

City of
Bellevue

1983 Police Department Annual Report

Bellevue, Washington

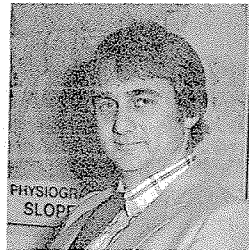
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Chief of Police



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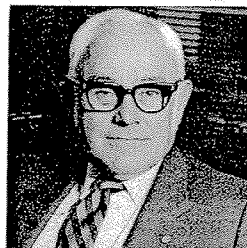
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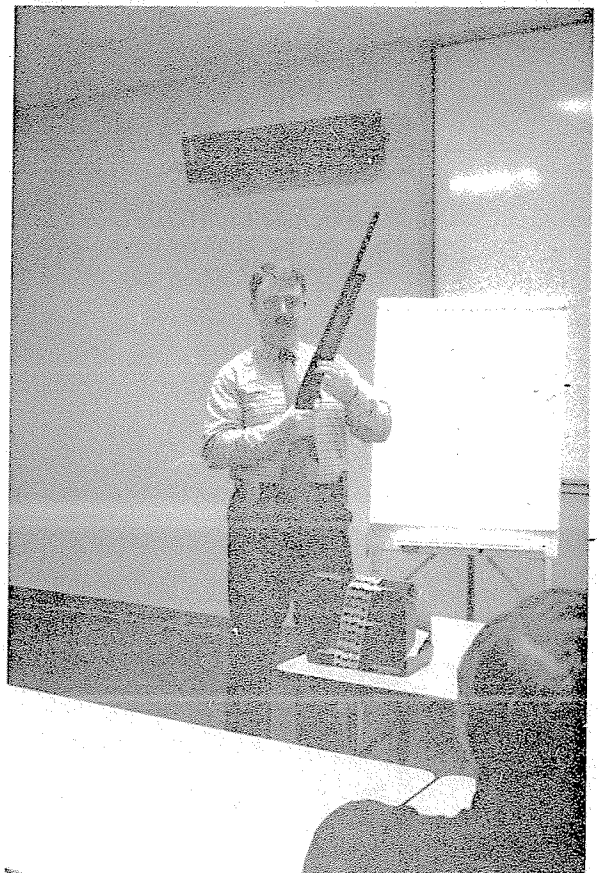
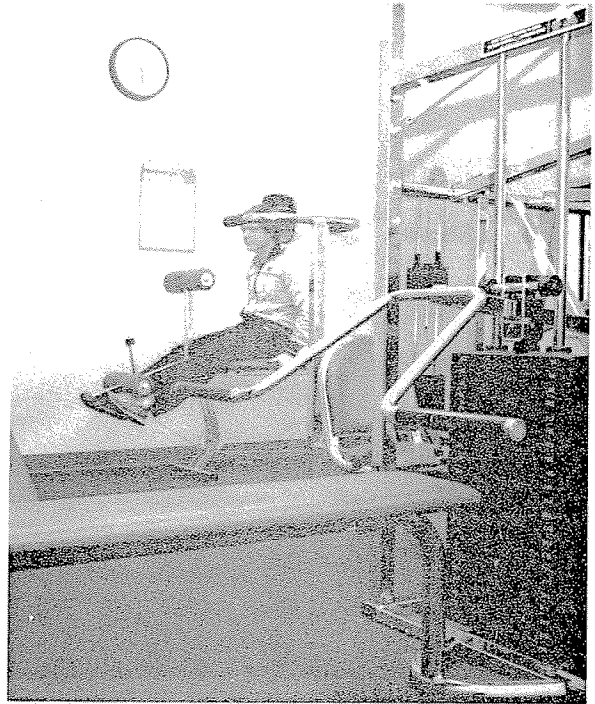
Mr. Hank Curran

Mr. H. Michael Green

Training Center

The City of Bellevue public safety training center became a reality in December of 1983. The combined efforts of the Bellevue Police and Fire Departments along with the full support of the City Council played major roles in bringing this "state of the art" facility on line.

