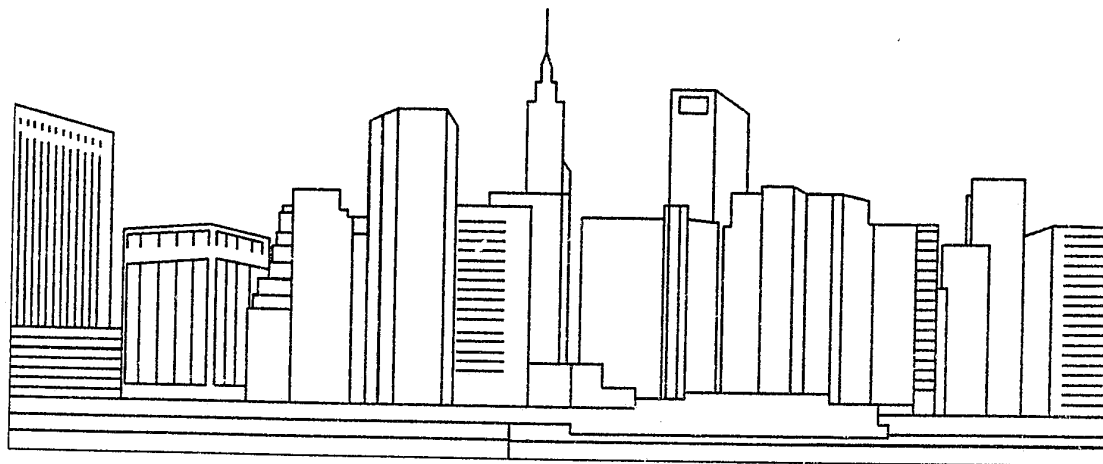


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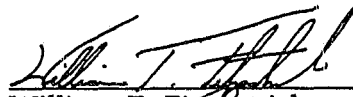
Dear Mayor Box:

Within this document, you will find the Annual Report of the Rockford Police Department's activity for the year 1988.

A particular 1988 highlight for me was our Department's exceptionally high solve rate. We do not control nor are we responsible for the frequency with which people call for service and/or commit crime; we are responsible for how well the crime is dealt with after learning of the incident. Our overall solve rate, our crimes against person solve rate, and our property solve rate all exceeded the national average. While calls for service were up over 9% in 1988, we see positive indicators that the men and women of the Rockford Police Department responded and rose to the occasion: Sick time was down, the solve rate was up, and true criminal events declined slightly. All of these are evidence of a healthy positive attitude on the Rockford Police Department.

In 1989, we are going to be involved in planning and preparing for installation of the '911 Emergency Phone System' in 1990. We will also aggressively pursue a problem-solving policy aimed at reducing repeat calls for service. It is our hope the information you find herein will help expand your insight into the daily duties of a Rockford police officer. Thank you for making the time to read our report and become more familiar with our situation.

Respectfully submitted,


William T. Fitzpatrick
Chief of Police

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1988 Annual Report

....1989 will be remembered as a year of positive change in Rockford —

For the men and women of the Rockford Police Department, 1988 was another busy year, responding to over 133,000 new calls for service. The ratio of service calls to Rockford's population reveals an almost one to one relationship between the two. Analysis of the calls shows what the public frequently called about and how the Department responded.

Criminal everts in 1988 — classified as either Part I or Part II crimes — totalled 32,015. Part I and Part II crimes include those incidents commonly associated with criminal activity: Homicide, robbery, theft, burglary, drug use, DUI, and disorderly conduct. Only 32,000 criminal incidents out of 133,000 service requests is dramatic evidence of the Department's real workload and how the citizens of Rockford utilize their police. It is also illustrative of the dilemma facing police administrators, both locally and across the country. When asked, most citizens — and even most police officers — perceive the role of the police as *crime-fighters*; however, today, better than 75% of our actual workload involves calls with very little, if any, relationship to the perceived role. Today's administrator [who is responsible for serving and protecting the public] must be able to balance these conflicting needs which he is essentially powerless to change or even control.

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The following pages document the effort of our Department to utilize a coordinated planned system of delivering our services. Listed for the reader in these reports are 1988's accomplishments and 1989's goal for all Bureaus and some major Bureau Units. No modern police agency can effectively accomplish their mission unless they focus on tomorrow's needs while providing today's service. Preparation must include planning those personnel needs, equipment needs, and service delivery methods.

The Department's goals for 1989 and 1990 include:

- Expansion of our commitment to combat illegal drug activities in Rockford by implementing an expanded drug education program (D.A.R.E.) and by increasing those resources allocated to investigating the illegal drug trade.
- Improve call-for-service responses through better manpower allocation and development of alternative response systems.
- Proactive involvement to reduce crime by eliminating those environmental and societal conditions which inhibit a person's ability to lead a lifestyle free from the threat of crime, be it real or perceived.

This year — 1989 — will be remembered as a year of positive change in Rockford; the Rockford Police Department will be a major contributor to that change.



ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

1988 PART I CRIMES

1988 PART I CRIMES	
Homicide	17
Rape	130
Robbery	501
Aggravated Assault	684
Burglary	4,065
Theft	7,760
Vehicle Theft	565
TOTAL	13,722

1981 - 1989 PART I CRIME RATE COMPARISON

YEAR	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
HOMICIDE	13	11	7	10	6	12	8	17
RAPE	47	45	54	61	101	125	133	130
ROBBERY	402	440	352	381	380	397	399	501
AGG. ASSAULT	620	723	632	594	670	738	685	684
BURGLARY	4,429	3,560	3,645	3,799	3,939	3,719	4,497	4,065
THEFT	6,977	7,334	6,538	6,639	7,194	6,657	7,650	7,760
VEHICLE THEFT	385	353	304	329	368	423	436	565
TOTALS	12,873	12,466	11,532	11,813	12,658	12,071	13,808	13,722
PERCENT CHANGED OVER PREVIOUS YEAR	-----	-3.16%	-7.49%	2.44%	7.15%	-4.64%	14.39%	-0.62%
PERCENT SOLVED	24.50%	22.80%	22.00%	22.00%	21.50%	23.70%	22.30%	23.26%

AVERAGE NUMBER OF ANNUAL INCIDENTS 1981 - 1988 - 12,617.88
AVERAGE SOLVE RATE 1981 - 1988 - 22.76%

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

1988 TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	1987	1988
SELECTED TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS		
Disobeyed Traffic Control Devices	998	720
Disobeyed Stop Signs	611	832
Drag Racing	7	15
Driving After Suspension/Revocation	1,230	1,387
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Related	997	710
Failed to Yield at Intersections	140	157
Fleeing to Avoid Arrest	60	71
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	102	156
Improper Turns/Signalling	332	529
Negligent Driving	738	846
No City Sticker	490	541
No Valid Driver's License	631	639
No Valid Registration	584	457
Reckless Driving	328	179
Seat Belt Violations	134	223
Speeding	5,471	5,446
Traffic Signal Violations	1,004	1,103
All Other Violations	7,626	4,228
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	21,483	18,239

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

Hazardous Violations	13,109	13,300
Non-Hazardous Violations	7,626	4,229
Driving Under the Influence	748	710
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	21,483	18,239

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Accidents with Injuries	1,788	1,196
Fatality Accidents	10	16
Hit-and-Run Accidents	1,466	1,203
Property Damage Only	4,589	4,876
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	7,853	7,291

PARKING TICKETS

38,523	40,863
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

CHAPLAIN'S DIVISION

The Chaplains' Division is a support unit of the Rockford Police Department, under the direction of the Administrative Services Bureau Commander. The core of this program consists of the Head Chaplain, the Personal Services Officer, and thirty-five volunteer Duty Chaplains. All are available to handle calls for assistance twenty-four hours a day, three-hundred-and-sixty-five days a year. In 1988, they handled more than 5,345 calls for assistance, which included: Death and/or accident notifications, family disturbances, major fire incidents, lonely and despondent person calls, alcohol and/or drug abuse problems, bereavement counseling, and calls from people in need of obtaining basics like food, shelter, and transportation.

Of those 5,345 calls for assistance, eight hundred and fifty of them were family units assisted directly through the Chaplains' Division office. These eight hundred and fifty families represent 2,184 individuals and each family was assisted an average of 3.5 times during the year.

1988 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Father Wentink	2,190
Duty Chaplains	8,760
Office Help	800
Resource Persons	500
Thanksgiving Help	450
Christmas Help	1,400
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	14,100

Other volunteers during the past year assisted in areas of secretarial and office work; sorting, organizing, and distributing items to the needy. It is estimated that the number of volunteer hours for the Head Chaplain, the Duty Chaplains, and other volunteers totalled more than 14,100 hours.

Another major area of assistance given is that provided police officers, fire-fighters, and other city employees. This includes both active and retired members, as well as their respective family members. This assistance varies greatly, and involves everything from speaking on the Recruit Classes level, conducting Family Life Seminars and Stress Classes (as well as other in-service programs), spending countless hours counseling with them, visiting those hospitalized or ill, to just 'keeping in touch' with those who are now retired. In this effort, we again resumed publication of *The Callbox*, a newsletter for active, retired, and disabled police officers. It has proven to provide a

needed link between those no longer with the Department with current activities within the Department.

The Personal Services Officer spent numerous hours serving as an in-house contact for the Employee Assistance Program, and also networking with other area social service agencies and churches in an effort to better serve the people of our community.

In 1988, we continued to be a model for other police departments, conducting many seminars to help them start their own Chaplains' programs. We were also very active in the Rockford area - presenting more than eighty-eight programs to churches and various other civic, fraternal, and social organizations

In 1988, there were 5,345 calls for service....850 family units were assisted last year.

throughout our community concerning the operation of the Chaplains' program. Our 'Teddy Bear Program' also continued to expand throughout the past

year. Through this program, we stocked the Fire Department ambulances, the area helicopters, and area police department youth sections with teddy bears. These bears were given out to more than two hundred and fifty children who were involved in crisis situations.

Again during the past year, we continued to work to coordinate our program with other community helping agencies. These include the Mayor's Homeless and Hungry Task Forces, the Suicide Prevention Council, the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency activities, and the Janet Wattles Mental Health Center. In addition, the Personal Services Officer helped to set up the Red Cross Cold Weather Shelter.

We have been grateful for the opportunities to serve and assist our fellow man in 1988, and for the blessings God continues to bestow upon us. We are grateful to Chief William Fitzpatrick and the many police officers and fire-fighters who believe in and support the Chaplains' Division Program. In 1989, we will be computerizing more facets of our office work, searching, re-evaluating, and reorganizing several aspects of our program to be able to better assist and more effectively serve those in crisis situations. We will continue to coordinate our efforts with other local helping agencies.

SOURCES OF 1988 REVENUE

Private Individuals	47.8%
Churches	25.4%
City of Rockford	12.3%
Civic Clubs	7.6%
Businesses	4.8%
Interest Earned	1.3%
Repayments	0.8%

TRAINING DIVISION

During 1988, the Training Division continued to provide extensive training to both sworn and non-sworn personnel. The police department is only as good as its *least* trained employee. With this statement in mind, the Training Division expended time, money and resources towards a common goal of productive, pertinent, job-related training. Total training hours for the past year amounted to over 23,000.

The Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board, Mobile Team Two provided 13,417 hours of training to Rockford Police Department personnel during 1988.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

During last year, three supervisors attended the School of Police Staff and Command at the Northwestern Traffic Institute in Evanston. This four-hundred hour program provides the skills necessary for assuming increased responsibility in the administration staff or line command positions. Numerous other training courses were also provided to managers and supervisors, which include Executive Development, Interpersonal Relations, Motivation Techniques, Leadership Dynamics, and other Management/Supervisory courses.

INVESTIGATOR TRAINING

Investigators assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau attended numerous courses during 1988. These courses included Interview and Interrogations, Hostage Negotiation, Crime Scene Investigations, Murder and Rape Profiling, Fraud and Loss Prevention, Ritualistic Crimes, Infectious Disease Awareness, to mention several.

UNIFORMED OFFICER TRAINING

The officers assigned to the Uniformed Services Bureau attended a number of the courses listed above, as well as courses more suited to their needs in the day-to-day public contacts. These courses included domestic violence, communications skills, law and procedure, and mandatory courses in physical encounter controls, baton training, and First Responder. Additional effort has been directed towards the firearms program. Our goal is to provide the officers with the skills necessary to know how and, more importantly, when to use their weapons.

TRAINING GOALS FOR 1989

- A training program geared to giving the officers appropriate physical encounter training has been implemented. The program strives to teach officers how to deal with persons in a responsible manner which is both professional and safe for both the police and the public.
- A new system of field-training probationary officers will be continued. New officers are now given more extensive exposure to other Bureaus and agencies (both inside and outside the Department). The purpose here is to broaden their understanding of an officer's total role on this Department.

RECRUITING OFFICE

The primary objective of the Recruiting officer for the Rockford Police Department is to hire the most qualified men and women, regardless of their sex or race. In 1988, our goal was to continue in the direction set when the office of recruiting was established.

Progress has been made and the figures for the 1988 program reflect this. In 1987, we had Asian-Americans and Indians included in the figures. These two groups did not respond during 1988, nor did we have any Hispanic females apply. We had a larger percentage of Hispanic males make application, which is more than ever before. We were pleased that we had a total of two hundred and ninety persons apply for police officer positions, almost as many as in 1987. Broken down by sex and race is as follows:

TOTALS BY SEX AND RACE	
White Males	56.52%
White Females	13.04%
Black Males	8.70%
Black Females	8.70%
Hispanic Males	13.04%
	100.00%
TOTALS BY SEX	
Males	78.26%
Females	21.74%
	100.00%
TOTALS BY RACE	
Caucasian	69.57%
Non-caucasian	30.43%
	100.00%

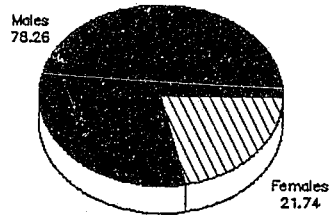
In 1989, the goals are to build on the foundation that has already been instituted. The Recruiting Office will continue to strive in locating and bringing into the testing process those individuals who are well-qualified and will as a result enhance our Department.

FISCAL SERVICES

The Fiscal Services Division is responsible for the 'nuts-and-bolts' of the police department. We purchase all equipment and supplies for all phases of the Department's program — from buying and maintaining the Department vehicles, purchasing and issuing uniforms and uniform equipment, to securing general office supplies for use within the Department.

In addition, we maintain a Department inventory of all equipment through computer programs to give us immediate access to information on present equipment. In this way, we can forecast projected needs in terms of short-range and long-range programs. Our goal in 1989, through extensive product and service evaluations, will be to provide the best equipment and services possible, while keeping within the budget.

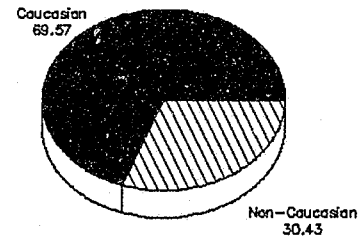
1988 RECRUITING PROGRAM
TOTALS BY SEX



PERCENTAGE

Recruiting Division

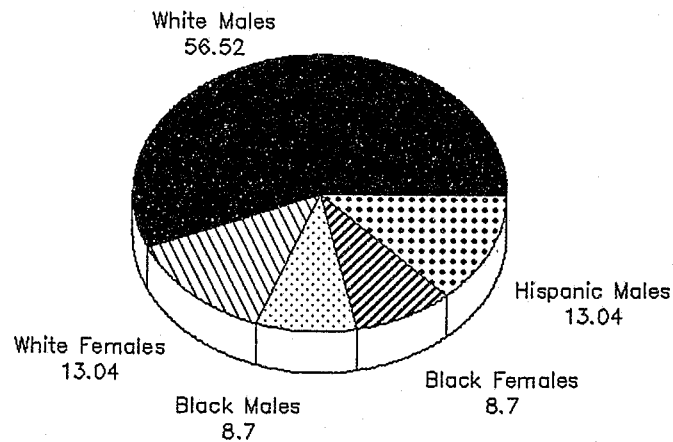
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PERCENTAGE

Recruiting Division

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
1988 RECRUITING PROGRAM



PERCENTAGE BY
RACE AND SEX

Recruiting Division

COMMUNICATIONS/RECORDS BUREAU

The Communications and Records Bureau is a joint-function operation for both the Rockford Police Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, as well as some smaller agencies. There are sixty people employed in this Bureau.

