

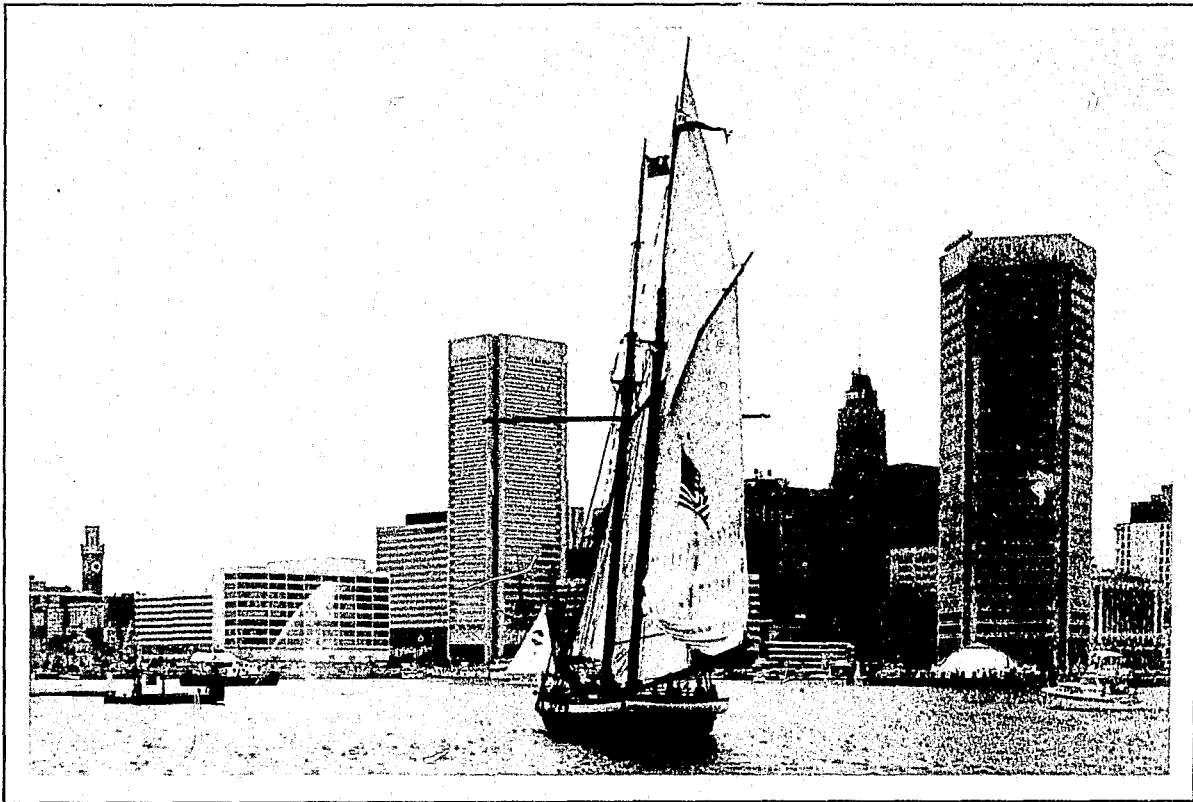


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DONALD D. POMERLEAU  
Commissioner



# THE PRIDE OF BALTIMORE



## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Annual Report 1977*



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Mayor



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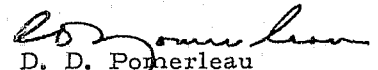
The Honorable William Donald Schaefer  
Mayor of the City of Baltimore

