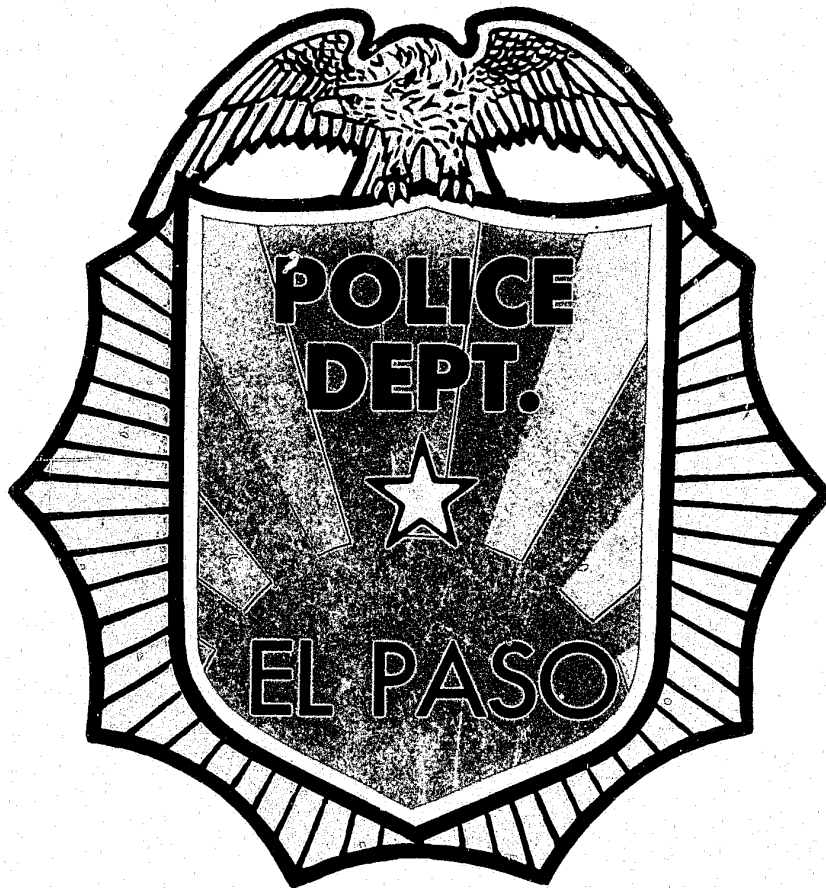


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ACQUISITIONS



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, prejudices, 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.

EL PASO

TEXAS

POPULATION: 410,000

CITY SQUARE MILES: 239.208

DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1873

FORM OF GOVERNMENT: MAYOR-COUNCIL

ALTITUDE: 3700 FT.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF EL PASO

In 1536, just forty-four years after Columbus discovered America, Cabeza De Vaca and his party crossed the Rio Grande River at El Paso, but it wasn't until 1659 that the first permanent European settlement was established in the El Paso Valley. In 1680 Spanish colonists were driven out of the New Mexico territory during the Pueblo Indian revolt, and they, along with their Tigua Indian refugees, retreated to Ysleta which is within the present city limits. The Tiguas, who still have their reservation within El Paso, founded the Ysleta Mission in 1681 which is the oldest building in Texas. In 1848 a trading post and a United States Military post (Ft. Bliss) were built in downtown El Paso. The first railroad trains pulled into the city in 1881.

El Paso is located in the far west corner of Texas, and across the Rio Grande River is Juarez, Mexico with a population of 650,000. The Franklin Mountain Range runs through the middle

of the city at an elevation of 7,192 feet. El Paso is the lowest all weather pass through the Rocky Mountains having an average daily high temperature in January of 60 degrees and an average annual rainfall of 8.4 inches. The city of El Paso has more days of sunshine than any city in the United States. Between 1961 and 1974 the sun failed to shine for only 15 days. El Paso has a population of 410,000 and is the 4th largest city in Texas and 33rd in the United States.

The early history of law and order in El Paso was turbulent with city marshalls being hired solely for their ability to shoot fast and straight. The first city marshall was appointed in 1873, however, due to a lack of concern, the citizens of El Paso disbanded the city government and there was no city marshall from 1875 - 1880. During this time the town was open to outlaws, but the anglo members of the community appealed to the state for protection and the Texas Rangers were sent to maintain order. Later, Marshall Dallas Stoudenmire killed five men in one shoot-out in 1880.

By 1883 the city marshall's force was expanded to five officers. Below is a list of items and when they were first implemented:

Uniforms and Badges	1887
Chain Gang formed	1889
Mounted Patrol	1890
Residental Patrol	1900
Detective Section formed	1902
First Motorized Vehicle (Motorcycle)	1909
Identification Section started (Used Bertillion System)	1915
First Radio equipped cars	1933

Growth of the force was as follows:

1873	1 Man	1921	85 Men
1883	5 Men	1950	170 Men
1899	10 Men	1960	340 Men
1907	30 Men	1970	393 Men
1912	45 Men		

In 1912 the city of El Paso had a population of 39,000 and an area of 9.13 square miles. The town had 6000 telephones and eight railroads which provided 30 passenger trains a day to the town. Today the population of El Paso is 410,000 in an area of 239.208 square miles, and the police force consists of 707 officers and 160 civilians.

RAY SALAZAR
MAYOR
JIM KIRBY
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
ROBERT H. GABEL
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



City Council

DAN PONDER
MAYOR PRO TEM
RICHARD WAGNER
RICHARD A. NAJERA
DR. J. B. JONES
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W. L. RIEGER
CITY CLERK

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Mayor and City Council

City of El Paso, Texas

Dear Council Members:

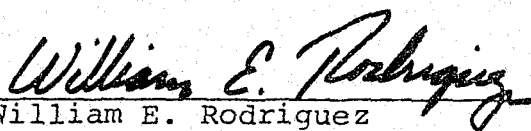
With great pleasure, I hereby respectfully submit the Police Department's Annual Report and Statistical Summary for 1978.

I am proud to report that the crime index for El Paso in 1978 was at its lowest point since 1973. It is also significant to note that this is the second year in a row that index crimes have decreased in our city. The year 1977 saw a 2.8% reduction in crime and 1978 reflects a 4.1% abatement in crime. This is made more significant when it is taken into consideration that El Paso has experienced a population growth of 6.5% since 1977.

The statistics in this report attest to the dedication, and effectiveness of all the personnel of our department. Both commissioned officers and non-commissioned civilian employees have done a commendable job during 1978 in their efforts to suppress crime in our city.

Continued vigilance, pro-active law enforcement and responsive, professional, community service are the goals to which we are firmly committed in the coming years. With this pledge, we will strive to keep El Paso one of the safest communities in the nation in which to live.

Sincerely,



William E. Rodriguez
Chief of Police

El Paso, Texas, The International City

CITY COUNCIL

1977-78

MAYOR

RAY SALAZAR

MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
CITY CLERK
LEGAL
INTERNATIONAL AND URBAN AFFAIRS

ALDERMEN

DAN PONDER (MAYOR PRO-TEM)

PUBLIC WORKS
SANITATION
STREET
ENGINEERING
PUBLIC INSPECTION
EQUIPMENT DIVISION
PLANNING

RICHARD NAJERA

PERSONNEL
AIRPORT
DATA PROCESSING
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