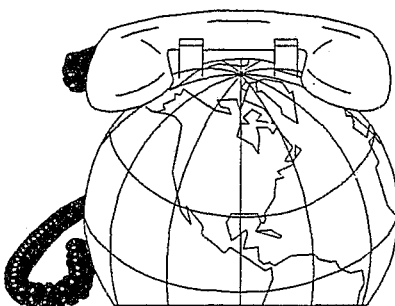
RECORDS

The Records Division is broken down into the Records Management Section, Crime Analysis Section, and the Report Review Section.

The Records PIMS computer system has been on-line for over a year, and management reports are now available that show trends and historical comparisons. Searches for names, addresses, vehicles, and property are available and have a much faster return time than the old MORGAN system. During 1989, more detailed training on PIMS will be offered to police personnel so they can have 'hands-on' experience and increase their use of the system. Hopefully during the coming year, we can cross the line from being *gatherers of data* to being *cultivators of information*.

The Crime Analysis Section started using the computerized section of the PIMS Crime Analysis system, which covers robbery and sex offenses. During 1989, PIMS will be adding a new software version of Crime Analysis covering all property crimes. When our Crime Analysis Section is fully computerized, we will be able to offer the forecasting of crimes for the Uniformed Services Bureau and the Investigative Services Bureau.

The Report Review Section was transferred to the Bureau during 1988. This Section is responsible for maintaining the Department's Master Time Sheet, and reviewing, correcting, and routing all incident reports. The daily 'Squeal Sheet' is maintained and distributed by Report Review to all other Department units. During 1989, their duties and responsibilities will be expanded to coincide with their twenty-four-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week status.

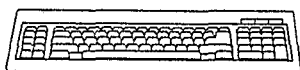
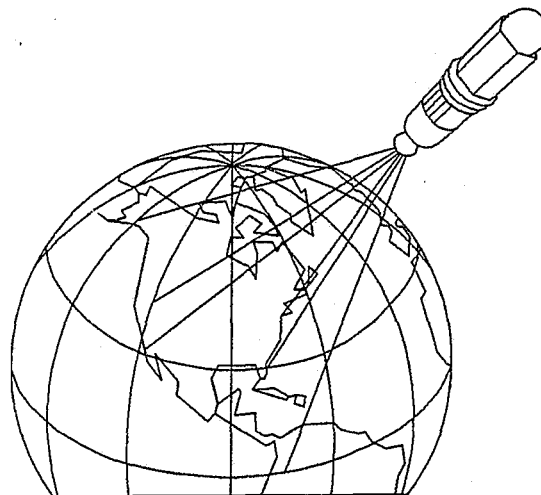
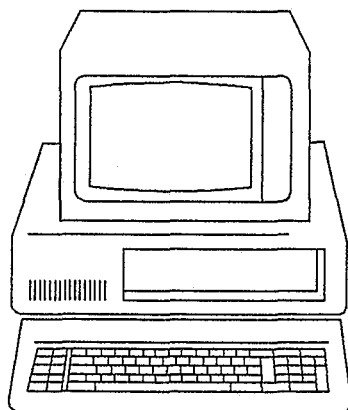
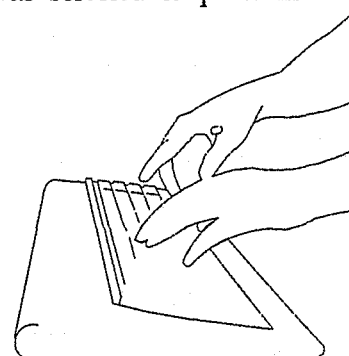


COMMUNICATIONS

The Communication Center is the nerve center for the Rockford Police Department, the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Machesney Park, and fourteen other agencies either through monitoring or part-time dispatching.

An in-depth study was commissioned in 1988 to study the physical and operational aspects of the communication function. *Spectra Associations, Inc.* of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was selected to perform this study, the first since the original installation in 1976. This study should be completed during the first quarter of 1989 and any emergency needs should be addressed as soon as possible afterwards. A competent, structured five-year plan will be formulated for recommended equipment replacement or up-date.

In 1988, the Communications Center generated 133,434 calls for service, for an average of three hundred and seventy per day.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Detective Division is the largest division of the Investigative Services Bureau. When one thinks 'Detective Division', they think of 'criminal case follow-up'. Although that is an integral part of it, there is *much more*. Nineteen eighty-eight was the busiest year the Detective Division has ever experienced. There were more case assignments than in any previous year; over five thousand cases were assigned for investigation during the year.

A new commander was appointed when the previous commander retired. In the General Case Section, 2,401 cases were assigned to the Unit's eight investigators. Among the types of cases investigated were thefts, burglaries to vehicles, and auto thefts.

The Fraud and Forgery Unit was expanded from one to two officers to meet an increase in workload.

The Burglary Section investigators were assigned 1,093 cases in 1988.

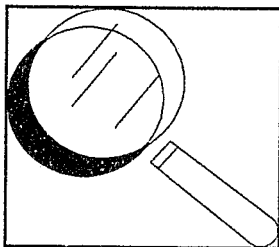
The detective assigned to the Pawn Shop Unit did a great job, and has assisted in solving numerous burglaries and thefts. We will be working with the Legal Department in 1989 to strengthen the City Ordinance pertaining to these types of businesses.

With a record number of seventeen homicides and 1,566 cases assigned to the eight investigators in the Violent Crime Section, the detectives were kept extremely busy. With some good investigations continuing, we hope to solve pending homicide investigations in the near future.