The Honorable Walter S. Orlinsky  
President of the Baltimore City Council

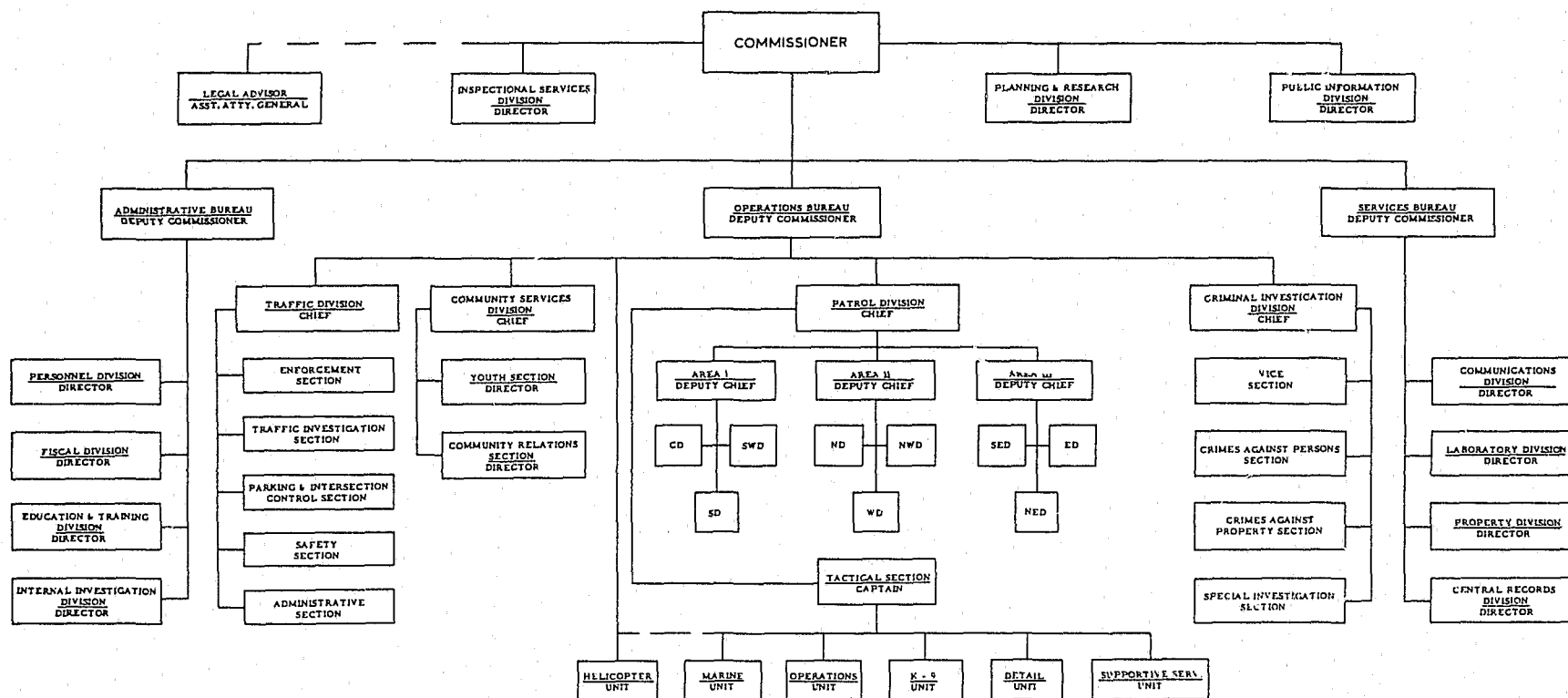
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 534, Chapter 203 of the Acts of 1966, I am pleased to submit the report of the Baltimore Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1977.

Respectfully,

  
D. D. Pomerleau  
Commissioner

# POLICE DEPARTMENT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND





# ORGANIZATION

## POLICE COMMISSIONER'S STAFF DIVISIONS

The Inspectional Services Division serves in a staff capacity to the Police Commissioner providing a system of quality control for the department.

The Planning and Research Division provides completed staff work and crime analysis to the Police Commissioner.

The Public Information Division, reporting directly to the Police Commissioner, handles inquiries made to the department either from the news media or the general public.

The Legal Advisor represents the Police Commissioner in all legal actions arising from events having occurred within the province of the Police Commissioner and which are subject to litigation, and assists in matters relating to departmental disciplinary procedures, policies, and similar business upon request of the Police Commissioner.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU

The Personnel Division is responsible for personnel administration within the department and maintains liaison with the Civil Service Commission of Baltimore.

The Fiscal Division maintains control over the fiscal management of the department and acts as the liaison between the department and the City Department of Finance regarding fiscal matters.

The Education and Training Division provides entrance level, in-service, specialized, mandated and other training or educational programs as directed by the Police Commissioner.

The Internal Investigation Division investigates complaints against the department's personnel alleging misconduct, violation of criminal statutes, rules and regulations, and departmental directives.

## OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Traffic Division's primary objectives are to prevent death, personal injury, and property damage resulting from traffic accidents, and to insure the free and safe flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Community Services Division's primary objective is to strengthen the bond between the department and the community.

The Patrol Division, the department's largest division, is service oriented. Its goals include the protection of life and property, prevention of crime, arrest of offenders, preservation of the public peace, and the enforcement of laws and ordinances over which the police department has jurisdiction.

The Criminal Investigation Division investigates and clears criminal offenses not cleared by the Patrol Division or other divisions of the Operations Bureau.

## SERVICES BUREAU

The Communications Division, utilizing a variety of telecommunications equipment, provides the public with twenty-four hour access to police services. This division also provides communication capability within the department through the departmental radio, telephone, and teletype systems.

The Laboratory Division provides assistance in criminal investigations by utilizing modern scientific techniques for the detection and analysis of evidence, and provides expert testimony in the presentation of evidence in court.

The Property Division stores and controls all evidence, insures maintenance of facilities, inventories and controls all organic properties, and distributes and maintains equipment necessary for departmental operations.

The Central Records Division reviews, processes, disseminates for follow-up and stores all field reports initiated by the police officer. This division also maintains copies of all arrest reports, criminal histories and identification information on individuals arrested by this department.





## Crime Statistics

Index Crime Decreases 0.4% in 1977

### SUMMARIZATION

#### INDEX CRIME — YEAR 1976 - 1977

TYPE OF CRIME	1976	1977	Amount of Increase or Decrease
MURDER	200	171	— 14.5
FORCIBLE RAPE	460	499	+ 8.5
ROBBERY	7,755	7,563	— 2.5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	5,776	6,050	+ 4.7
BURGLARY	15,319	15,257	— 0.4
LARCENY	32,162	31,560	— 1.9
AUTO THEFT	5,887	6,187	+ 5.1
GRAND TOTAL	67,559	67,287	— 0.4

#### GROSS CHANGE 1970—1977 INDEX CRIMES

##### BALTIMORE CITY

1970	Base Year
1971	— 5.9%
1972	— 14.3%
1973	— 19.7%
1974	— 6.6%
1975	— 13.7%
1976	— 17.2%
1977	— 17.5%

Average Percent Change  
1970 Base Year - 13.6%





## Departmental Strength

### POLICE PERSONNEL

1977

Classification	Auth.	Act.
Police Commissioner	1	1
Deputy Commissioner	3	3
Chief	4	4
Deputy Chief	3	3
Director	13	13
District Commander	9	9
Captain	19	18
Lieutenant	107	100
Sergeant	380	355
Police Agent	200	188
Police Officer	2,671	2,480
TOTAL SWORN	3,410	3,174
TOTAL CIVILIAN	601	545
TOTAL STRENGTH	4,011	3,719

### COMPARISON OF BALTIMORE CITY'S PERCENTAGE OF STATE OF MARYLAND'S POPULATION

### AND TOTAL INDEX, VIOLENT INDEX AND PROPERTY INDEX CRIMES

1970 thru 1977

Baltimore City's	% Of State's Population	% Of Total Index Crimes	% Of Violent Index Crimes	% Of Property Index Crimes
1970	23.1	47.3	77.8	41.4
1971	23.1	40.3	67.2	34.1
1972	21.8	37.2	62.6	30.9
1973	21.2	33.5	59.2	29.5
1974	21.8	32.9	58.5	29.1
1975	17.4	29.1	55.3	25.5
1976	20.8	28.8	54.1	25.6
1977	20.7	28.5	49.7	25.6

# OPERATIONS



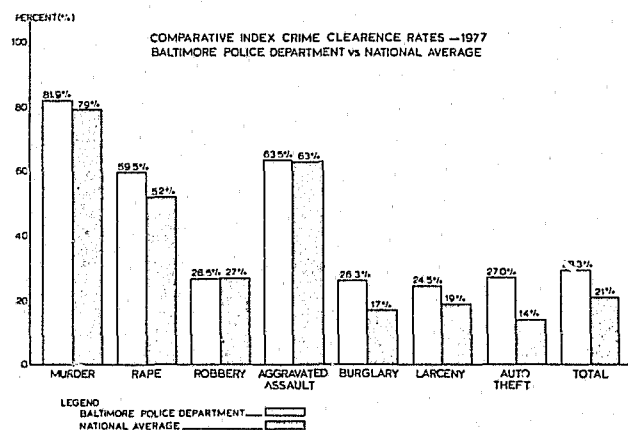
Deputy Commissioner  
FRANK J. BATTAGLIA  
Operations Bureau

