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Fiscal year 1991/92 has been a formidable one for this department. In the face of strikes, civil unrest, and an ever increasing number of calls for service, members of this department have performed with extraordinary dedication and commitment to this community.

With the myriad of tasks often falling upon law enforcement, e.g., legal advisor, emergency medical provider, mediator, firefighter, the fundamental function which is performed is indisputably the most important—that of law enforcement. Crime is a continuing concern.

Success with programs such as Problem-Oriented Policing (POP), Community Accident Reduction Effort (CARE), bike patrols, and special projects such as automation and restructuring are illustrations of this department taking every step possible to ensure the safety and well-being of every member of the community. With continued community support, this department strives to be a shining example of progressive and innovative law enforcement.

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The Las Vegas valley has experienced unprecedented growth in recent years. In 1973, when this agency was created, the total population served by LVMPD was 270,406. Today, with the population at 673,390, an increase of almost 150 percent has been realized.

	90/91	91/92
LVMPD Jurisdiction (sq. miles)	7,554	7,554
Total Budget (excluding Detention)	\$90,197,209	\$100,740,657
Population (LVMPD Jurisdiction)	636,140*	673,390
Population (Clark County)	770,280*	817,450
Tourist Volume	20,212,760	22,094,904
Total Commissioned Personnel (Authorized)	1,251	1,326
Total Commissioned Personnel (Excluding Detention)	954	1,027
Total Civilian Personnel (Authorized)	616	609
Total Civilian Personnel (Excluding Detention)	501	496
Commissioned Personnel per 1,000 population ¹	2.0*	2.0
Commissioned Personnel per 1,000 population ²	1.5*	1.5

*Adjusted figures based on population change. Population Source: Nevada State Demographer for 7/1/90 and 7/1/91.

¹Includes Correction Personnel

²Excludes Correction Personnel

Fiscal Year 1991/92

Part I Crimes

Reported to Uniform Crime Reporting Division,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

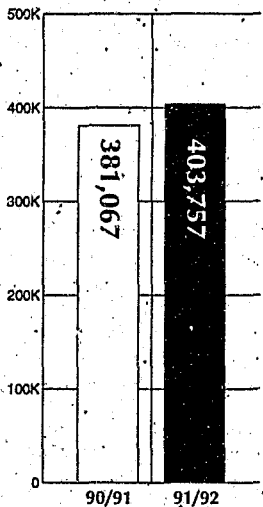
Type Crimes	# Reported	Unfounded	91/92	90/91	% Change
Homicides	132	7	125	84	+48.8%
Forcible Rape	433	14	419	394	+6.3%
Robbery	3,406	4	3,402	2,794	+21.8%
Aggravated Assault	1,830	2	1,828	1,911	-4.3%
Burglary	10,667	18	10,649	10,578	+0.7%
Larceny	25,575	83	25,492	25,703	-0.8%
Vehicle Theft	7,213	99	7,114	5,894	+20.7%
TOTAL	49,256	227	49,029	47,358	+3.5%



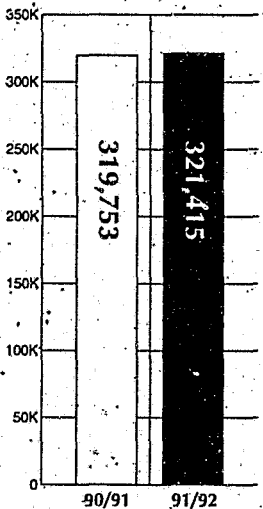
In 1990, this department undertook the massive project of automating its records system. Ever increasing work-loads throughout the department made this move necessary; it was recognized that with fiscal restraints throughout the city and county, the productivity of existing personnel would have to increase. It was anticipated that this would be a five year project.

In FY1991/92 phase one of this project became a reality. The computers that form the groundwork for the Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) system were increased in both number and capability. These computers will form the basis for the Records Management System (RMS) which will manage and automate the millions of records and reports generated throughout the department. By the end of 1992, detectives will have computer terminals on their desks and will retrieve reports directly from the system. As the data base is developed, more and more information will be directly available to the field officers.