The Gang Unit of two investigators assisted the Violent Crime Section in several cases in 1988. With an increase in gang activity and related crime, these Unit is investigating more cases than ever.

The Identification Section is one of the most vital of all. The officers assigned to the Identification Section is responsible for gathering evidence at crime scenes in order for the investigators to establish whether or not a particular suspect was at the scene, and to present this evidence in court in a manner that results in a successful prosecution of the suspect. The case load of this Section increased by 1,117 cases in 1988, going from 2,974 in 1987 to 4,091 for the past year.

The Photo Lab Unit also showed an increase in activity in 1988. Members processed a total of 101,987 photographs. In addition to the 41,593 for our Department, they also processed 2,530 for the Rockford Fire Department and 57,864 for the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.



YOUTH DIVISION

The Youth Division operates within the Investigative Services Bureau and is responsible for the prevention and investigation of criminal acts directed at or committed by the youth of our community. There are three major areas in which the Youth Division concentrates its efforts.

The first area comprises the *investigation of criminal incidents involving juvenile victims or suspects*, crimes committed in the school system, and all missing persons. The second area

involves community education related to crime prevention, security, and improving community relations between the Department and our community. These efforts involve the Crime Prevention Unit, the *Crimestoppers Program*, the 'Officer Friendly' Program, the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program, and the Community Services Section. The third area comprises assistance to crime victims or witnesses through the activities of the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit. The activities of these various units will be covered individually in this report.

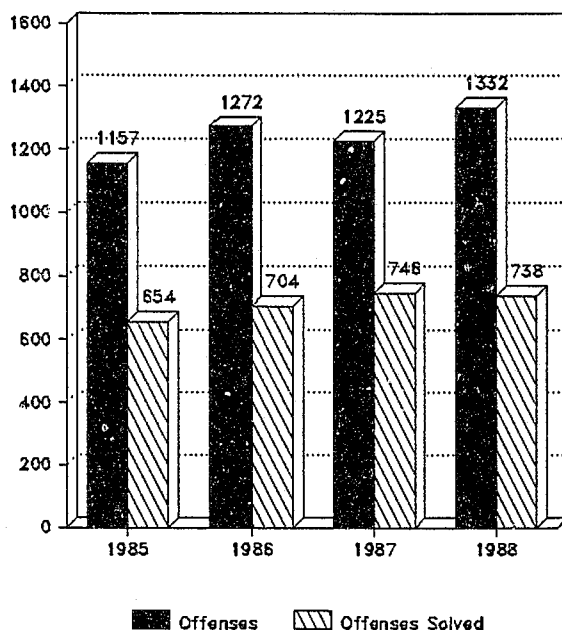
During 1988, a total of 1,687 assigned cases were investigated by Youth Division investigators. Of these complaints, 1,332 were cleared, representing a clearance rate of 78.95%. A case clearance can be obtained by counseling the persons involved, station-adjustments (lecture-and-release) of the offender, referral to other agencies or by arrest. In 1988, Youth Division investigators arrested four hundred and forty juveniles and one hundred and five adults.

The Youth Division investigated two hundred and twelve cases of child abuse or neglect. As a result of these cases, twenty-seven persons were arrested on related charges. There were also one hundred and ninety-seven other morals cases referred to the Youth Division where twenty-nine arrests were made. The Youth Division is determined to pinpoint this problem in our community and will investigate all reported cases of child abuse/neglect and other morals offenses. In addition, we are assisting in educating the community in these areas, so they, too,

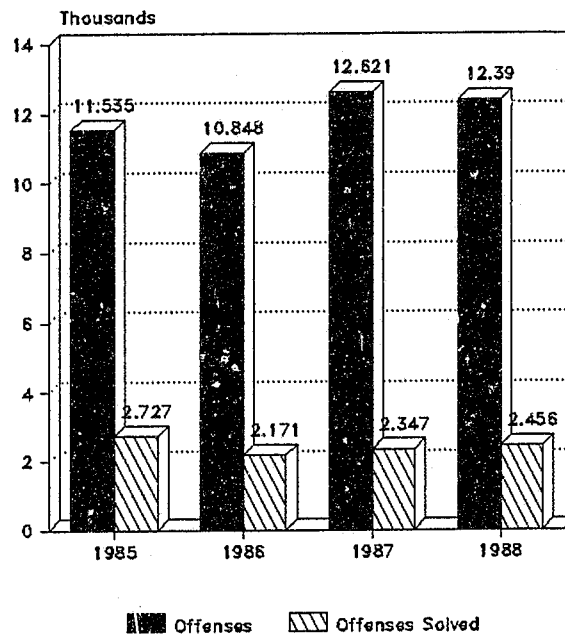
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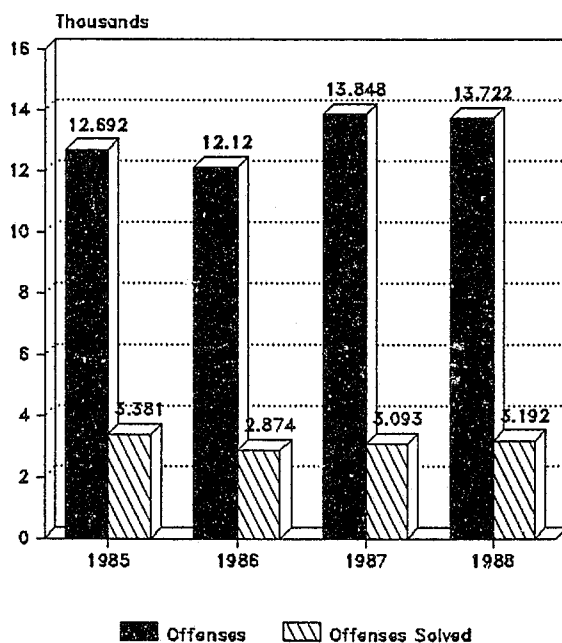
PART I CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS Offenses vs Offenses Solved



PART I CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY Offenses vs Offenses Solved



TOTAL PART I CRIMES Offenses vs Offenses Solved



ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

1988 PART I CRIMES

1988 Solve Rate for
Rockford is 23.26%

National Average
Solve Rate is 21.20%

can help identify, report, and aid in the prosecution of child abuse offenders.