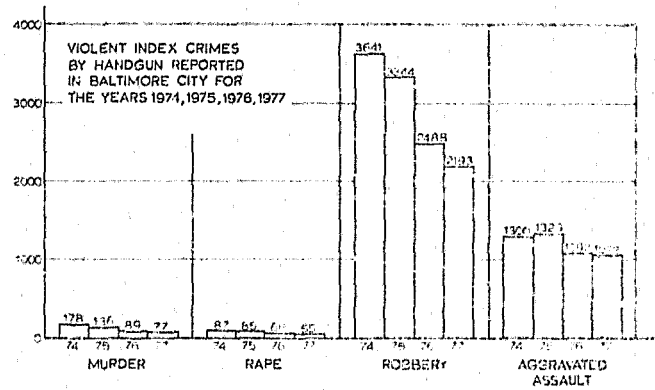
To most citizens the men and women of this Bureau are the Police Department. Detectives conducting door to door inquiries, motorcycle officers on traffic patrol, a combined helicopter-radio car team apprehending a wrongdoer, or a solitary officer walking through a darkened alley — these are public images of the officers dedicated to keeping Baltimore a safe place to live, work and play.

Officers from within the Bureau's four divisions — Patrol, Criminal Investigation, Traffic and Community Services — daily and personally interact with our citizens and visitors.

In 1977, Patrol Division officers continued to provide community oriented patrol services while answering 766,783 calls for service. Their ability to quickly arrive at crime scenes, conduct preliminary investigations and become involved in the follow-up procedure with the Criminal Investigation Division has contributed to Baltimore's above average crime clearance rate.

During the past year, detectives from the Criminal Investigation Division conducted 31,817 investigations yielding 8,960 cleared cases and 3,806 arrests. Dressed in a variety of clothing styles suitable to the investigation, these men and women contacted countless numbers of citizens, thus adding to the impression of police omnipresence. Additionally, planned, but randomized, bank and business visitations by these investigators contributed to the department's crime prevention efforts.