RICHARD WAGNER

PARKS AND RECREATION
YOUTH SERVICES
LIBRARY
MUSEUM
ZOO

DR. J. B. JONES

POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION
HEALTH
RABIES CONTROL

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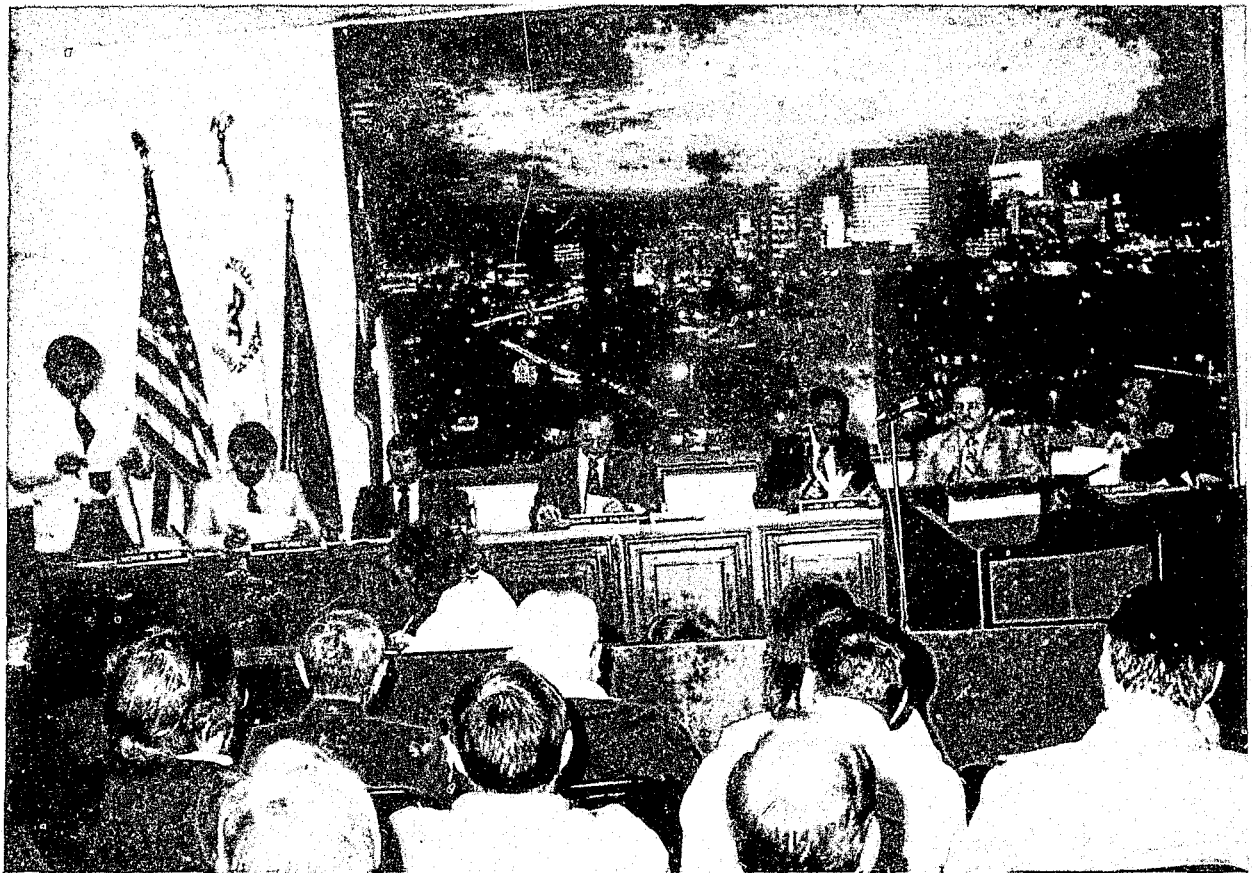
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CITY COUNCIL

1977-1978





THE HONORABLE MAYOR
RAY SALAZAR



POLICE ALDERMAN
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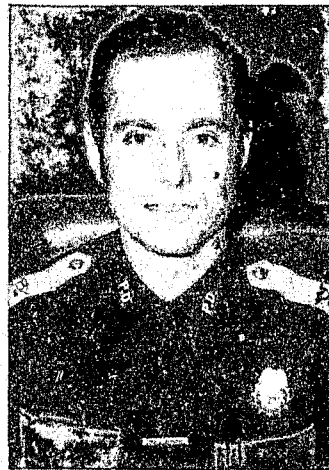


CHIEF OF POLICE
WILLIAM E. RODRIGUEZ

DEPUTY CHIEFS



DEPUTY CHIEF SERVANDO BLANCO
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU



DEPUTY CHIEF JOSEPH MESSER
UNIFORM OPERATIONS BUREAU



DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES H. PARKS
SERVICES BUREAU



DEPUTY CHIEF LEONARDO SAMANIEGO
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

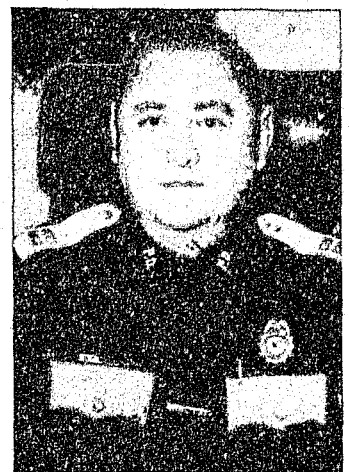
CAPTAINS



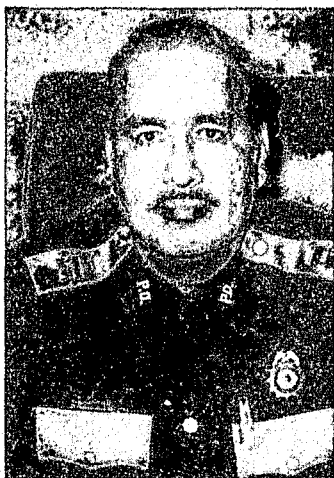
CAPTAIN WILLIAM LONG
PATROL



CAPTAIN GUS MASSEY
PATROL



CAPTAIN ROBERT WALLACE
PATROL



CAPTAIN GUADALUPE DOMINGUEZ
TRAFFIC



CAPTAIN AL CASTRO
C.I.B.



CAPTAIN RICHARD BRETON
TRAINING



CAPTAIN RODNEY VUGTEVEEN
YOUTH SERVICES



CAPTAIN M. V. MENDEZ
I.D. RECORDS



CAPTAIN GERALD PRICHARD
VICE - INTELLIGENCE

DEPARTMENTAL
PROGRESS

PRODUCTIVITY
REPORT
1974 - 1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
CITY POPULATION	360,725	369,000	386,517	400,000	410,000
NUMBER OF SWORN OFFICERS	561	597	606	658	707
NUMBER OF OFFICERS/1000 POP.	1.56	1.67	1.57	1.62	1.72
CITY SQUARE MILES	158.85	160.74	160.74	176.00	239.20
NUMBER OF OFFICERS/SQ. MILE	3.53	3.71	3.77	3.74	2.96
CRIME INDEX	24,043	25,255	25,335	24,620	23,609
NUMBER OF ARRESTS	12,142	14,191	15,198	16,339	19,469
% CRIMES CLEARED BY ARRESTS*	21.1%	20.6%	20.3%	24.1%	23.0%
CALLS FOR SERVICE DISPATCHED	143,975	150,272	146,900	178,519	211,856
OFFICERS KILLED LINE OF DUTY**	1	0	0	0	0
OFFICERS, ASSAULTED BY FIREARMS, KNIFES, ETC.	38	69	38	11	8

*Crimes cleared by arrest include Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny-Theft, and Motor Vehicle Theft.

**It's important to note that no El Paso Police Officer has been killed in the line of duty by violence (firearms, knives, hands, etc.) since 1957.

CRIME INDEX
1974 - 1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
INDEX CRIMES	24,043	25,255	25,335	24,620	23,609
TOTAL CRIME INDEX*	6,679	6,844	6,555	6,155	5,758
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS ¹	852	778	781	738	715
TOTAL CRIME INDEX CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	237	211	202	184	174
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY ²	23,191	24,477	24,554	23,885	22,894
TOTAL CRIME INDEX CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	6,442	6,633	6,353	5,971	5,584
POPULATION, CITY OF EL PASO	360,725	369,000	386,517	400,000	410,000

*CRIME INDEX, RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION

¹INCLUDES MURDER, RAPE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

²INCLUDES ROBBERY, BURGLARY, LARCENY-THEFT, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

PER CAPITA CRIME FIGURES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978
SURROUNDING SOUTHWEST AREA

CITY	POPULATION	CRIME INDEX	CRIME PER CAPITA
1.EL PASO	410,000	23,609	.058
2.SAN ANTONIO	827,800	56,500	.068
3.ALBUQUERQUE	350,000	22,866	.069
4.AUSTIN	331,000	24,722	.075
5.CORPUS CHRISTI	222,000	17,327	.078
6.LUBBOCK	179,000	14,697	.082
7.HOUSTON	1,600,000	132,000	.083
8.FT. WORTH	414,000	36,034	.087
9.TUCSON	314,500	29,124	.093
10.DALLAS	900,000	93,048	.103
11.PHOENIX	697,600	71,574	.103