Missing persons and runaways continued to be a significant problem that requires a full-time assignment of one investigator. In 1988, a total of 1,105 persons were reported to the Rockford Police Department as missing, runaway, attempt-to-locate, or wanted (on Department of Corrections warrants). Statistics show that there were five hundred and seventy-six females and five hundred and twenty-nine males reported missing; of these, seven hundred and ninety-nine were caucasians and three hundred and six were minorities. Of interest is that these missings involved eight hundred and thirty-eight juveniles, nearly 75% of the total missings, and two hundred and sixty-seven adults.

The Youth Division oversees several programs involving the youth and other members of our community. The Rockford Police Department Law Enforcement Exploring Program has been in existence for over twenty years. The Defensive Driving Program is offered as a public service to the community to instill better driving habits in persons to reduce the number of traffic collisions. The Junior Gun Safety Program, manned by volunteer members of the Department and other groups, had ninety-eight young people enrolled in 1988; this means that 4,513 persons have participated in the thirty years this program has been available.

Among the goals for 1989 for the Youth Division are:

- Due to recent changes in the law and increased awareness of parental child abduction, we will work to refine our skills in handling these cases. We will train and designate the investigators to coordinate these multi-agency groups to effect the arrest and extradition of the offender and return the children to the rightful custodian.
- We will continue our participation in the local I-SEARCH Unit dedicated to curb the problem of missing children.
- A new area of concern for us is the field of ritualistic and cult activity. We intend to head this problem off before it grows into a major problem, monitoring area activity and developing investigative expertise in the field.
- We will continue concentrating on the enforcement of minor drinking laws, with particular emphasis on adult involvement, minor drinking parties, and liquor establishments selling to minors.

CRIME PREVENTION UNIT

The Crime Prevention Unit in 1988 was staffed by Detective Tom Gibbons, who does the 'Officer Friendly' Program; Detective Al Hegge, who is the Department D.A.R.E. Officer; and Detective Loyal Slaughter, the Crime Prevention Officer.

The 'Officer Friendly' Program involves Kindergarten through Sixth Grades in all of the elementary schools, both public and private schools, within the

Rockford city limits. Programs are given in the areas of acquainting the children with the police uniform and job-related aspects of a Rockford police officer. Safety classes are also taught that coordinate with the health and safety guidelines mandated by the State of Illinois, ranging from 'Stranger Danger' to street safety, etc. The three major goals of the program are being met in the City of Rockford: To acquaint the child with a uniformed police officer, to let every child know they have rights not to be abused or neglected, and to be taught mandated guidelines concerning safety aspects appropriate to their age. They are also being taught that they have the right to know and are being taught that they must confirm to and obey rules and laws of society.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (commonly referred to as D.A.R.E.) is aimed primarily

at elementary-age school children to provide life skills enabling them to avoid the dangers of substance abuse, helping them avoid doing things that are

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wrong, and recognizing harmful elements of society. Programs are given to assist the development of self-esteem, avoiding peer pressure, managing stress, decision-making, risk-taking, recognizing drug use and misuse, ways to avoid gang influence and many others. The program involves primarily sixth grade students, but visits to second and fourth grades are made to help prepare these children in feeling good about themselves. There were eleven schools involved in the D.A.R.E. program in 1988, reaching approximately sixty children per school day. In addition, the D.A.R.E. Program provides for parent instruction through Parent Night several times during the school year. The D.A.R.E. Officer also makes presentations to various civic religious organizations when requested.

The work of the Crime Prevention Unit focuses primarily in the areas of providing information to the public on *Neighborhood Watch*, robbery prevention, burglary prevention, anti-shoplifting tips, senior citizen safety, criminal sexual assault information, and ways to avoid con artists and other scams. Programs on these topics and others are provided to the general public for individual use. Security inspections of private homes and businesses are also available to provide information to assist the owners in upgrading the safety of their residences and other buildings.

Several media interviews and public service announcements were taped by all three officers in the areas of bicycle safety, Halloween safety, *Neighborhood Watch*, drug abuse information, and many others to assist in the area of public safety. We have attempted throughout the year to make use of state-provided materials whenever possible to avoid duplication in printed material on various topics. In 1988, we have provided the services of 'McGruff' (the crime dog) on an increased basis; a new costume was presented to the Department through NASCAR and Rockford Speedway;

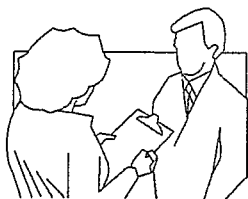
the funds were donated as a result of 'McGruff Night' at Rockford Speedway. Our 'McGruff', Officer William Tetzlaff, has made many different appearances in the Rockford area at many functions, helping to remind citizens to 'Take a bite out of crime.'



COMMUNITY SERVICES UNIT

Neighborhood disputes, landlord/tenant conflicts, and on-going conflicts between families and/or individuals are perpetual problems for any police department. More time is often needed to give such problems the attention needed for some type of mutually-satisfactory agreement. Consequently, officers repeatedly are sent on calls involving the same people with the same difficulties without much change ever taking place.