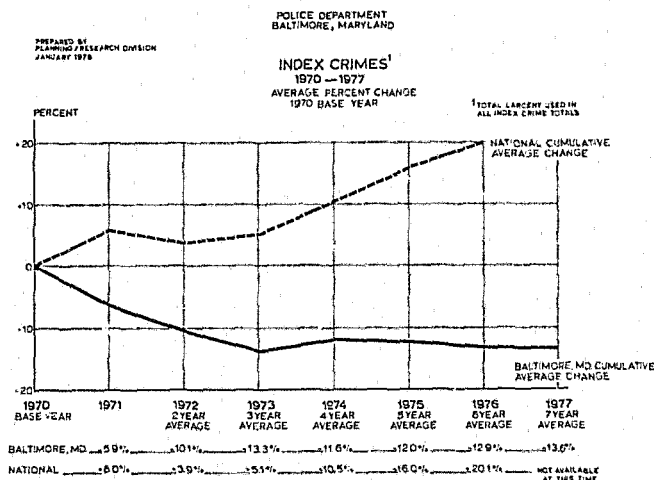




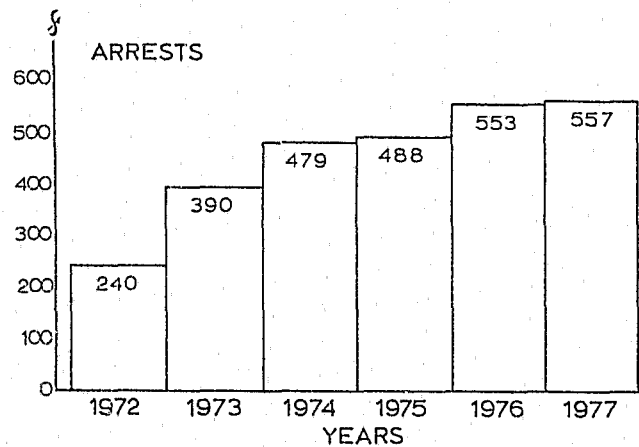
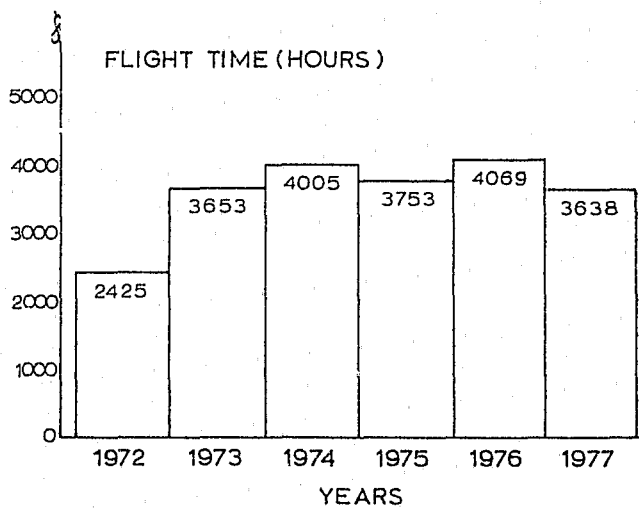
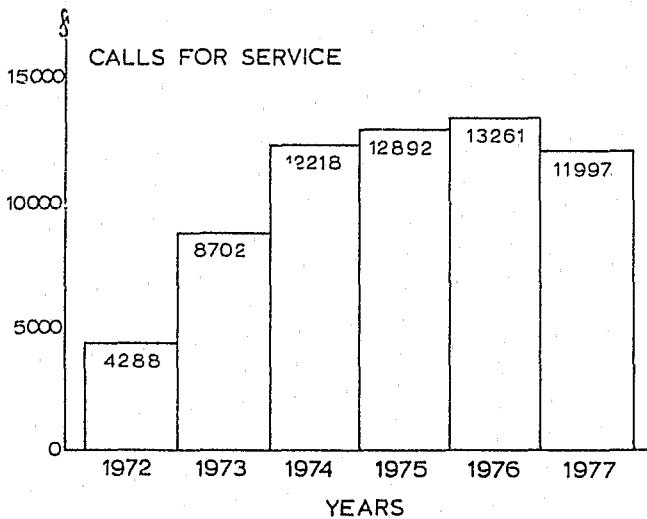
To insure the police are a part of, not apart from, the community and to coordinate our citizen involvement programs are the primary goals of the Community Services Division. The range of programs encompasses Officer Friendly and Block Parent programs for youngsters and Christmas dinners and summer movies for the elderly.

Aware of the inability of police alone to stop crime, the Crime Resistance Unit actively seeks out opportunities to present crime resistance programs to citizens. These activities include, but are not limited to site-hardening security surveys of commercial establishments, public sneaking engagements, programs directed at specific crime problem(s) and distribution of crime resistance literature in target areas.

Traffic Division officers in addition to their traffic control, enforcement and investigative responsibilities have a mandated responsibility for crime prevention and control. In addition to numerous business visitations, Traffic Division officers made numerous criminal arrests in 1977.