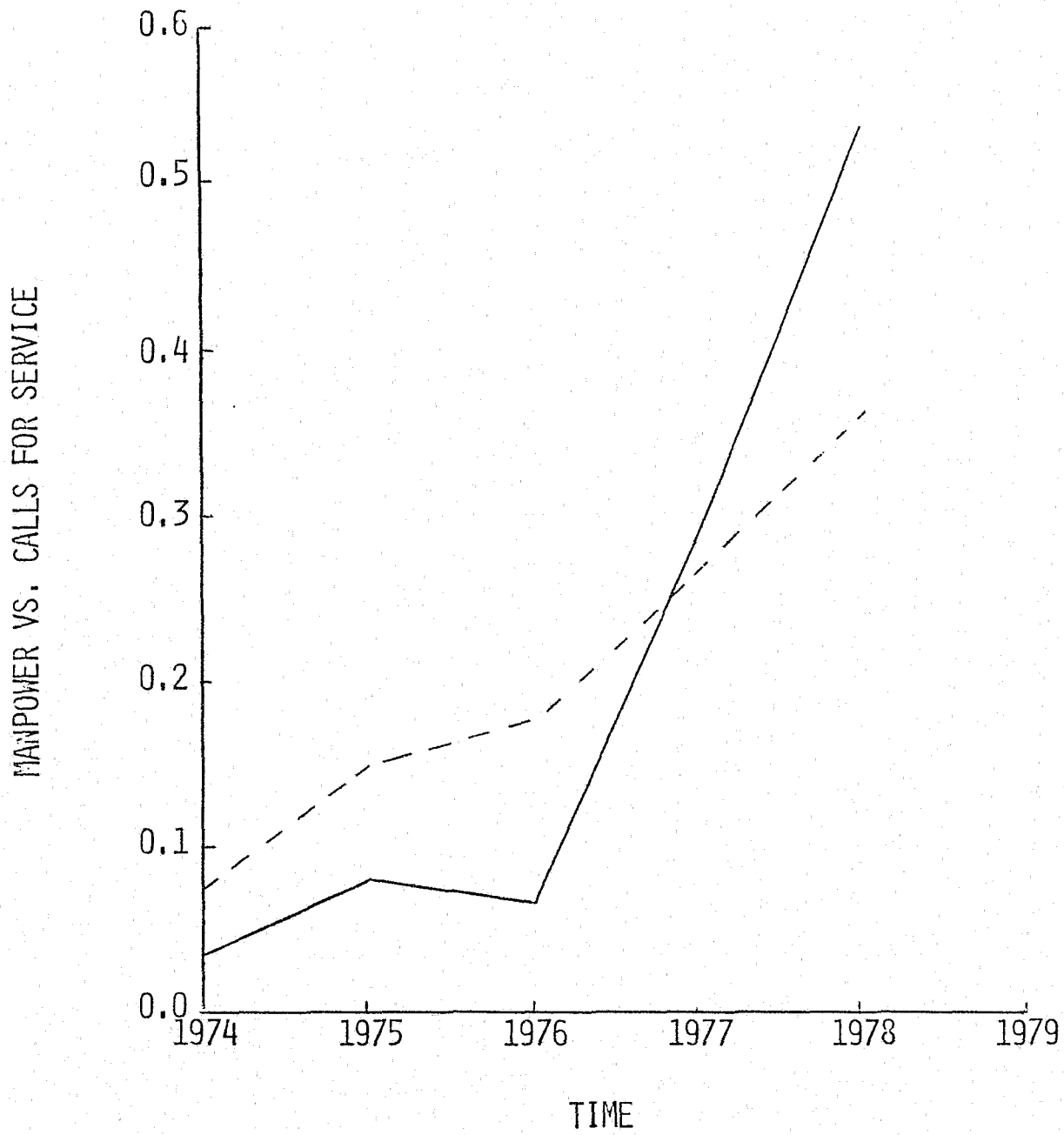
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POLICE SERVICE COST PER CAPITA
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978
SURROUNDING SOUTHWEST AREA

CITY	POPULATION	1978 - 1979 POLICE BUDGET	COST PER CAPITA
1. EL PASO	410,000	\$ 13,329,370	\$ 32.12
2. LUBBOCK	179,000	6,000,000	33.52
3. CORPUS CHRISTI	222,000	8,050,000	36.26
4. SAN ANTONIO	827,800	31,350,254	37.87
5. AUSTIN	331,000	14,000,000	42.30
6. FT. WORTH	414,000	17,803,629	43.00
7. ALBUQUERQUE	350,000	15,300,000	43.71
8. HOUSTON	1,600,000	89,000,000	55.63
9. TUCSON	314,500	18,038,620	57.36
10. DALLAS	900,000	56,707,000	63.00
11. PHOENIX	697,600	55,112,116	79.00

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PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM BASE PERIOD 1973
FIVE YEAR COMPARISON



TOTAL MANPOWER - - - - -
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE _____

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL
BY RANK AND AGE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

RANK AND AGE	20 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	36 to 40	41 to 45	46 to 50	51 to 55	56 to 60	TOTAL
CHIEF					1				1
DEPUTY CHIEF				1	1	1	1		4
CAPTAIN				1	3	4	1		9
LIEUTENANT			2	6	14	12	1	1	36
SERGEANT		8	24	19	10	7	2		70
IDENTIFICATION OFFICER II					1	2			3
POLICE SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER	3	36	34	18	22	12	3	1	129
PATROLMAN	142	209	70	13	16	4	1		455
TOTAL	145	253	130	58	68	42	9	2	707
% OF TOTAL	20.51	35.79	18.39	8.20	9.62	5.94	1.27	0.28	

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL
BY
LENGTH OF SERVICE

RANK AND YEARS OF SERVICE	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31 to 35	TOTAL
CHIEF				1				1
DEPUTY CHIEF			1	1	1		1	4
CAPTAIN				4	4	1		9
LIEUTENANT	1	1	3	20	8	3		36
SERGEANT	2	27	21	16	3	1		70
IDENTIFICATION OFFICER II				2	1			3
POLICE SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER	17	57	19	25	9	2		129
PATROLMAN	335	89	13	15	3			455
TOTAL	355	174	57	84	29	4	1	707
% OF TOTAL	50.21	24.61	8.06	11.88	4.10	0.99	0.14	

DISTRIBUTION OF POLICE
PERSONNEL
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

ASSIGNMENT	TOTAL	CHIEF	DEPUTY CHIEF	CAPT.	LT.	SGT.	I.D.II	PSSO	PTLM.
OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE	7	1	4	1	1				
Vice	6				1			5	
Intelligence	5					1		4	
Internal Affairs	5				1	1		2	1
Total	23	1	4	1	3	2		11	1
ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU									
Training	7			1	1	1		2	2
Planning/Research	4				1			1	2
Inspections	1								1
Budget & Finance	1				1				
Total	13			1	3			3	6
SERVICES BUREAU									
Identification	23			1	2	4	3	9	4
Transportation	1				1				
Support	18				1	3			14
Warrants	14				1	1			12
Communications	5				1	4			
Total	61			1	6	12	3	9	30
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU									
Auto Theft	19			1		2		16	
Burglary	33				1	4		28	

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ASSIGNMENT	TOTAL	CHIEF	DEPUTY CHIEF	CAPT.	LT.	SGT.	I.D.II	PSSO	PTLM.
Crime Prevention	7					1		6	
Narcotics	10				1	1		8	
Forgery	12				1	1		10	
General Assign.	5				1			4	
C.A.P.*	23				1	3		19	
TOTAL	110			1	6	12		91	
UNIFORM BUREAU OPERATIONS									
Traffic	104			1	3	7			93
Community Serv.	60			1	2	4		14	39
N.E. Station	65			1	4	6			54
East Valley Sta.	111			1	4	9			97
Central Station	118			1	4	13			100
TOTAL	458			5	17	39		14	383
SPECIAL PATROL									
Canine Unit	9			1		1		1	7
Foot Patrol	10					1			9
Tactical Unit	22					2			20
TOTAL	42			1		4		1	36
GRAND TOTAL	707	1	4	9	36	70	3	129	455

*C.A.P. - Crimes Against Persons

TOTAL POLICE MANPOWER
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
DEPUTY CHIEFS (FORMERLY INSPECTORS)	4
POLICE CAPTAINS	9
POLICE LIEUTENANTS	36
POLICE SERGEANTS	70
I. D. OFFICERS II	3
POLICE SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER (DETECTIVES)	129
POLICE PATROLMAN	455
POLICE RECRUITS	0
TOTAL	707

ANNUAL BASE SALARY
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1978

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
POLICE CHIEF	28,280	37,536
POLICE DEPUTY CHIEF	18,365	23,439
POLICE CAPTAIN	16,658	21,260
POLICE LIEUTENANT	14,389	18,365
POLICE SERGEANT	13,052	16,658
I. D. OFFICER II	12,430	15,864
P. S. S. O. (DETECTIVE)	11,838	15,109
POLICE PATROLMAN	10,738	14,389
POLICE RECRUIT	9,761	

1978 DEPARTMENT
HIGHLIGHTS

CRIME STOPPERS OF EL PASO

As the American Society becomes more sophisticated and complex, so must the law enforcement agencies whose responsibility it is to protect it. A new program sponsored by the El Paso Police Department called "Crime Stoppers" is a means to receive the information necessary to expand investigations in particular crimes.