Total Events Created (400-447)
Includes Dispatched Events, Telephonic & Station Reports



Dispatched Events

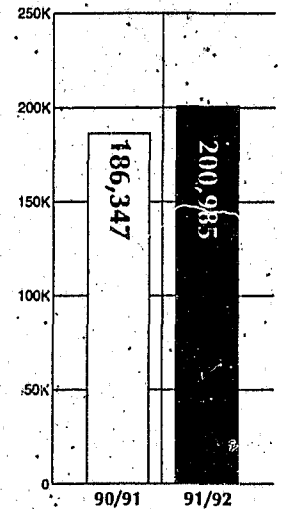


A third squad of officers was added to the Community Accident Reduction Effort (CARE) program during 1992. The purpose of this program is to reduce accidents by using a three-pronged approach to traffic problems: enforcement, education, and engineering. During a four month period this additional squad alone was responsible for 472 DUI arrests.

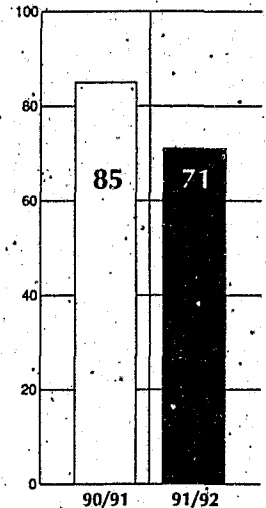
Overall, the Las Vegas valley has seen a 3.7 percent decrease in injury accidents; a 7.6 percent decrease in non-injury accidents; and most importantly, a 16.4 percent decrease in fatalities during FY1991/92 for accidents investigated by the LVMPD.



Moving Violations Issued



Traffic Fatalities LVMPD Jurisdiction





During FY91/92, Field Services Division's Line Solution Policing (LSP) teams continued their efforts. Under this program, police officers are perceived to be the prime movers in solving problems in their area. They are expected to develop relationships with the citizens to better understand citizen concerns and teach how to address minor matters before they escalate.

Underlying Line Solution Policing are two basic philosophies: problem oriented and service oriented. The problem oriented concept involves identifying the root cause of the problem, and then utilizing resources outside of the department, including the citizens involved, to solve the problem. The service orientation is similar to community policing; officers must focus on the needs of the citizens they serve in a courteous and caring manner and link citizens to the public and private agencies that offer help in improving the quality of life.

During this fiscal year, successful LSP projects included the following:

Police posed as bank officers and customers in possible bank robbery targets.