The training center houses a firing range, exercise facility, classrooms, drill tower, and canine area as well as offices for those personnel assigned to the training unit. The new building and grounds allow the department to host and provide training to law enforcement personnel in a wide range of topics. Training in areas such as firearms, low-speed driving, physical tactics, officer survival, physical fitness, motorcycle operation and a variety of classroom topics has been conducted.



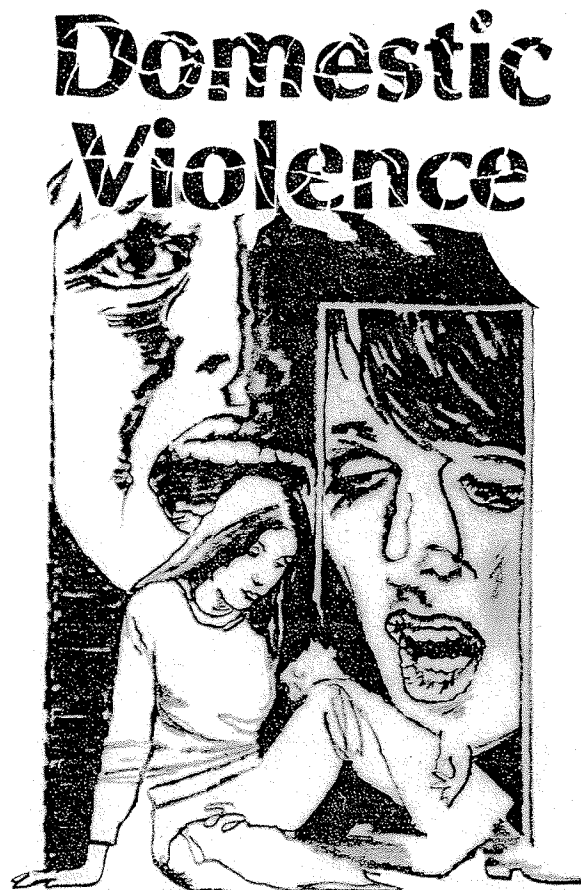
Domestic Violence

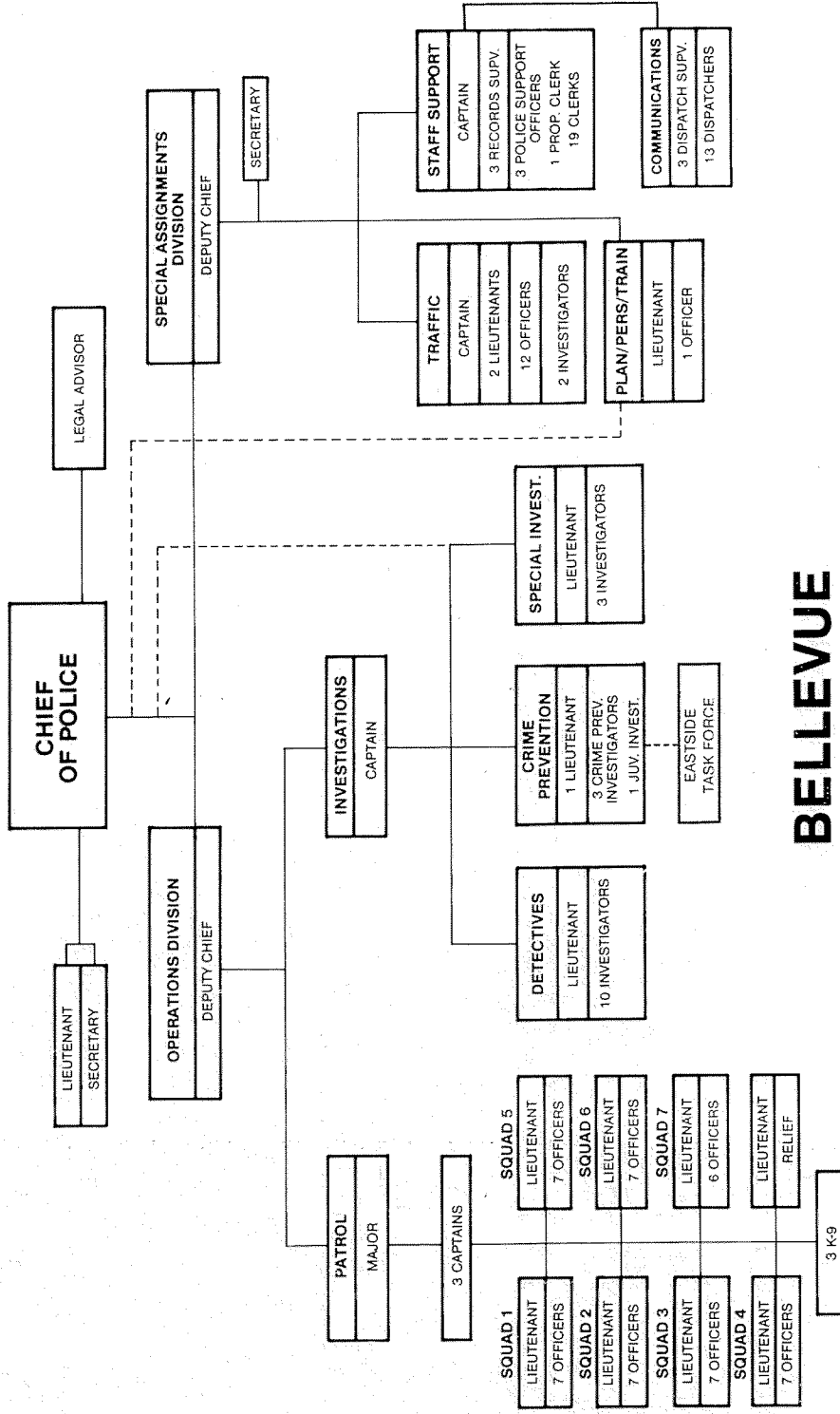
In 1982, the Bellevue Police Department responded to, and investigated two domestic violence murder-suicides. At that time, few people understood the total dynamics of domestic violence. One thing that had been made very apparent was the critical and urgent need for a reevaluation of policy and procedures involved in handling these kinds of cases. The total picture had to be viewed not only from a law enforcement standpoint but including the numerous other public and private agencies actively involved in this area.

Determined that we would do everything we could to prevent similar incidents from happening, Chief D.P. Van Blaricom directed the organization of two separate task forces. The following major achievements resulted from those task forces:

An informative booklet was published and distributed by the Bellevue Police Department educating the public on what domestic violence is and how the problem can be recognized and reduced. The booklet includes referral information for the victim as well as the batterer. Secondly, an innovative program was initiated, involving the cooperation of six community agencies, beginning with Bellevue police officers and including judges, prosecutors, probation personnel, and two community service organizations. The main theme of the program is to allow early intervention into incidents of domestic violence to help ensure safety for the victims as well as help for the batterer.

Early results of the program indicate a high success rate with batterers responding to court ordered therapy. Also, of note, is the fact that the booklet and program have received very favorable national attention. This program is presently being used in other communities and states as a model in an effort to reduce domestic violence in those jurisdictions.





BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT 1983

D.P. VAN BLARICOM
CHIEF OF POLICE
TOTAL PERSONNEL 153

POLICE (LEOFF) PERSONNEL
 CHIEF OF POLICE 1
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE 2
 MAJOR 1
 CAPTAIN 6
 LIEUTENANT 15
 POLICE OFFICER 83
 108

