties.

During 1989, the Auxiliary Police Unit assisted the Rockford Police Department Property Division with automobile auctions, bicycle auctions and general merchandise auctions. The Unit assisted the Traffic Division with numerous parades, runs, and special activities, such as those on the Fourth of July. The Auxiliary Police Unit also worked Festivals, such as "On the Waterfront", Polish Fest, Mexican Fest, etc. The many hours that the Auxiliary Police Unit puts in at these special events leave the regular police officers free to perform the more critical police functions. During 1989, the Rockford Auxiliary Police Unit worked a total of 4,790 hours, an increase of 2,058 hours or about 43%. The increase is due to both increased requests for service and more Auxiliary officers participating in events.

The Unit was expanded in 1989 due to an unusually large recruit class. The goals of the Auxiliary Police Unit are to provide volunteer service to the community in providing supplemental police service, to assist the Rockford Police De-

partment in special activities, and to make our community a better place through these volunteer efforts.



EXPLORERS

Explorer Post 911 has been a part of the Rockford Police Department since 1964 when it was chartered as a Law Enforcement Post through the Boy Scouts of America. Some of the early members went on to become police cadets and then police officers within the Department. Over the years, some of the young people who participated in the program have become police officers in the Rockford Police Department or nearby agencies. We have the distinction of having had five former Post members accepted at several of the military academies. Over two thousand young persons have participated in the Law Enforcement Exploring program through our police department since it began.

Since law enforcement has become more popular as a career choice in recent years, we have seen renewed interest in the participation of this program. Since we are the only Law Enforcement Post in Winnebago and Boone Counties, we have had members who attend several area high schools; in addition, several Police Science students at Rock Valley College have also been a part of the Explorer Post. During 1989, we made a concerted effort to recruit interested persons, and as a result of this, we gained an active roster of nearly fifty young people between the ages of fourteen and twenty. This is the most registered members we have had in

one year since the program was started over twenty-five years ago.

As a self-sufficient organization, the Post has been raising money for uniform patches and uniform badges. With the increase in membership, we need to have both available as a part of the Explorer uniform. Through several fund-raisers, we secured new patches during 1989 and hope to have money raised during 1990 for badges.

The Explorers have participated in a number of community activities during 1989. They have assisted in security and crowd control for several organizations, something which has been an on-going program for several years. In addition, for fifteen years they have been involved in helping the Galena Police Department and other area Law Enforcement Explorer Posts in the Boy Scout Pilgrimage during the last weekend in April, which gives them some hands-on experience from the training they have received during the school year. Also, for the thirteenth year, they have participated in Harvard Milk Days, in which they provide crowd control and security for this event each year, again giving them hands-on experience based on their training program.

Post members have assisted in helping the Chaplains' Division in delivering Christmas presents to needy families and the food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Post has also been involved in assisting with the I-SEARCH program, helping with fingerprinting children and participating in displays at the shopping malls in the area. They were called on to assist I-SEARCH in locating a missing child during the year.

As part of the 1990 goals, we want to continue the high quality of training, keeping the registered membership at the same level we reached in 1989, and to serve the Rockford Police Department and the Rockford community as professionally as possible.

I-SEARCH

I-SEARCH is a program designed to promote an immediate and effective response to runaway, missing, and abducted children who may be, or are, victims of crime, accident, or exploitation. It uses a multi-faceted program to inform and advise the public on missing or exploited children. LEADS (Law Enforcement Agencies Data System) provides a central repository for information on all reported missing children. In 1989, we conducted six identification programs which included the fingerprinting and photographing of over two thousand children. In addition, kits which are available for parents containing children's permanent identification information are available free of charge from the Illinois State Police.

I-SEARCH is an acronym which stands for Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children. The Metro Unit of I-SEARCH is made up of personnel from the Cherry Valley, Durand, Loves Park, Machesney Park, MetroCenter Security, Pecatonica, Rockford, Rockton, Roscoe, and Winnebago Police Departments as well as the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department and Rock Valley College Security.

ty. I-SEARCH was activated twice by the member agencies during 1989, both ending in success.

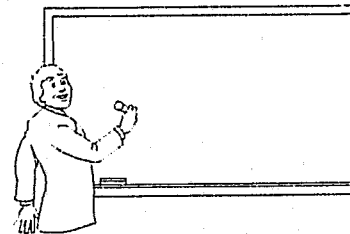
We have several officers of the Rockford Police Department involved in the I-SEARCH program as well as personnel from the Communications Center. The Youth Division Sergeant is the liaison between our Department and the I-SEARCH Unit. To further train our officers and to get a better understanding of the overall I-SEARCH objectives, two of our I-SEARCH personnel attended a conference held at Rock Island during last year.

It will be the goal of the I-SEARCH Unit to maintain the high level of professionalism we've enjoyed in past years and to be available for service when needed.



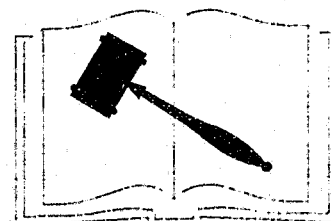
NITAB

The Rockford Police Department and the Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board entered into an inter-governmental agreement in 1983. The two organizations have since worked together to meet the training needs of the Rockford Police Department and help keep their training cost low. We have experienced excellent cooperation during this period.



The bulk of in-service training mandated with the Rockford Police Department is given through the Mobile Training Unit. The cost per manhour of training during 1989 was about eighty-two cents. We use some Rockford instructors for which the Department is paid by the Mobile Team; this further reduces the actual cost to the City of Rockford. During 1989, we provided 11,859 manhours of training to Rockford police officers.

All the local governmental law enforcement agencies in Boone, DeKalb, and Winnebago Counties belong to the Mobile Training team; we provide about one hundred programs a year to meet their training needs. The partnership binding us and the State Training Board to local law enforcement agencies is working very well.



ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE — ALL SOURCES

1988-1989

ITEM	1988	1989
Badges	\$921.43	\$772.29
Bicycle Sales	\$1,070.00	\$4,637.50
Clothing	\$296.90	\$528.00
D.A.R.E. Donations	\$240.00	\$17,010.00
Defensive Driving Book Refunds	\$108.00	\$96.00
Drug Enforcement Refunds	\$000.00	\$33,247.61
Impound Fees	\$31,095.80	\$42,271.40
Impound Sales	\$47,911.48	\$53,796.56
I-SEARCH Grants/Donations	\$10,634.19	\$1,193.75
Miscellaneous	\$1019.17	-----
Miscellaneous Refunds	\$2,097.31	\$2,866.67
Miscellaneous Sales	\$1,421.00	\$413.99
NITAB (Northern Illinois Training Board)	\$7,795.00	\$17,895.00
Photo Purchases	\$386.27	\$180.00
Report Copies	\$40,205.80	\$42,506.93
Report Forms	3,933.71	\$4,148.02
Restitution	\$128.00	\$471.32
Telephone Refunds	\$107.76	\$58.96
Training Refunds	\$6,545.81	\$4,070.00
Victim/Witness Grant	\$15,000.00	\$14,500.00
Weapons	\$200.00	\$250.00
Witness Fees	231.80	\$81.00
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	\$171,349.43	\$240,995.00

1989 BUDGET

\$14,840,078 Budgeted
\$14,923,234 Actually Spent
(including encumbrances)