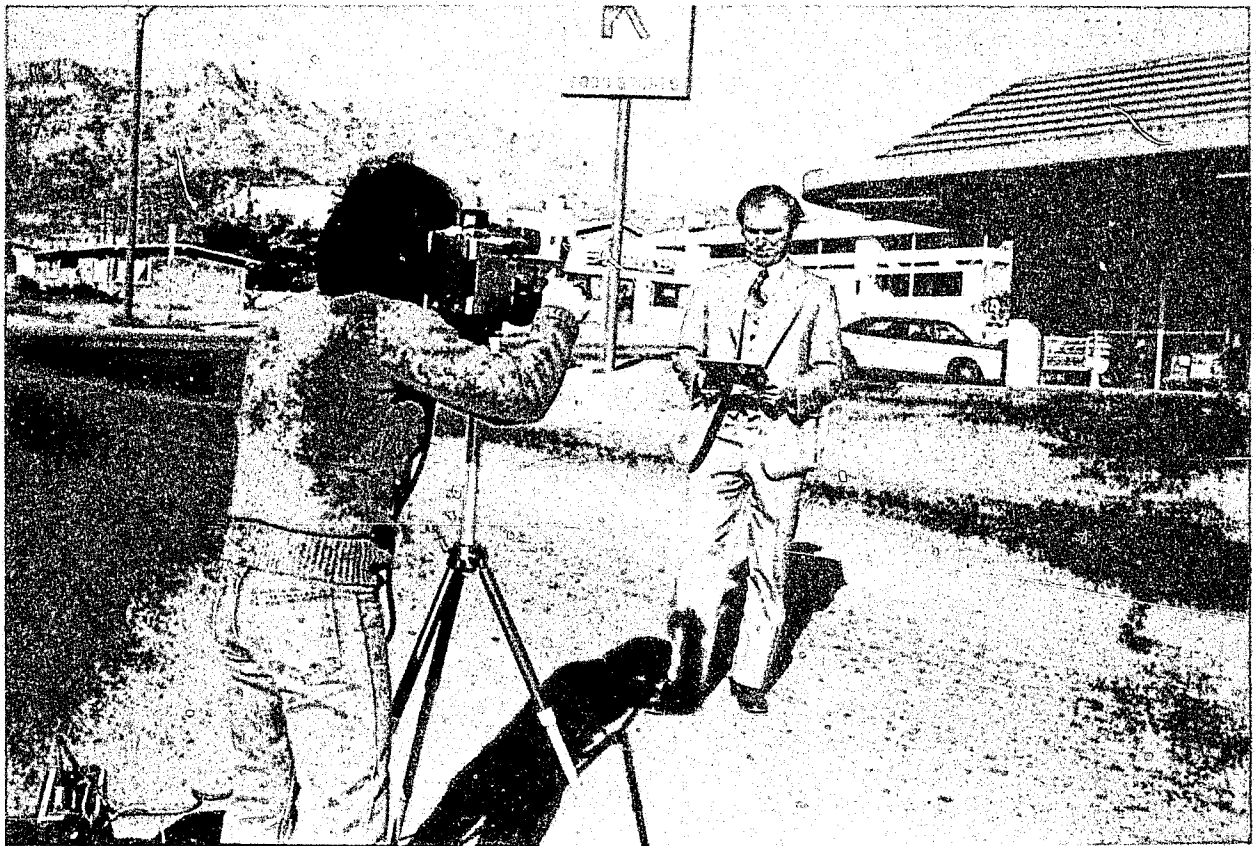
Crime Stoppers is a program that is directed by the community and is totally funded by donations from local businesses and private citizens. Basically, Crime Stoppers is a program that pays cash rewards to concerned citizens that are willing to give information that will lead to the arrest and indictment of felony criminal offenders. Telephone calls are received at the Police Department and the information is disseminated by the corresponding Detective Division. If an arrest and indictment is then procured, the amount of the reward is decided on by the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is made up of a cross-section of the Community and sets policy for the entire program.

Crime Stoppers is a high profile program that is continually in front of the public. A crime of the week is selected for the television news broadcasts on all three channels once a week. This crime is also put in both newspapers once a week. The local radio stations also participate by airing the crime of the week periodically throughout the week. This type of media coverage keeps the program in the public eye and attracts the attention of casual witnesses to various crimes, who might not have realized what they were seeing at the time of the offense.

Crime Stoppers is presently operating in over 30 cities throughout the United States with much success; most notably, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the program began. In the first three (3) months of it's existence, El Paso's Crime Stoppers Program has enjoyed fantastic success. To date, the Crime Stoppers score sheet reads as follows: 1 stolen pickup,

4 motorcycles, and a large quantity of stolen motorcycle parts recovered. The total value of the stolen property recovered is \$7,500.00. Confiscated were 1,647 pounds of marijuana and 1/4 gr. of cocaine with a street value of \$197,050.00. The total value of narcotics and stolen property recovered is \$204,550.00.

A total of 24 arrests have been made with information received through Crime Stoppers, and 28 cases have been cleared by these arrests. There are several cases being followed up at this writing. Police Department Detectives have been receptive to the new program because it is another means of obtaining information to assist with their investigations.



SGT. DWAIN JOHNSON PRESENTING THE WEEKLY "CRIME STOPPERS" BROADCAST

THE SIRCHIE MOBILE
EVIDENCE COLLECTION VAN

During the first of 1978, the Police Department acquired the "Sirchie" Mobile Evidence Collection Van. The evidence van was a welcome addition to the Identification and Records Division. Much of the difficulty in collecting, preserving, analyzing, and documenting evidence in the field was alleviated with the Mobile Evidence Collection Van.

Although not limited to the following, the Mobile Evidence Collection Van has the capability for conducting:

Narcotics Tests	Number Restoration
Gunpowder Particle Tests	Casting
Blood Tests (Not Typing)	Semen Tests
Trace Metal Detection	Metal Detection



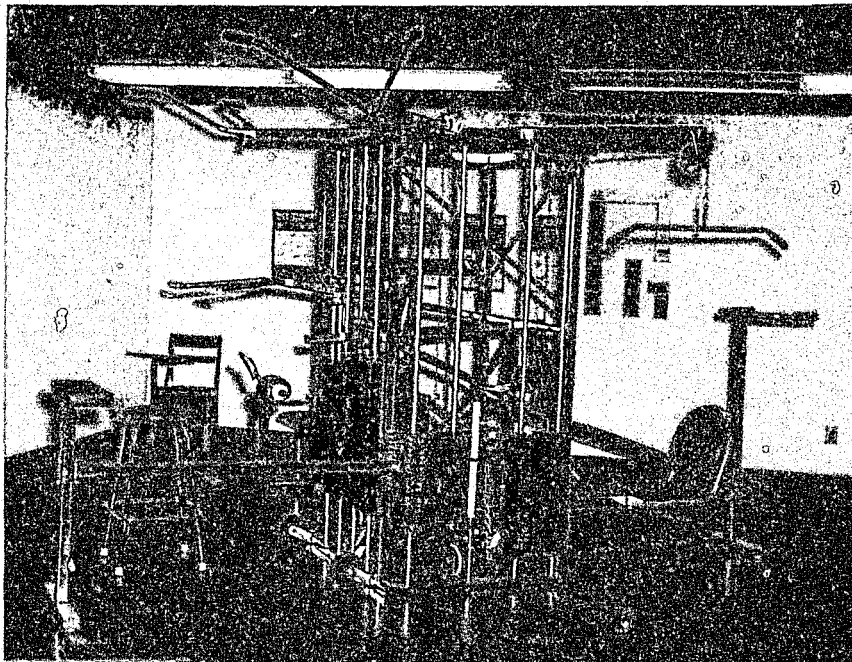
NORTHEAST SUB-STATION

Due to recent land annexations by the city, the latest occurring during the latter part of 1978, the station now services an area of approximately 100 square miles and a population of near 90,000 people.

The land area includes approximately 54 square miles known as Tom Mays Park, 39 square miles of land running west from the Southern Pacific Railroad property line to the East boundary line of Tom Mays Park, and of course, includes the original 26.5 square miles which has been policed by this station since its establishment in January of 1975.

During the year, the building was enlarged from 3,750 sq. ft. to 5,250 sq. feet. This addition includes a locker and storage area, two interview rooms and a gym equipped with a Universal Weight Machine.

Personnel:	1 Captain	6 Sergeants
	4 Lieutenants	53 Patrolmen



EAST VALLEY SUB-STATION

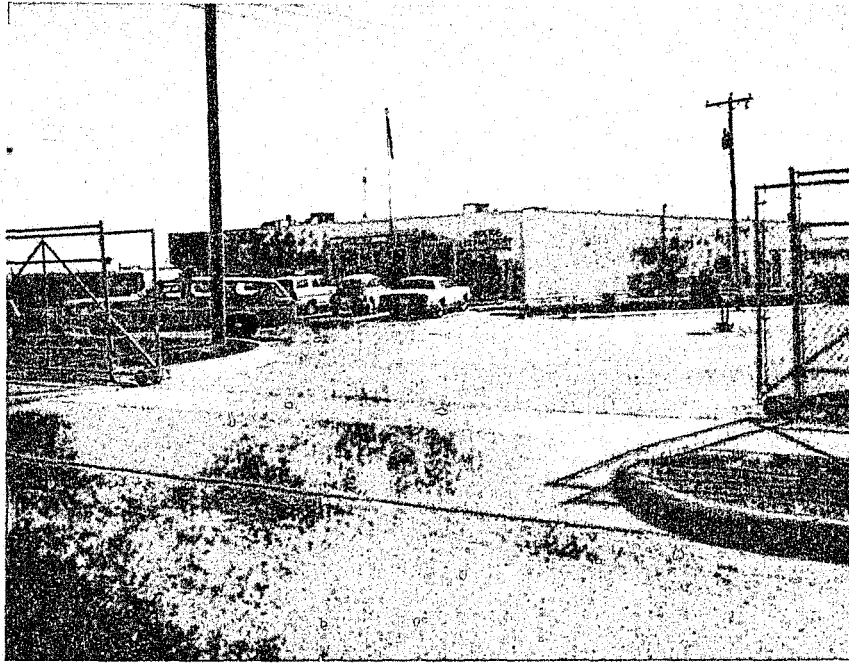
In 1978 the East Valley Police Sub-Station was responsible for patrolling the East and Lower Valley portions of the City of El Paso. The East Valley patrol responsibility covers approximately 48% of the total area of the City of El Paso and approximately 46% of the total population of the City.