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL
 LEGAL ADVISOR 1
 DISPATCH SUPERVISOR 3
 DISPATCHERS 13
 POLICE SUPPORT OFFICERS 3
 SECRETARY 2
 PROPERTY CLERK 1
 CLERK - FULL TIME 3
 CLERK - HALF TIME 18
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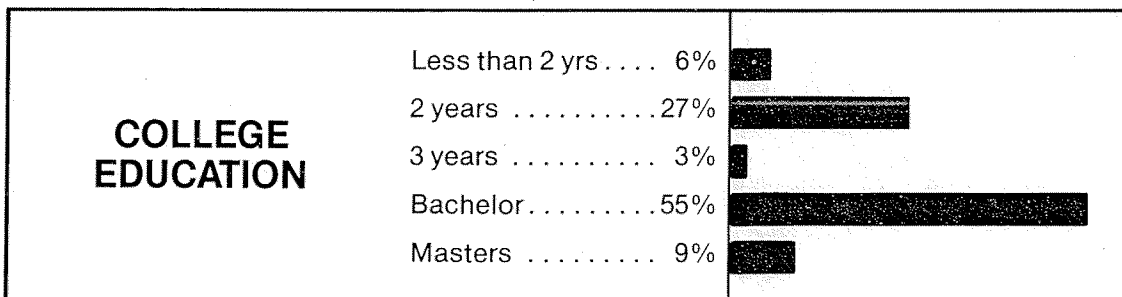
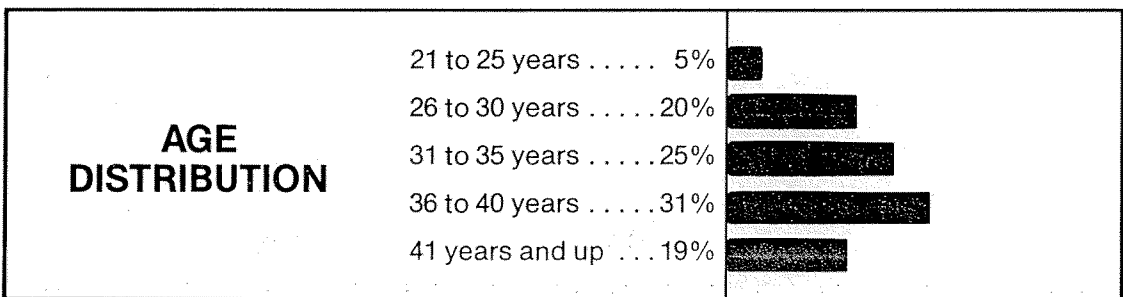
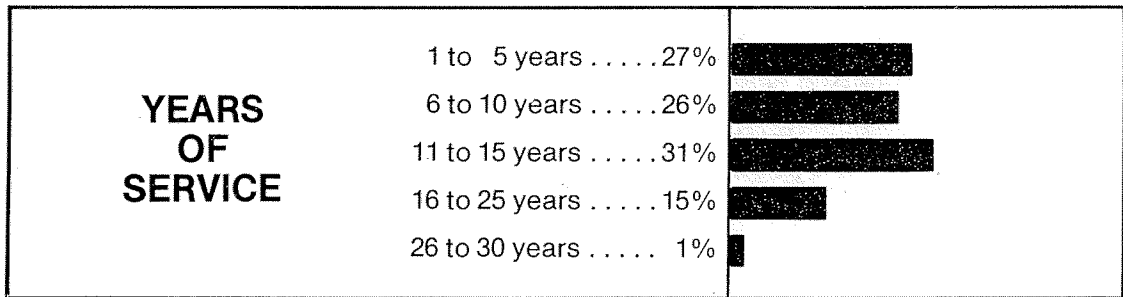
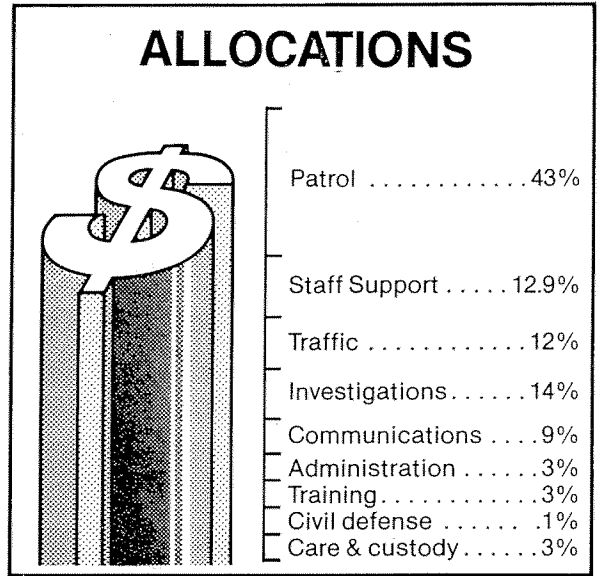
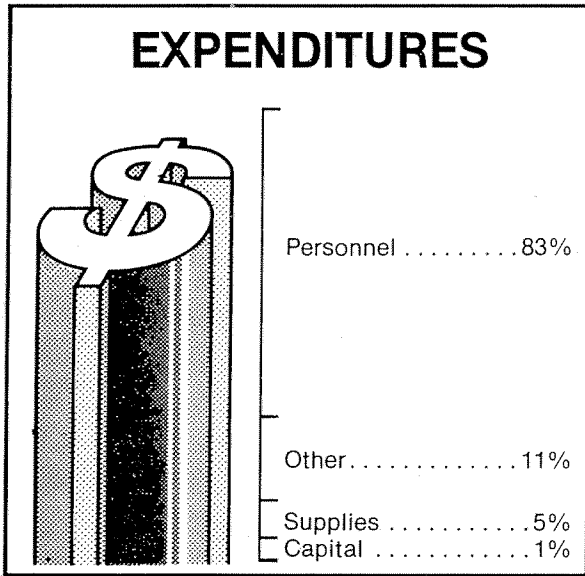
Area Wide Comparisons