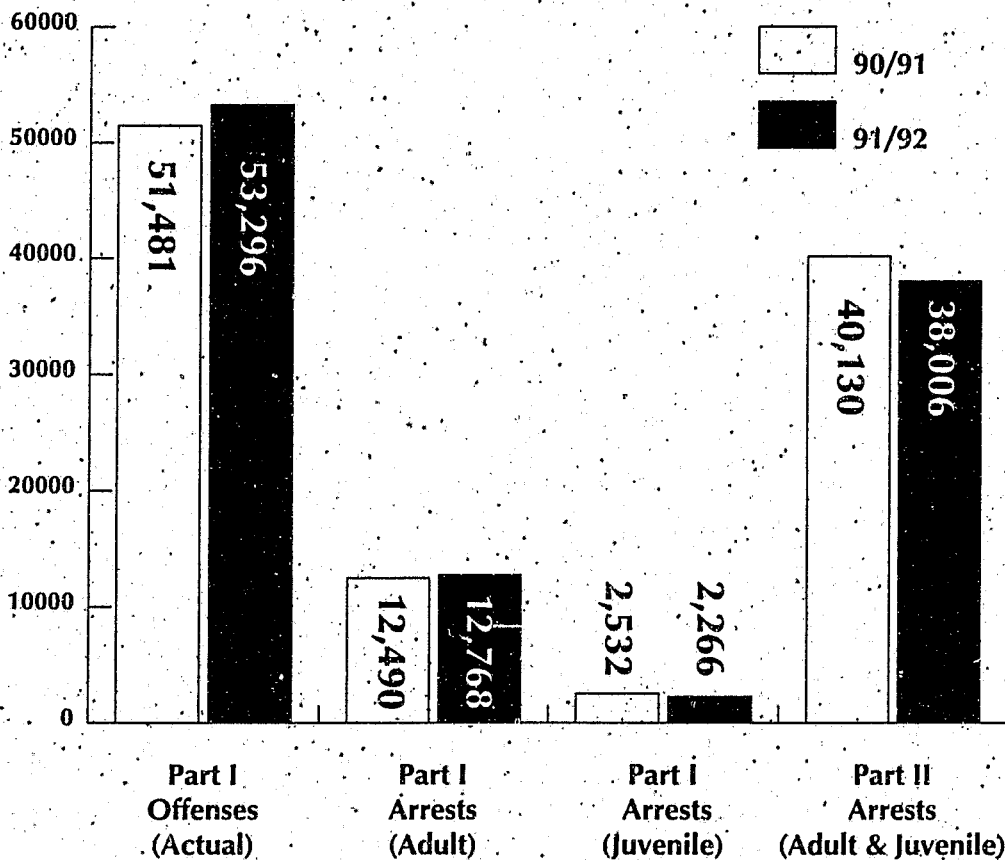
This disguise enabled an officer to identify a suspected bank robber as the person was walking through the door. The robber was captured and indicted for 14 bank robberies.

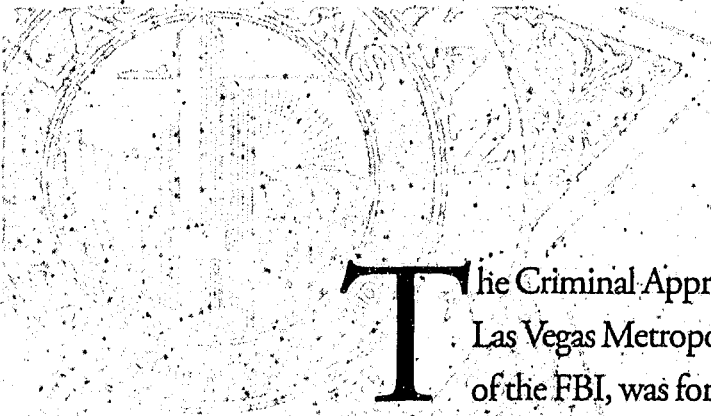
Officers worked with the school district and the community to reduce vandalism and disturbance calls being created by a large number of students being dropped off at one school bus stop.

One LSP team targeted a group of subjects committing purse snatchings in the downtown casino area. The suspects were subsequently apprehended.

People making deposits with bank bags were being robbed before they entered through the bank doors. Stolen vehicles were used to commit the crimes. Teams from the area commands and the Detective Bureau worked together to locate one of the vehicles used in such a crime. The subjects were apprehended upon their return, and a search warrant provided the necessary evidence.

Another team was involved in improving a housing complex beset by gang violence and "drive by" shootings. Working with the federal government, local officials, and a variety of city and county offices, the quality of living was substantially raised and the gang members moved out.





The Criminal Apprehension Teams (CATS), a joint operation of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Las Vegas office of the FBI, was formed in January 1992, with Metro providing one sergeant and three detectives. The ten officer unit primarily targets fugitives wanted for serious felonies, especially crimes against persons, such as homicide, sexual assault and robbery. The task force concentrates on arresting targeted suspects, both locally and from other jurisdictions. These suspects are arrested as soon as possible to preclude additional felony crimes being committed.

In the first seven months of 1992, the unit made 283 local felony arrests. In addition, Federal warrants for "Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution" have been generated resulting in the arrests of 19 Nevada fugitives.