The predicted crime norm for the East Valley Patrol area for the year 1978 was 43.05% of the total crime for the city. Commandable, East Valley Patrols were able to keep this average down to approximately 41.44% for the year 1978.

A Bicycle Patrol was organized at the East Valley Patrol Sub-Station in 1978. This bicycle patrol was organized to deal with the high crime rates in the large shopping centers and was effective in keeping down the crime rate in the areas where it was used.

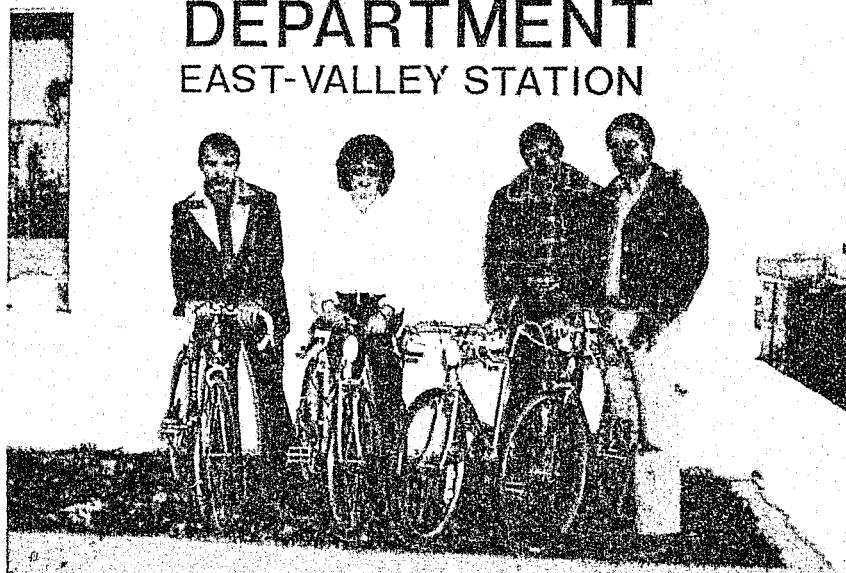
Also in 1978 four new interview rooms, a new report writing room, a breathalyzer room and a new Sergeants Office were constructed as additions to the original station. A seven ft. chain link fence was also erected around the entire East Valley Station and parking lot.

Personnel:	1	Captain	Transportation:	26	Patrol Cars
	4	Lts.		4	Bicycles
	9	Sgts.			
	99	Patrolman			



THE NEWLY ENLARGED EAST VALLEY SUB-STATION

POLICE DEPARTMENT EAST-VALLEY STATION



THE EAST VALLEY SUB-STATION BICYCLE PATROL

EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS DETAIL

The Emergency Vehicle Operations Detail is part of the Traffic Division. It consists of two officers which instruct on a full time basis and a sergeant who administers the school and schedules all classes. This detail began teaching classes in January of 1978. During the year a total of 170 Law Enforcement personnel were trained. 164 of those being officers of this department and the remaining 6 from other Law Enforcement Agencies.

This course involves 32 hours of training with the majority being actual driving hours on a specially constructed driving range in N.E. El Paso. Students in the course learn what their individual driving abilities are under various conditions. Also stressed are the capabilities of a motor vehicle along with various driving techniques.



CANINE UNIT

In 1978, the Canine Unit was expanded to eight handlers. Canine Units are primarily used in preventative patrol areas where burglaries, robberies, assaults, purse snatching, and other street crimes are most prevalent.

Canine Units are utilized, and are also very effective in the following tasks:

1. Building Searches
2. Bomb Searches
3. Field Searches
4. Narcotics Searches
5. Crowd Control
6. Tracking

The below photo was taken at a demonstration to show the effectiveness of the Canine Unit during a staged robbery.



TACTICAL SECTION

The Patrol Tactical Section is part of a combined force of specialized units, which along with the Foot Patrol and Canine Section are part of the Central Patrol Division.

The Patrol Tactical Section consists of two squads, each with one sergeant and ten patrolmen.

The purpose of the Tactical Section is to be a flexible force of the Patrol Division, ready to be directed at any specific crime problem within the city. Any unusual situation requiring special tactics or training such as a large disturbance, riots, crowd control, protection of dignitaries or any type of occurrence which requires concentrated police attention may be assigned to the Tactical Section. During the time that the Tactical Section is not working on a specific assignment, they will concentrate on Burglary and Aggravated Robbery suppression, with the emphasis being on crime in progress arrests. This is accomplished by the use of specialized surveillance equipment, unmarked vehicles, saturation patrol and stake-outs.



ANNUAL CRIME
STATISTICS

EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT
MISCELLANEOUS FACTORS

Factors which may be considered contributing to the incidence of crime, in the City of El Paso.

	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
El Paso's Rate of Unemployment	6.8%	10.0%	10.7%	10.0%	9.3%
Texas Rate of Unemployment	-	-	-	4.7%	4.6%
National Rate of Unemployment	5.6%	8.5%	N/A	6.4%	6.4%

Average age in El Paso is 23 years
 Average age in the United States 28.7 years
 Population in Cd. Juarez 650,000 plus

Total Number of Persons Arrested in 1978	19,469
Total Number of Foreign Residents Arrested in 1978	3,933

Of these 3,933 foreign residents 3,052 were 18 years and over, 881 were under 18 years of age.

The 3,933 figure constitutes 20.2% of the total number of arrests made in 1978 by the El Paso Police Department.

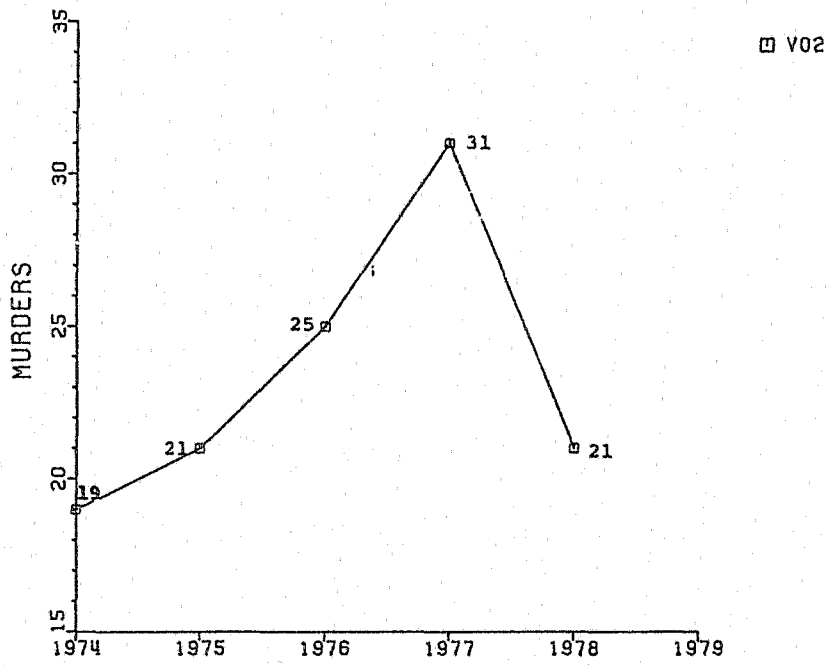
EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME INDEX COMPARISON
1977 - 78

	1977	1978
Index Crime	24,620	23,609
*Total Crime Index	6,155	5,758
Violent Crime	735	715
*Total Violent Crime Index	184	174
Property Crime	23,885	22,894
*Total Property Crime Index	5,971	5,584
Population	400,000	410,000
*Crime Index, rate per 100,000 population		