Police Personnel and Cost Per Capita

City	Pop.	Budget	Police	Per 1000	Per Cap. Cost
Auburn	28,950	2,899,600	50	1.73	100.15
Bellevue	74,300	6,469,966	111	1.49	87.07
Bremerton	35,475	2,855,350	58	1.63	80.48
Bothell	7,490	658,121	13	1.73	87.86
Clyde Hill	3,140	222,077	6	1.93	70.72
Everett	56,700	4,833,571	102	1.80	85.24
Issaquah	5,550	546,200	11	1.98	98.41
Kent	23,775	2,784,258	56	2.35	117.10
Kirkland	19,275	1,634,819	30	1.56	84.81
Medina	3,120	256,895	6	1.92	82.34
Mercer Is.	21,125	1,227,643	25	1.18	58.11
Redmond	25,300	1,931,512	35	1.38	76.34
Renton	33,100	3,510,194	55	1.66	106.04
Seattle	492,000	53,642,672	997	2.02	109.02
Tacoma	160,000	14,344,759	261	1.64	89.60
TOTAL	989,400	97,817,637		1.73	88.89

Source: Washington State Law Enforcement Survey

Personnel/Budget



Arrest Statistics

1983 ARREST DATA

Part I Crimes

Crime	Adult	Juvenile
Arson	2	0
Assault	116	26
Burglary, residential	33	30
Burglary, commercial	24	23
Burglary, other	10	16
Homicide	0	0
Homicide, attempts	0	0
Motor Vehicle Strips/Prowls	16	20
Shoplift	204	305
Theft, other	61	43
Theft, Motor Vehicle	9	22
Rape	7	3
Robbery, armed	7	1
Robbery, strongarm	6	2
Kidnapping	2	0
	<u>497</u>	<u>491</u>

Part II Crimes

Exposing	12	0
Forgery	11	5
Malicious Mischief	25	39
Molesting	5	1
Possession Stolen Property	71	31
*All others	<u>2007</u>	<u>378</u>
	2131	454