# Police Helicopter Activity In Baltimore City

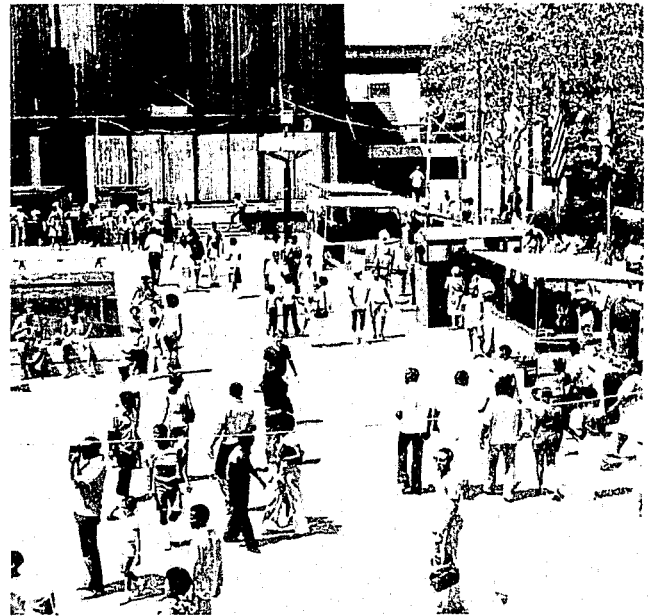
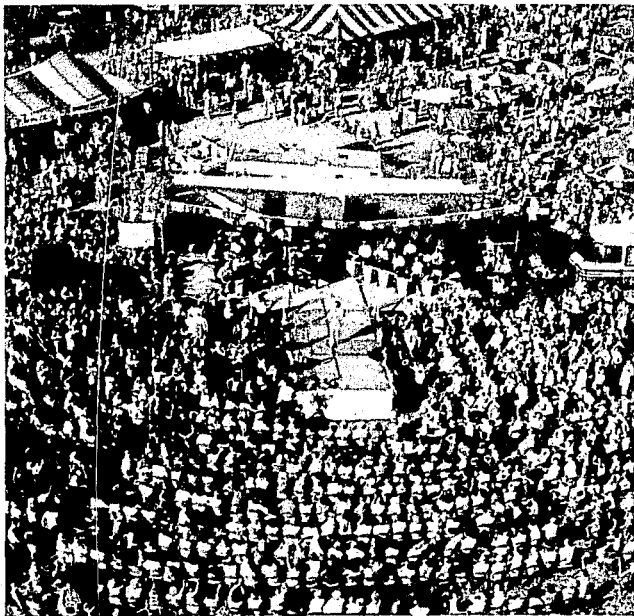


Members of the Helicopter Unit have logged the equivalent of 33 months of continuous accident free flight time. This new record of Accident Free Operation yielded our fourth consecutive annual Safety Award from the Helicopter Association of America.





Baltimore, the All-America City, is a vibrant city as evinced by the public celebration of life. Two traditional celebrations are the "I Am An American Day Parade," for which Commissioner Pomerleau was the 1977 Grand Marshal, and the "Preakness Week Parade". More recent activities include the City Fair, various ethnic weekend festivals, and the year-round use of the revitalized Inner Harbor.



# SERVICES

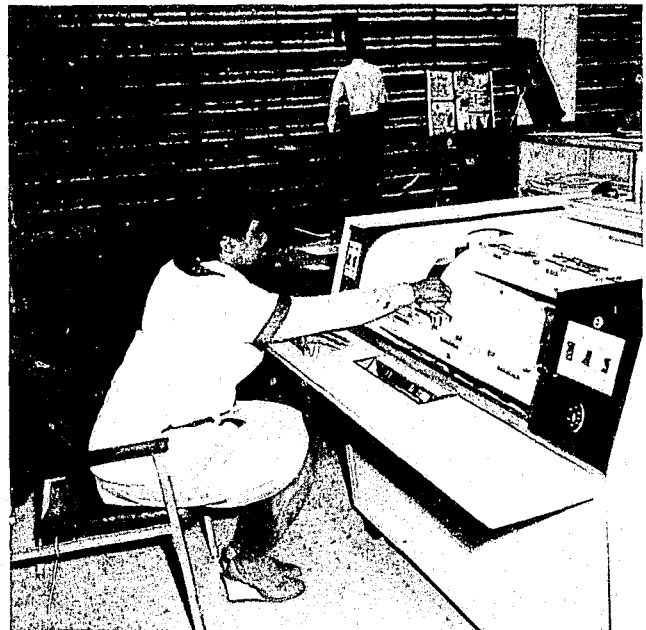


Deputy Commissioner  
**THOMAS J. KEYES**  
Services Bureau

The divisions of this Bureau — Property, Central Records, Communication, and Laboratory — provide skilled technical support to our field forces. Although frequently unseen by the public, the members of this Bureau are on duty 24 hours a day making possible the delivery of professional police services by the more visible components of the department.



The Property Division not only manages and maintains all departmental property, but also contains the Evidence Control Section which houses some 250,000 pieces of evidence. The Evidence Control Section makes photographic inventories of currency and negotiable instruments prior to vault storage.



Central Records Division is the memory bank of the department. It reviews, reproduces, distributes and files all police reports. The Identification Section houses the "mug shot" files and fingerprint cards. By means of Mufax transmitters this section receives fingerprints of arrested persons from the outlying district stations, establishes positive identification and returns arrest records and wanted notices to the districts.