During this fiscal year, the Narcotics Section received a Federal Drug Control grant of \$145,000 to develop a multi-jurisdictional task force on drugs in Laughlin. The task force's efforts netted 75 suspects. The following summarizes the activities of the Narcotics Section:

	90/91	91/92
Cases Processed by Narcotics Section	4,671	4,316
Individuals Arrested	4,955	5,258
Seizures Processed	\$2,585,500.50	\$1,419,835.00
Forfeitures Processed	\$2,254,857.61	\$1,541,126.48
Amphetamine & Methamphetamine Seized	11,788	8,642
Cocaine Seized	106,536	293,898
Marijuana Seized	40,652	1,004,565
Rock Cocaine Seized	3,693	2,249

All seized drugs are shown in grams.
Does not include information on Hallucinogens, Heroin or LSD.

Offenses Cleared by Arrest

Classification of Offense	90/91	91/92	% Change
Murder & Non Negligent Manslaughter	39	64	+64.1
Forcible Rape	74	77	+4.1
Rape by Force	51	61	
Attempted Forcible Rape	23	16	
Robbery	323	390	+20.7
Armed, Any Weapon	145	205	
Strong-arm	178	185	
Aggravated Assault	599	471	-21.4
Firearm	116	133	
Knife or Cutting Instrument	169	128	
Other Dangerous Weapon	179	126	
Hands, Fists, etc. - Aggravated	135	84	
Burglary	673	644	-4.3
Forcible Entry	394	428	
Unlawful Entry - No Force	224	169	
Attempted Forcible Entry	55	47	
Larceny - Theft (Except Motor Vehicle)	6,535	5,852	-10.5
Motor Vehicle Theft	582	682	+17.2
Total Cleared By Arrest	8,825	8,180	-7.3
Manslaughter By Negligence	0	0	0
Other Assaults - Non Aggravated	816	731	-10.4
Total Part I Offenses Cleared By Arrest /Exceptional Means	9,641	8,911	-7.6

Source: UCR Reports

The administration of the Clark County Detention Center is committed to maintaining an environment within which inmates are treated in a safe and humane manner consistent with all constitutional and NRS requisites as well as recommended national standards.

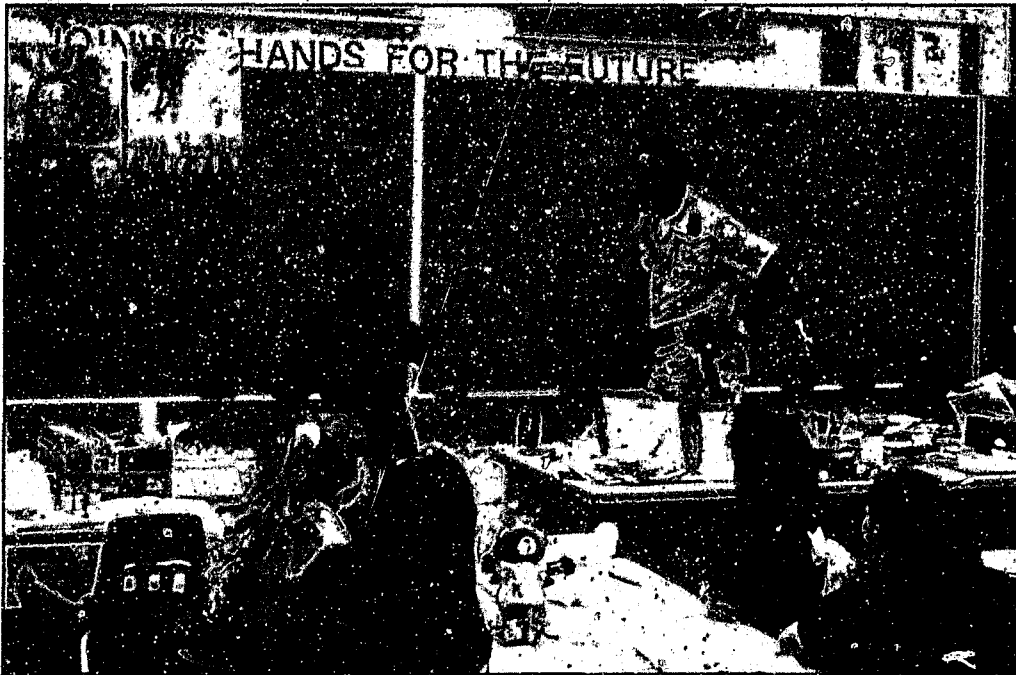
During FY1991/92 the Detention Services Division was fortunate to receive a \$64,000 grant through the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles to expand the Intensive Supervision Recognizance Release Program. This program, coordinated and managed through the joint effort of Justice Court Pretrial Services and the administration of the Detention Center, provides for an "OR" (own recognizance) release for high risk persons with certain conditions attached (such as daily or weekly check-in).