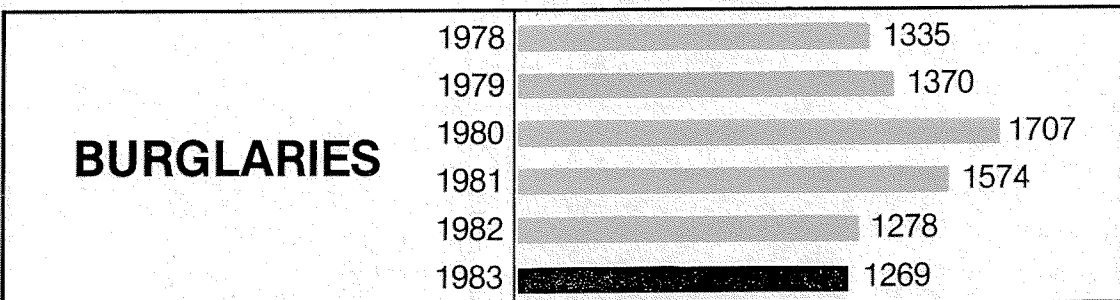
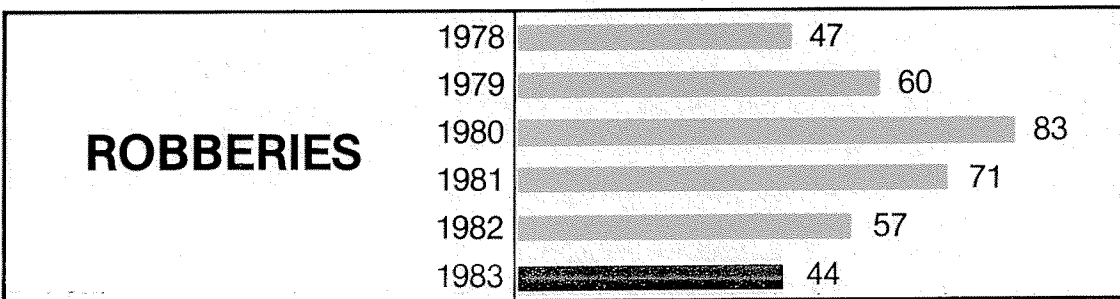
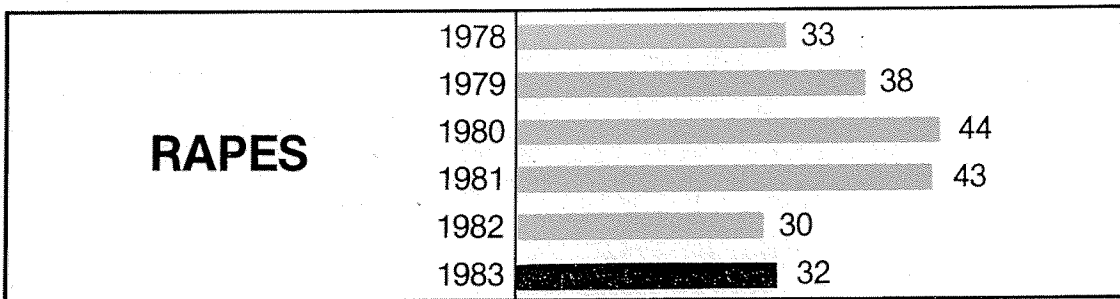
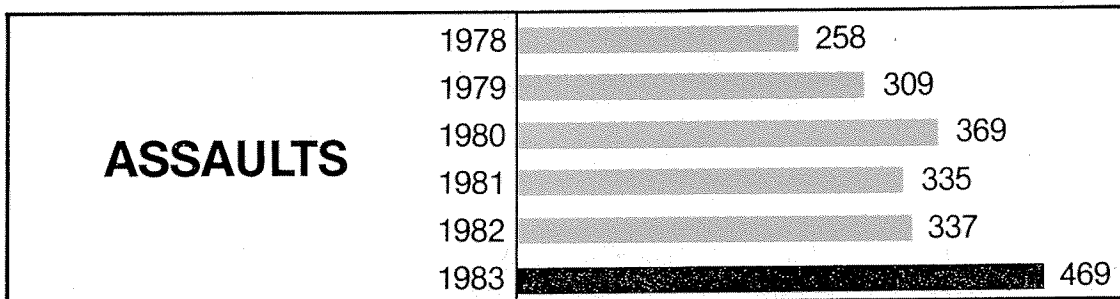
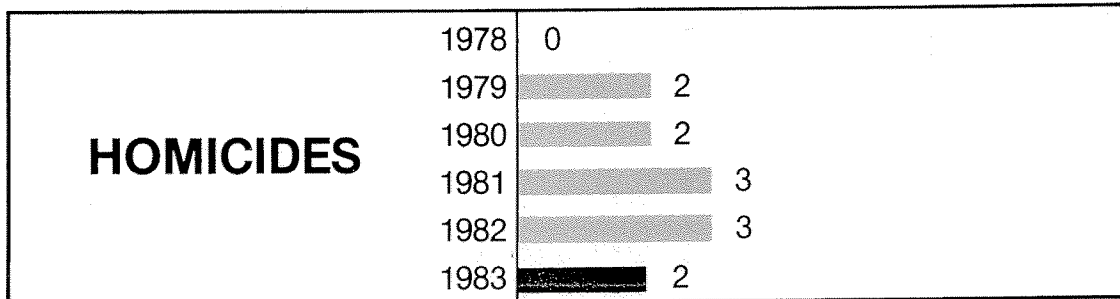
GRAND TOTALS