The Laboratory Division provides scientific collection and examination of evidence. This division processes all photographic service requests for the department, and conducts polygraph examinations.



In 1977, the Communications Division completed installation of equipment which expanded and upgraded our radio communications capability to 15 UHF channels. In addition to receiving complaints and dispatching calls for service, the Communications Division is responsible for the maintenance of all departmental telecommunications systems.





# ADMINISTRATIVE



Deputy Commissioner  
C. JARED GLAUSER  
Administrative Bureau

Managerial support for the department is the primary purpose of the Administrative Bureau. Internal control of an organization the size of ours requires diverse talents and functions. This Bureau's four divisions — Personnel, Internal Investigation, Education and Training, and Fiscal — provide this support and control

Recruitment to retirement describes the scope of Personnel Division's responsibilities. The Medical Section provides annual, biennial and promotional physicals, as well as job related out-patient follow-up and physical therapy.

A continued expression of the excellence of the Internal Investigation Division was reflected by the visits of several out-of-state officials to learn the Baltimore System. The investigation of alleged police impropriety not only identifies malefactors, but also protects the unjustly accused.





Fiscal Division, the focal point of departmental budget preparation and control, is the conduit through which all financial transactions must pass.



In a constantly changing social and technological environment professional growth and training are paramount. The Education and Training Division, a recognized leader and innovator in law enforcement training, has oversight responsibility for external and in-house training. Programs conducted at the Division's facilities drew 4,415 attendees, 445 of whom were from other agencies such as King County, Washington; Rochester, New York, the Armed Forces and 9 federal agencies. Three hundred and sixty-three members of this agency attended outside training programs.



# Services To The Community

Continued support in 1977, by the entire department for community service projects was highlighted by the utilization of the Crime Resistance Unit's Mobile Instructional Van. This van was displayed at numerous neighborhood and city-wide fairs, attractions, and celebrations in addition to its workday role as the focal point of the self-help oriented Crime Resistance Program.

Inside the van are extensive displays of residential and commercial security devices, a variety of pamphlets and handouts dealing with crime counter-measures, and loan-out engravers for Operation Identification.



Children are the future of a community; their safety and well-being are the concern of all. To this end, the Police Department offers many programs ranging from the Traffic Division's Safety City Program, which teaches pre-schoolers the rudiments of bicycle and pedestrian safety to our two summer camps and the Police Boys' Clubs, which are operated by the Community Services Division. Also, the Community Relations Section presents our Officer Friendly Program to elementary school age children.



For over 100 years members of the Baltimore Police Department have collected and distributed baskets of food to the needy at holiday time. This year was no exception as baskets were distributed at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Additionally, a distribution of clothing to the needy was coordinated by the department.

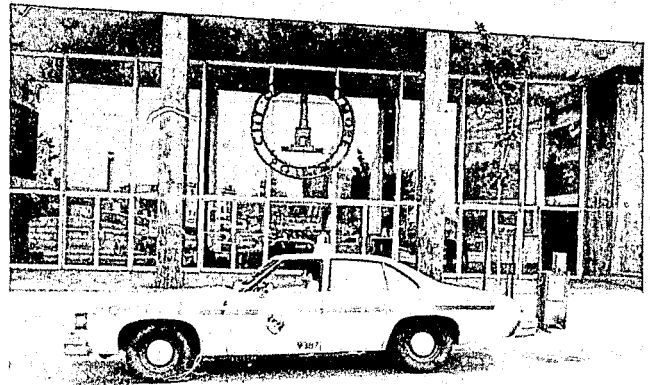


A growing awareness of the unique problems facing elderly citizens has resulted in participatory programs with the Mayor's Commission on the Elderly, and the use of the Police Headquarters' auditorium. During the summer months elderly city residents are provided free film entertainment in the air conditioned comfort of the auditorium and a meal served in our canteen.



# 1977 HIGHLIGHTS

Evaluation of 190 mid-size cars for adaptability to uniform patrol was undertaken in order to provide high quality police service at a lower unit cost.