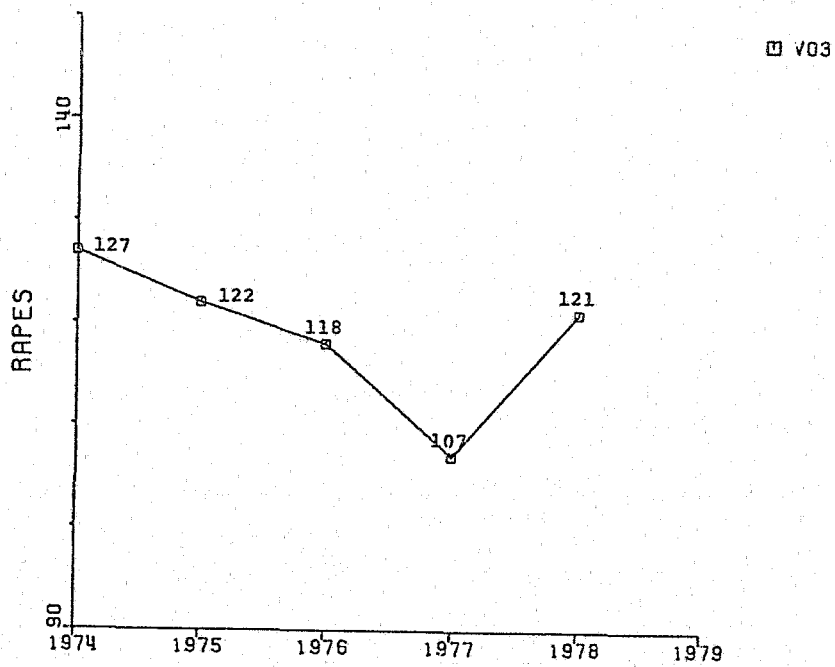
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1974 - 1978

	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
Murder	19	21	25	31	21
Rape	127	122	118	107	121
Aggravated Assault	706	635	638	597	573
Total Violent Crime	852	778	781	735	715
Percent of Change	Base	- 8.7%	+ 0.4%	- 5.9%	- 2.7%
Robbery	818	840	792	824	775
Burglary	6804	7978	6536	6678	6311
Larceny-Theft	12919	13308	15259	13877	13368
Motor Vehicle Theft	2650	2351	1967	2506	2440
Total Property Crime	23191	24477	24554	23885	22894
Percent of Change	Base	+ 5.5%	+ 0.3%	- 2.7%	- 4.1%
Total Crime Index	24043	25255	25335	24620	23609
Percent of Change	Base	+ 5.0%	+ 0.3%	- 2.8%	- 4.1%