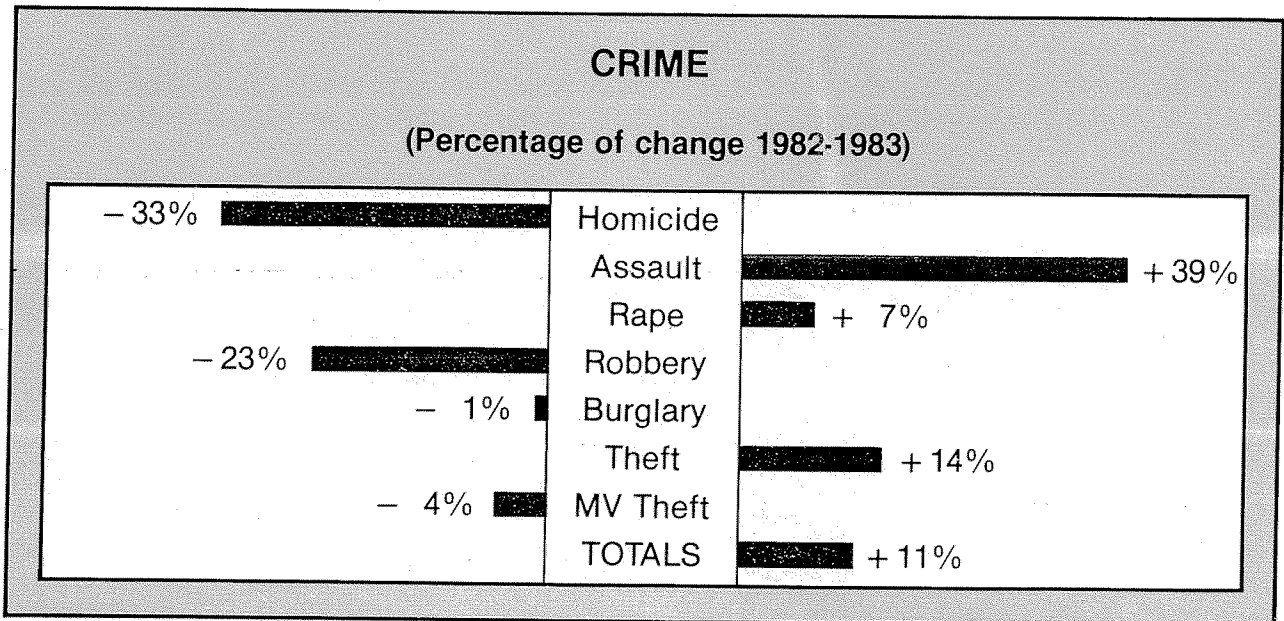
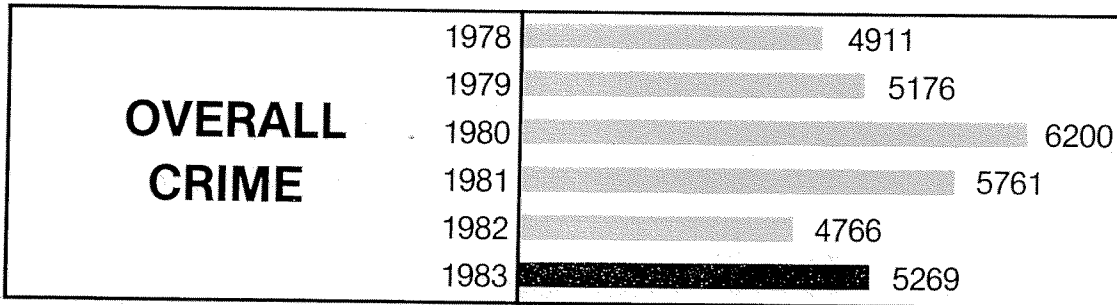
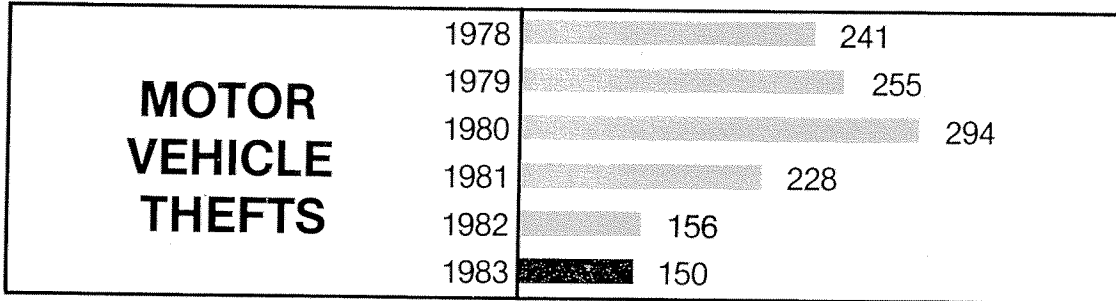