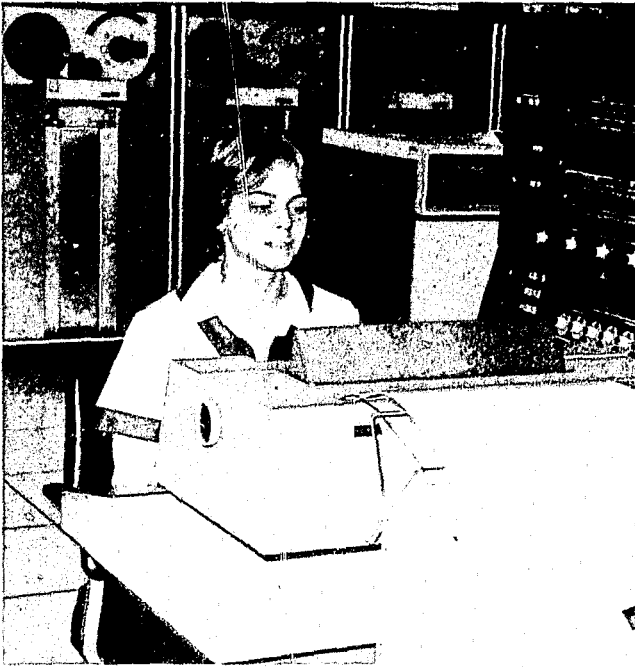


Distinctively uniformed Auxiliary Police were on duty for the first time supplementing our regular field forces.

Traffic enforcement was enhanced by the addition of Speedgun radar units.

The personnel of the Central District moved into their new facility attached to the Headquarters building, thus vacating the over 50 year old formerly combined Headquarters-Central District building.





Installation of an IBM 370 computer system was initiated as the department moved toward its goal of computerized on-line booking and a local warrant control file.

"Crime Line," a cooperative effort between the department and WJZ-TV, wherein an unsolved case is detailed on television and viewers are requested to provide information via a confidential telephone line, received national publicity. The first broadcast resulted in the arrest of a homicide suspect.

In September, thirteen new Captains were promoted, nine of whom assumed their duties in the recently created position of Assistant District Commander.

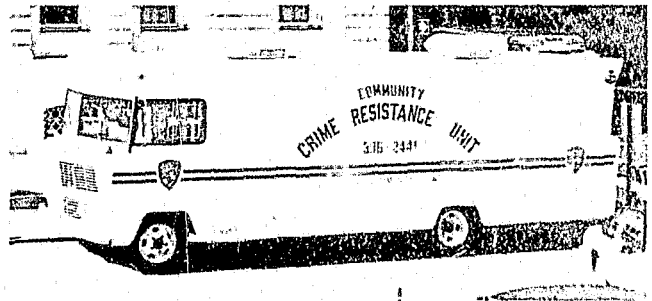


We received a new Officer Friendly bus, which was decorated by Lake Clifton High School art classes.

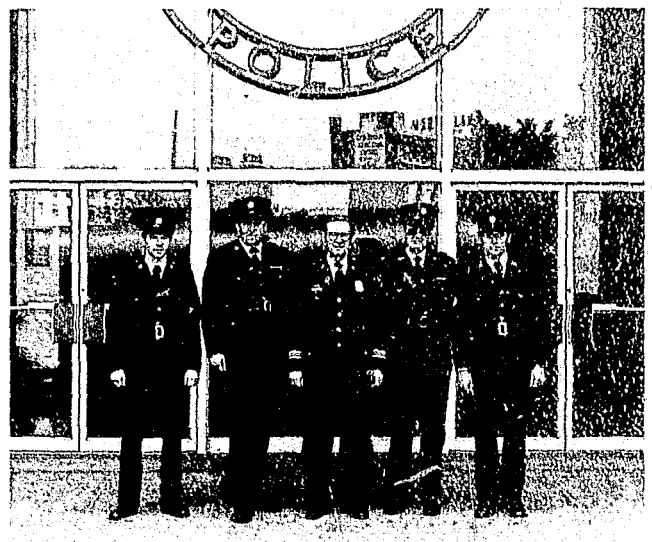
The department hosted the December meeting of the Mayor's Cabinet.



The Crime Resistance Unit's Mobile Instructional Van was activated.



The department hosted many visitors, the largest groups coming from Ireland and Sweden.



## *Law Enforcement Code of Ethics*

AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I WILL keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I WILL never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession . . . law enforcement.





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