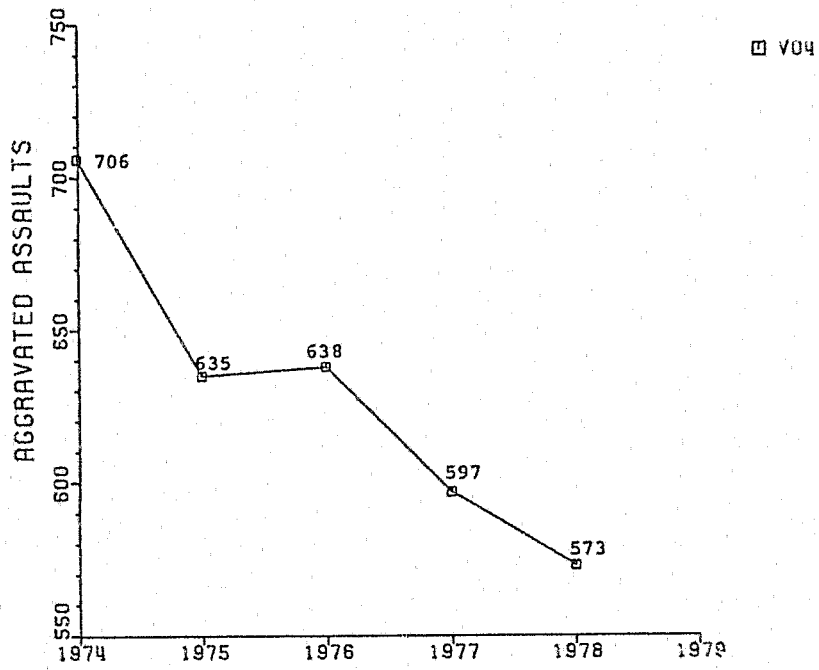
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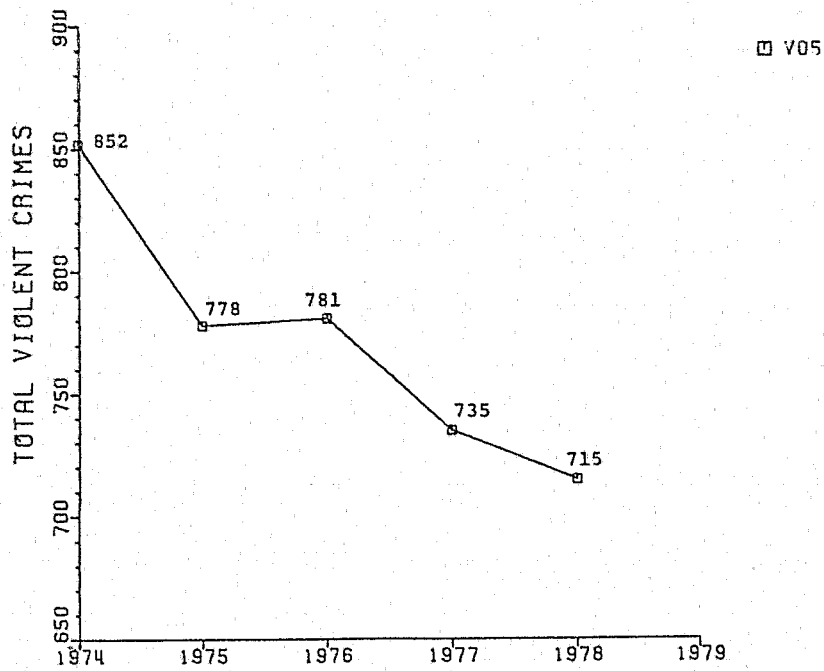
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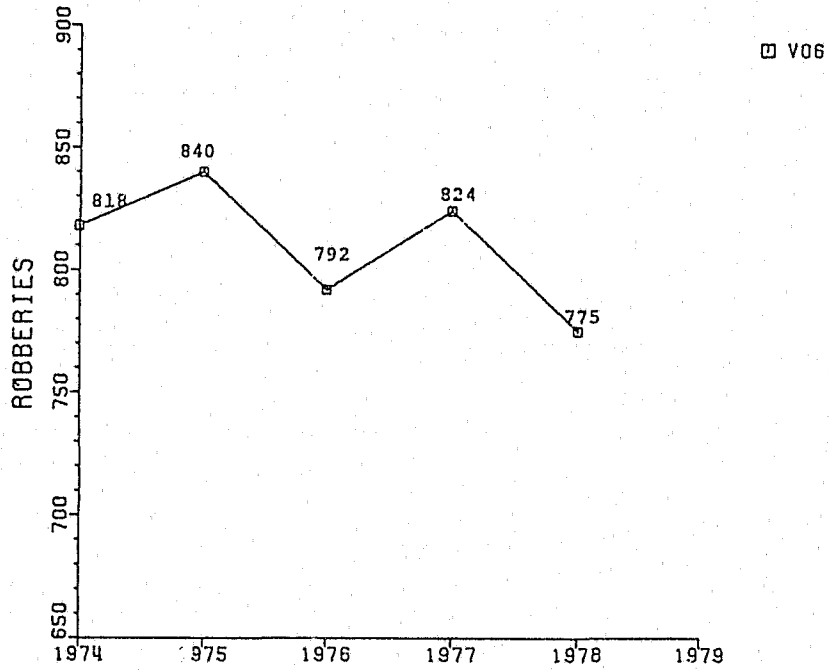
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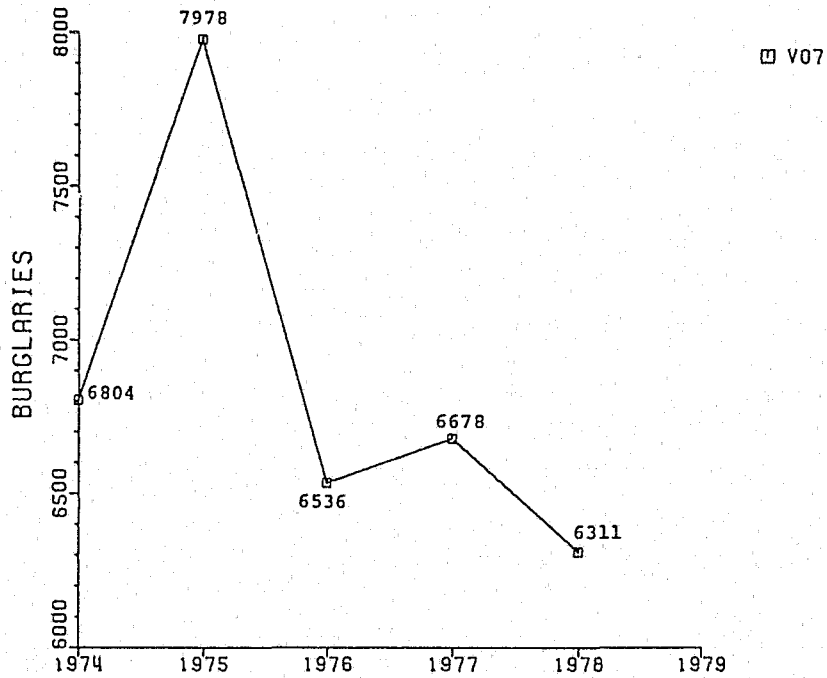
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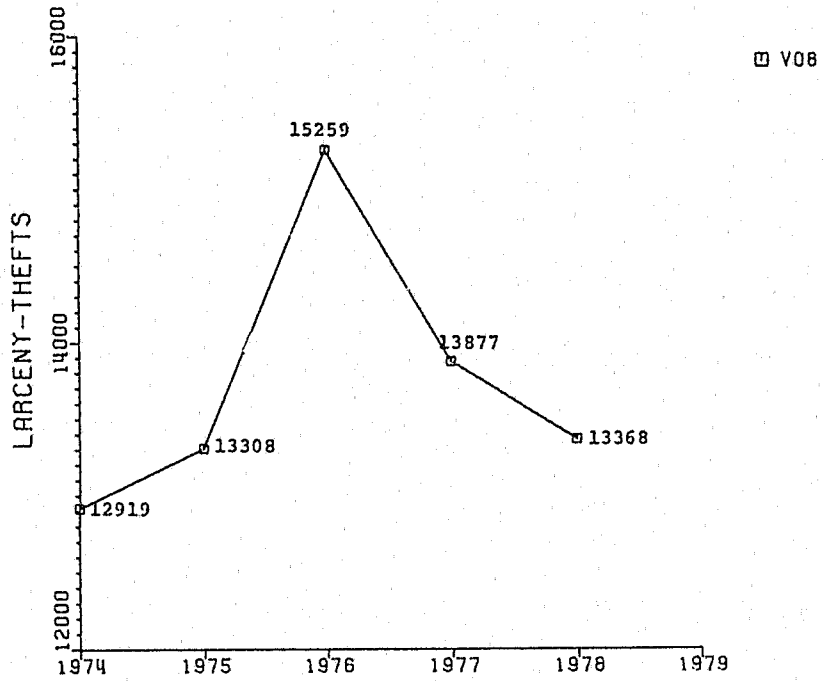
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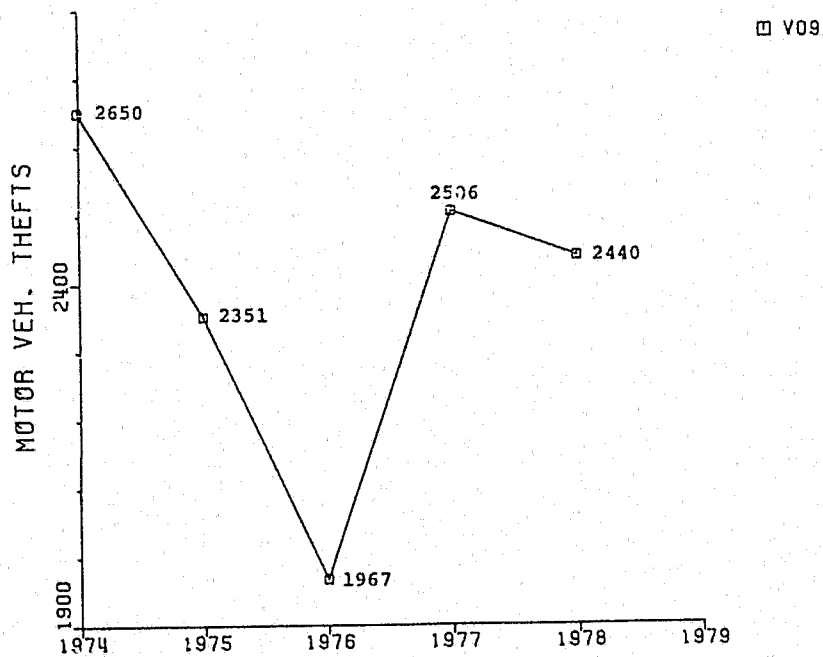
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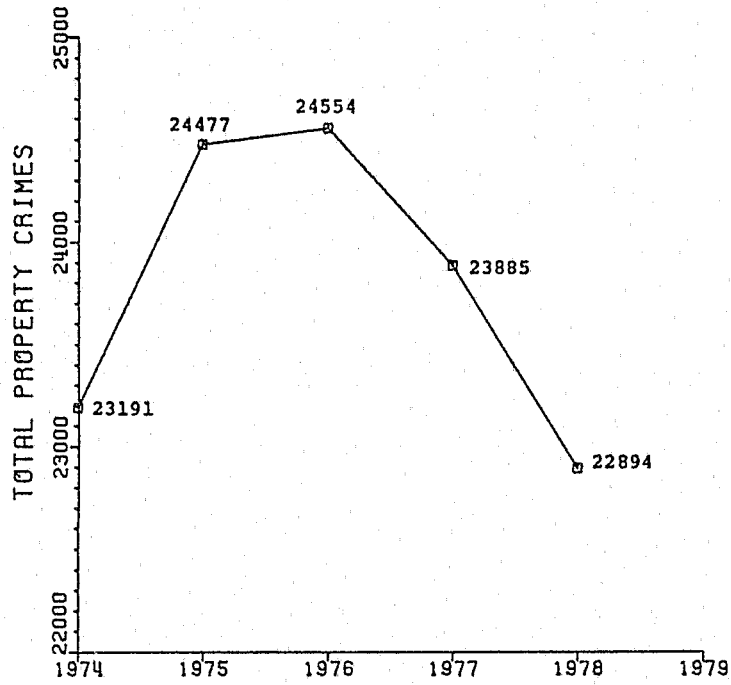
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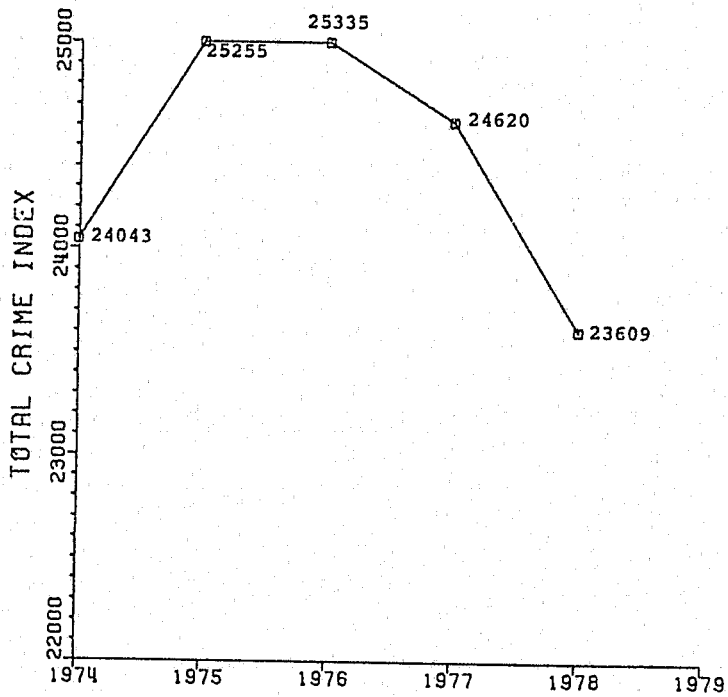
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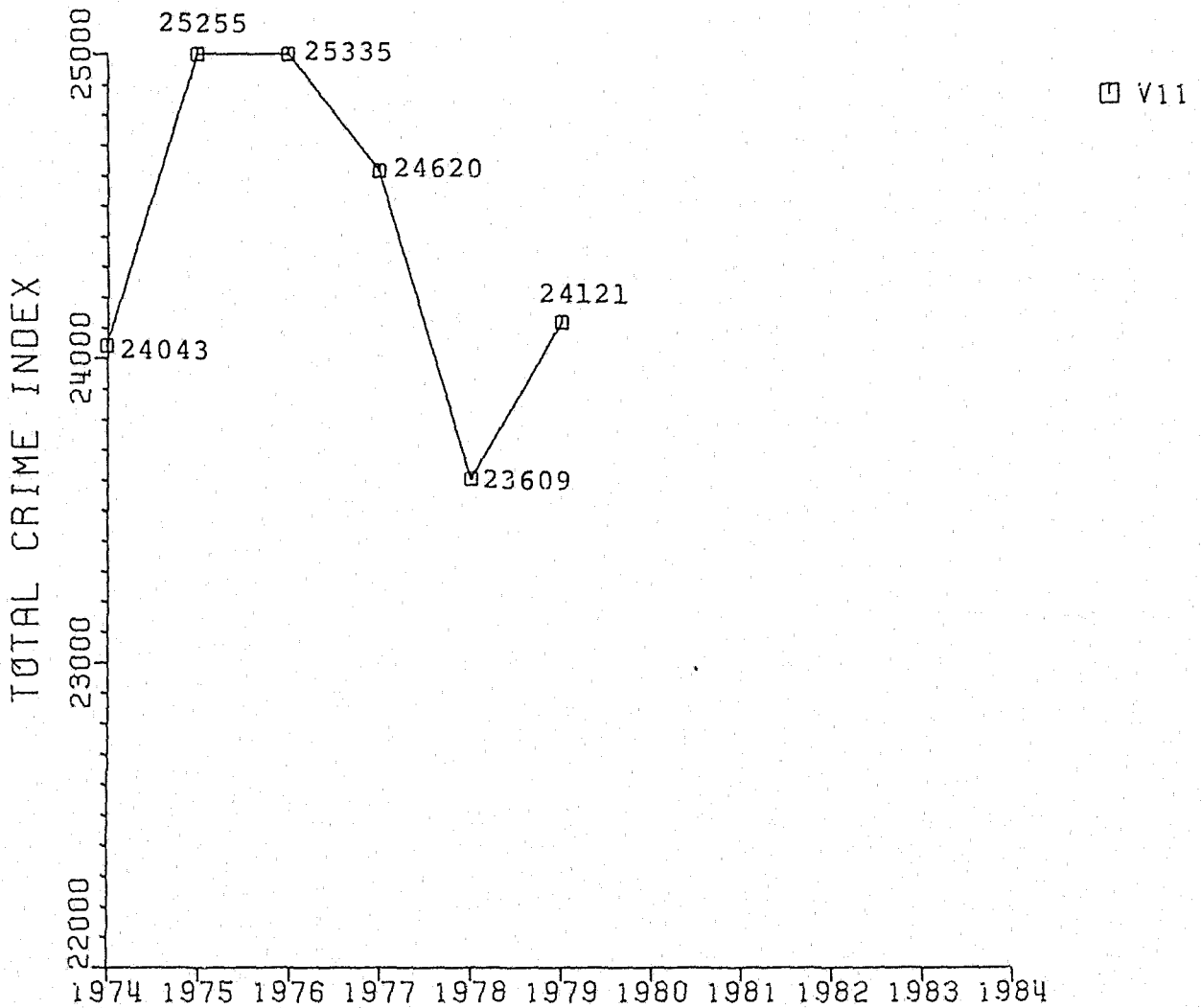