In February of 1988, the Rockford Police Department initiated a new Unit, the Community Services Unit, which is a part of the Investigative Services Bureau in the Youth Division. An investigator was assigned to the Unit whose job is to seek to diffuse such situations and hopefully bring them to a reasonable solution for the persons involved. Having a full-time person responsible for this, the investigator can give the time needed to help resolve the problem. If the situation is



resolved, it means the officers can give needed attention to other types of calls. Even when there is no viable solution, the persons involved feel that their problems aren't being ignored, that someone is doing something.

Much of the Community Services Officer's work involves situations in the housing developments or the high rises where many of the problems have occurred. As both are a part of the Rockford Housing Authority, the investigator attends the resident council meetings. By doing so, the officer is made aware of what is going on in the housing developments, what the residents perceive their needs to be, and to help respond to those needs where the Department can assist. A major goal in this and all other aspects of the Community Services Unit is to keep communication lines open between the police department and persons living in these housing units. In addition to the public housing area, the Community Services Officer meets with other neighborhood groups, listening to complaints, compliments, and ideas, and assists persons in getting police service where it is required. While some of the problems residents face are unique, most of them are

not unlike any other section of the community; the Community Services Officer tries to assist where it is possible to do so.

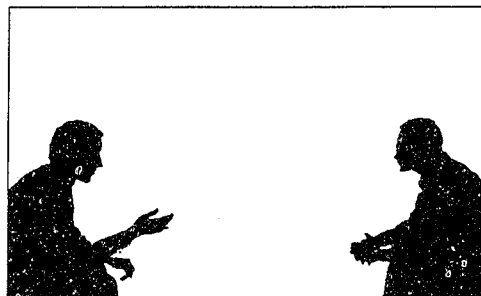
In addition to this, the Community Services Officer serves as a liaison between the police department and various community service groups, often being a part of their boards or attending their meetings. Such groups have included the W.A.V.E. Shelter Program, the Martin House, and presently the Rockford Recreation Area Association (RRAA), the Salvation Army and groups having special interests, such as the Indo-Chinese Refugee Social Service. Again, the primary goal is to keep a direct line of communication between the Rockford Police Department and these various agencies.

Of special interest is a cooperative venture with the Community Services Unit and the Crime Prevention Unit in one housing development implementing an anti-drug and crime prevention survey program to reduce the crime statistics in that development. They are also seeking to interpret the needs and wants of the residents to the ability of the Rockford Police Department to meet those needs.

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The work of the Community Services Officer has some real positive aspects in the area of police and community relations; frustrations include the knowledge that some of the problems however real cannot be resolved in any significant way. Among the goals for 1989 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.

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UNIFORMED SERVICES BUREAU

PATROL DIVISION

The Uniformed Services Bureau has used one-officer patrol units almost exclusively for the past eight years to serve the community in the most efficient manner possible. This continues to be a very effective allocation of manpower. The only permanent two-person vehicles are the squadrols. These units provide back-up to one-officer patrol units, transporting prisoners, serving subpoenas and doing routine motorized patrol.

The reinstated foot patrol beat began its fourth year in the west downtown mall area. The beat is still patrolled from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M. Mondays through Fridays by two officers assigned for at least one year. After 6 P.M., the walking beat has been extended to include the east side - from the river to Sixth Street. The beat officers also assist during special events in the downtown area.

The Patrol Division continues to use special units from the night cover shift to patrol problem areas within the City. In addition to this, officers are encouraged to park their squad cars and spend a few minutes each day on foot patrol at specific business areas on a 'Park-and-Walk' program which has been in effect for the past several years.

The Differential Response Program was partially instituted on August 26, 1987. This program includes the cancellation of missing persons by telephone, the taking of reports concerning nuisance and obscene calls, and phone threats. As this program continues to be successful, the expansion to other types of calls can be expected. This expansion of the Differential Response Program will allow more time for patrol and investigation of serious offenses.

TRAFFIC DIVISION

The Traffic Division during 1988 provided many services and performed specific functions in addition to the regular duties assigned to other uniformed personnel. These services and functions included: Traffic law enforcement; accident investigation, including hit-and-run follow-up; abandoned vehicle service; parking ordinance enforcement; special events service; and warrant service. The Division handled twenty-seven special events; the Hit-and-Run Section solved four hundred and fifty-one accidents, and the warrant officers served 1,147 warrants. Division personnel, including parking control personnel, issued 36,176 parking tickets; officers investigated 3,472 accidents.

The Traffic Division will continue to provide quality service to the public in 1989. There will also be a concerted effort made to improve the effectiveness of enforcement efforts by division officers. These goals will be accomplished by making the officers aware of the Department objectives by closer supervision and individual improvement through training.

Objectives for 1989 include:

- Improving our response and service to the public by implementing the citizen traffic accident report kit
- Increasing the DUI and speed enforcement efforts by utilizing a team concept with the DUI Task Force personnel. This will involve targeting different enforcement areas each night.
- Reducing deaths and injuries in auto collisions through increased selective enforcement of high-risk intersections and streets.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

YEAR	NUMBER OF CALLS
1988	134,726
1987	123,345
1986	121,192
1985	116,436
1984	114,031
1983	116,859

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

Fatalities	16
Accidents with Injuries	1,196
Property Damage Accidents	4,876
Hit-and-Run Accidents	1,203
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	7,291

42% of all traffic fatalities involve two or more vehicles.
DRIVE DEFENSIVELY!