A Day Arrest Program was also implemented to ensure that inmates assigned to daily work assignments were reporting for those assignments. Use of this program increases the number of beds for more serious offenders by those on the program not being held within the confines of the Detention Center. Other inmate programs were accomplished to include domestic crisis education/ counseling and behavior modification.

	90/91	91/92
Total Incarcerations	59,800	58,752
City of Las Vegas Detention Center	25,355	22,897
Clark County Detention Center	34,445	35,855
Highest Inmate Population (CCDC)	1,466	1,547
Lowest Inmate Population (CCDC)	1,224	1,244
Daily Average Inmates (CCDC)	1,360	1,397
Central Detention	1,290	1,318
UMC	1	1.5
Federal Prisoners	69	78.3

Crime Prevention is often overlooked. However, by removing the opportunity to commit a crime, the crime rate is reduced. The Crime Prevention Bureau is committed to providing proactive crime prevention programs such as Neighborhood Watch, various school and public programs and Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE).

Recognizing that children are the future of this country, the Crime Prevention Bureau has taken an aggressive approach to drug education through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Since its inception in 1986, the program has grown substantially. The first year, DARE was implemented in five Clark County schools. In the 1991/92 school year the program was brought into 33 schools in the LVMPD jurisdiction, reaching over 4,000 fifth grade students.





In 1992, Sergeant Dennis Cobb became the third Police officer from the United States to receive a Fulbright Fellowship in Police Studies. The Fulbright Fellowship is a research award given to further educa-

tional and cultural exchange between the United States and other countries. Formed in the 1960's, the prestigious Fulbright Program has usually been associated with more traditional academic and scientific fields, and only recently was made available to police officers. Two police studies fellowships are given to American officers each year, and receiving the award has been described by Sergeant Cobb as "truly a rare honor."

From early January through the end of April 1992 Sergeant Cobb performed research on community policing programs in association with the Centre for Police and Criminal Justice Studies at the University of Exeter in southwest England. From riding with constables on the streets, to travelling Europe for two weeks with police from three continents and eight countries, Sergeant Cobb had the opportunity to see a large variety of police practices. He also participated in classwork at the Centre for Police and Criminal Justice Studies, and conferences at the United Kingdom's Police Command College at Bramshill, England.

Commendations

During Fiscal Year 91/92, the following awards were issued to LVMPD employees for acts of outstanding achievement.

P.O. Danny Harness
Medal of Honor
Saved 6 people from burning building.

P.O. Lawrence Burns
Exemplary Service Award
SWAT Tactical Training Building.

P.O. Earl Hartung
Exemplary Service Award
DARE Program.

P.O. Steven MacKenzie
Certificate of Appreciation
Airport Gang/Drug Interdiction Team.

P.O. Michael Gillins
Exemplary Service Award
Saved drowning victim.

P.O. David A. Tampio
Certificate of Appreciation
Airport Gang/Drug Interdiction Team.

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