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1974-1978



1979 PROJECTION

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1974-1979



THE 1979 PROJECTION

PART I CRIMES
CLEARANCE RATE
1977 - 78

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	1977 OFFENSES	1977 CLEARED	1977 % CLEARED	1978 OFFENSES	1978 CLEARED	1978 % CLEARED
MURDER	31	23	74.2%	21	16	76.2%
RAPE	107	65	60.7%	121	83	68.6%
ROBBERY	824	241	29.2%	775	245	31.6%
ASSAULT	2,328	1,408	60.5%	2,635	1,704	64.7%
BURGLARY	6,678	1,059	15.9%	6,311	822	13.0%
LARCENY-THEFT	13,877	3,290	23.7%	13,368	2,800	9.6%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2,506	256	10.2%	2,440	234	20.9%
TOTAL	26,385	6,364	24.1%	25,672	5,905	23.0%

1978 CRIMES COMPARED TO 1977

<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>						
904	859	ROBBERIES	1	EVERY	612	MIN	(- 4.98%)
6,146	5,512	THEFTS	1	EVERY	95	MIN	(-10.32%)
3,670	3,576	THEFT OF AUTO PARTS	1	EVERY	147	MIN	(- 2.56%)
2,887	2,900	THEFT OF AUTO	1	EVERY	181	MIN	(+ .45%)
180	179	THEFT FROM PERSON	1	EVERY	2,936	MIN	(- .56%)
2,239	2,424	BURGLARY OF BUSINESS	1	EVERY	217	MIN	(+ 7.63%)
4,654	4,136	BURGLARY OF RESIDENCE	1	EVERY	127	MIN	(-11.13%)
2,424	2,375	BURGLARY OF AUTO	1	EVERY	221	MIN	(- 2.02%)

TOTAL CRIMES 1978 21,961 OR A CRIME EVERY 24 MINUTES

TOTAL CRIMES 1977 23,104 OR A CRIME EVERY 23 MINUTES

1978 TOTAL CRIMES DECREASED 4.95%

TRAFFIC DIVISION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Property Damage Accidents	11,169
Personal Injury Accidents	4,422
Fatalities	74
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	15,660

INJURIES AND DEATHS

Persons Injured	6,721
Persons Killed	74
TOTAL PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED	6,795

PEDESTRIANS

Injured	290
Killed	25
TOTAL PEDESTRIANS KILLED OR INJURED	315

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Month	Accidents Investigated by Traffic Division	Accidents Investi- gated by other Department Units
January	880	344
February	857	317
March	981	301
April	926	247
May	1,060	322
June	1,013	277
July	1,018	202
August	1,047	241
September	1,123	226
October	1,140	268
November	1,040	221
December	1,224	385
TOTAL	12,309	3,351
Percent	78.6%	21.4%

TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED 1978 84,202

TOTAL PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED 1978 121,844

EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT
 TRAFFIC DIVISION
 HIT AND RUN DETAIL
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

	YEAR TO DATE
Hit and Run Cases Investigated	3299
Cases Inactivated	1452
Cases Completed	1847
Percentage of Cases Cleared	53%
Charges Filed by Investigators	1697
Failure to Report Accident Citations.	191
Charges Filed by Complainants.	16
Vehicles Reported Stolen (Post-Accident)	63
Above Reports Proven False.	38

FELONY AND MAJOR MISDEMEANOR CASES

Cases Transferred to County and District Courts. . .	3997
Involuntary Manslaughter.	11
Criminally Negligent Homicide	2
Homicide by Vehicle	
Failure to Stop and Render Aid.	6
Felony Assault.	10
Misdemeanor Assault	3
Reckless Conduct.	18
Fleeing or Attempting to Elude.	74
D.W.I. First Offense.	3808
D.W.I. Subsequent Offense	
D.U.I.D.	43
D.W.L.S.	17
Other	5

CHEMICAL TESTING

Breath Tests Taken	3561
Breath Tests Refused	608
Blood or Urine Specimens Obtained.	5
D.W.I. Arrests Involving Accidents	1006

1978-79 ANNUAL
POLICE BUDGET

POLICE BUDGET

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT TITLE	EXPENDITURES 1976-77	ADJUSTED 1977-78	1978-79	
				REQUESTED	RECOMMENDED
800	Salaries & Wages	\$ 8,628,490	\$10,635,660	\$11,236,260	\$11,662,460
	Operating Expense				
801	Auto Allowance	1,620	1,620	2,160	2,160
803	Accrued Sick Leave	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
805	Advertising	2,100	2,100	4,000	1,000
813-1	Forage	3,000	3,500	4,000	3,500
813-2	Medical Care-Animals	200	200	250	200
814-3	Prisoner Custody-County	161,460	184,080	190,000	190,000
817	Medical Expenses	2,800	3,000	6,000	5,000
818-1	Maintenance-Automotive	156,625	172,290	200,000	275,000
818-2	Maintenance-Buildings	45,695	35,500	39,000	39,000
818-3	Maintenance-Pistol Range	7,100	11,100	15,000	12,000
818-4	Maintenance-Furniture & Equip.	60,660	64,000	70,000	66,000
822-2	Rental-Buildings	19,900	29,000	29,000	20,000
822-3	Rental-Equipment	74,500	73,150	75,000	75,000
822-4	Rental-Other	5,400	5,400	5,700	5,700
825	Membership Dues	195	195	600	335
826-2	Professional Services	25,000	25,000	25,000	5,000
826-3	Service Agreements	10,135	28,800	24,000	21,000
830-1	Books & Publications	3,000	2,500	7,000	8,555
830-2	Ammunition & Range Supplies	20,000	34,520	39,525	39,525
830-5	Photographic Supplies	14,000	20,500	25,800	24,600
830-7	Janitorial Supplies	4,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
830-8	Gas & Oil	300,000	353,000	325,000	250,000
830-9	Expendable Tools	13,000	19,400	21,250	21,250
830-10	Office Supplies	40,000	40,000	42,000	42,000
830-11	Shop Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000
830-12	Printing		22,000	28,000	22,000
835	Uniforms	140,000	169,535	175,000	150,000
839	Technical School	9,100	12,600	12,600	15,000
840	Travel & Per Diem	6,900	8,500	10,000	9,000
841	Undercover Expenses	6,000	8,380	35,000	8,400
842-1	Electricity	12,300	14,300	16,000	16,000
842-2	Gas	5,410	5,400	5,400	4,500
842-3	Water	1,750	1,700	1,750	1,750
842-5	Telephone & Telegraph	51,500	60,000	72,000	65,000
	Total Operating Expense	1,402,470	1,592,945	1,688,535	1,580,475
900	Capital Expense				
1	Automotive	547,500	403,000	451,500	
2	Building	-0-	-0-	-0-	
4	Furniture & Equipment	38,040	59,595	71,218	50,000
8	Communications	132,600	46,700	42,905	34,155
9	Major Tools	11,275	21,430	2,281	2,280
	Total Capital Expense	729,385	509,295	567,905	86,455
	TOTAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSE	\$10,728,815	\$12,219,505	\$13,492,700	\$13,329,370

END