OTHER PROGRAMS

MOBILE TRAINING TEAM

The Rockford Police Department was once again an active participant with the Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board. Under the regional training concept, the cost of a law enforcement agency's in-service training can be greatly reduced.

Rockford Police officers attended a total of eighty-eight courses; total man hours generated were 13,258 for a cost of *sixty-three cents per man hour*. In addition, thirteen civilian personnel attended the courses for an additional one hundred and fifty-nine man hours. Many of the courses were taught by officers from the Rockford Police Department. The Mobile Team was awarded three Juvenile Justice grants, one Breath Alcohol Testing grant, one Executive Development Program for Command/Staff Officers grant, and one Supervision of Police Personnel grant.

Courses offered included Interviews and Interrogations, Physical Encounter Control, Basic Fingerprinting, Search and Seizure, First Responder, Illinois Vehicle Code Update, F.B.I. teleconferences, and Ritualistic Crimes.

There are twenty-eight law enforcement agencies within Boone, Dekalb, and Winnebago Counties that support the Mobile Team.

EXPLORER POST 911

There has been an increased interest on the part of young persons in high school and post-high school in law enforcement in the past several years. The Law Enforcement Exploring Program, sponsored through the Boy Scouts of America, was started to give interested students a chance to get some insights in police work, with awareness of the responsibilities involved, and hands-on experience to help them make better decision whether or not to pursue a law enforcement career. Most of those participating in the program do not choose police work as a career, but have been able to develop a better understanding and greater appreciation of the work police officers do.

The Rockford Police Department has sponsored a law enforcement post since 1964. We have had a number of past Post members go into police work. We have had five former Post members accepted into four of the five military academies with honors. Over two thousand high school and college-age students have participated in the Post since it began.

In addition to the training classes held each Thursday night, which include classroom and practical activities, members of the Post have participated in a number of community events and activities in the Greater Rockford Area. Post 911 members have participated in Law Enforcement Week at Cherryvale, Harvard Milk Day security, and security in the annual-Grant Pilgrimage at Galena; these activities have been an annual part of their program for over ten years.

Post members have also assisted the I-SEARCH Program with fingerprinting and photographing children, and have been involved in such community events as the Ken-Rock Gem and Mineral Show as well as the Y.W.C.A. Christmas Tree Lane; again, persons sponsoring these events have expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Post and have called on them for several years to assist.

Several Rockford Police officers work with the Post as advisors. A Post Committee oversees the activities and serves as a liaison between the Post, the Department and the Boy Scout Center.

Members have been raising money for new uniform equipment and to pay expenses for the 1989 Illinois Law Enforcement Exploring Conference which will be held in August of 1989 in Champaign. Other goals for 1989 include increased efforts to recruit interested students to become a part of the Rockford Police Department Law Enforcement Explorers.

METRO I-SEARCH UNIT

The acronym I-SEARCH stands for Illinois State Enforcement Agencies to Recover Children. While it is housed within the Youth Division of the Rockford Police Department, the Metro Unit is made up of the Cherry Valley, Durand, Loves Park, Machesney Park, Metro-Center, Pecatonica, Rockford, Rockton, Roscoe, and Winnebago Police Departments as well as the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

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. Kits for parents containing children's permanent identification information are available free of charge from the Illinois State Police. LEADS

(Law Enforcement Agencies Data System) provides a central repository for information on all reported missing children. In 1987, we conducted ten identification programs which included the fingerprinting and pho-

tographing of over 3,500 children.

The Rockford Police Department had to activate I-SEARCH three times during the past year. All three instances resulted in successful conclusions.

Several investigators represent the Rockford Police Department as I-SEARCH officers. The Youth Division Sergeant is the liaison between the Department and the I-SEARCH Unit. Several of the I-SEARCH personnel attended a conference in Columbus, Ohio, during which valuable information was obtained to better the I-SEARCH program in this area.



ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

REVENUE - ALL SOURCES

1987 - 1988

ITEM	1987	1988
1. Badges	\$ 1,357.34	\$ 921.43
2. Bicycle Sales	\$ 2,223.25	\$ 1,070.00
3. Clothing	\$ 48.75	\$ 296.90
4. D.A.R.E. Donations	\$ -----	\$ 240.00
5. Defensive Driving Book Refunds	\$ 256.00	\$ 108.00
6. Drug Enforcement Refunds	\$ 9,490.43	\$ 000.00
7. Impound Fees	\$ 11,936.00	\$ 31,095.80
8. Impound Sales	\$ 11,186.54	\$ 47,911.48
9. I-SEARCH Grant/Donations	\$ 8,707.96	\$ 25,634.19
10. Miscellaneous	\$ 7,639.87	\$ 1,019.17
11. Miscellaneous Refunds	\$ -----	\$ 2,097.31
12. Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 3,004.45	\$ 1,421.00
13. NITAB (Northern Illinois Training)	\$ 5,558.00	\$ 7,795.00
14. Photo Purchases	\$ 422.46	\$ 386.27
15. Report Copies	\$ 40,691.00	\$ 40,205.80
16. Report Forms	\$ 2,710.15	\$ 3,933.71
17. Restitution	\$ -----	\$ 128.00
18. Telephone Refunds	\$ 256.84	\$ 107.76
19. Training Refunds	\$ -----	\$ 6,545.81
20. Weapons	\$ 445.00	\$ 200.00
21. Witness Fees	\$ -----	\$ 231.80
TOTAL -----	\$ 105,934.04	\$ 171,349.43

Through December 31, 1988

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

1988 BUDGET

\$13,833,209 Budgeted
\$13,888,110 Actually Spent
\$10,200 in encumbrances