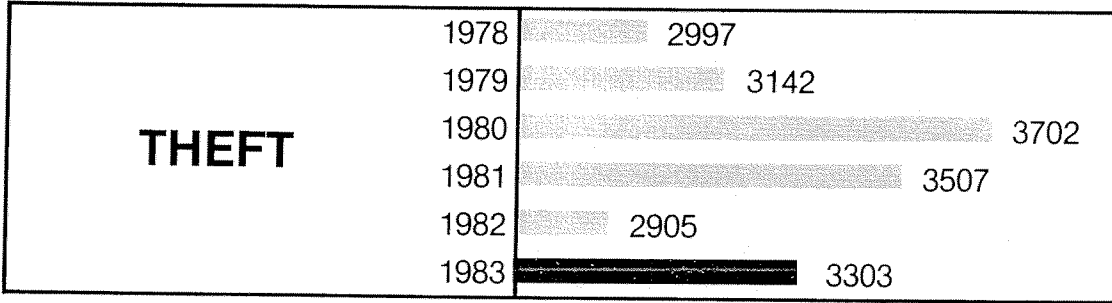
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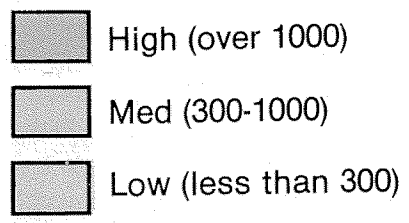
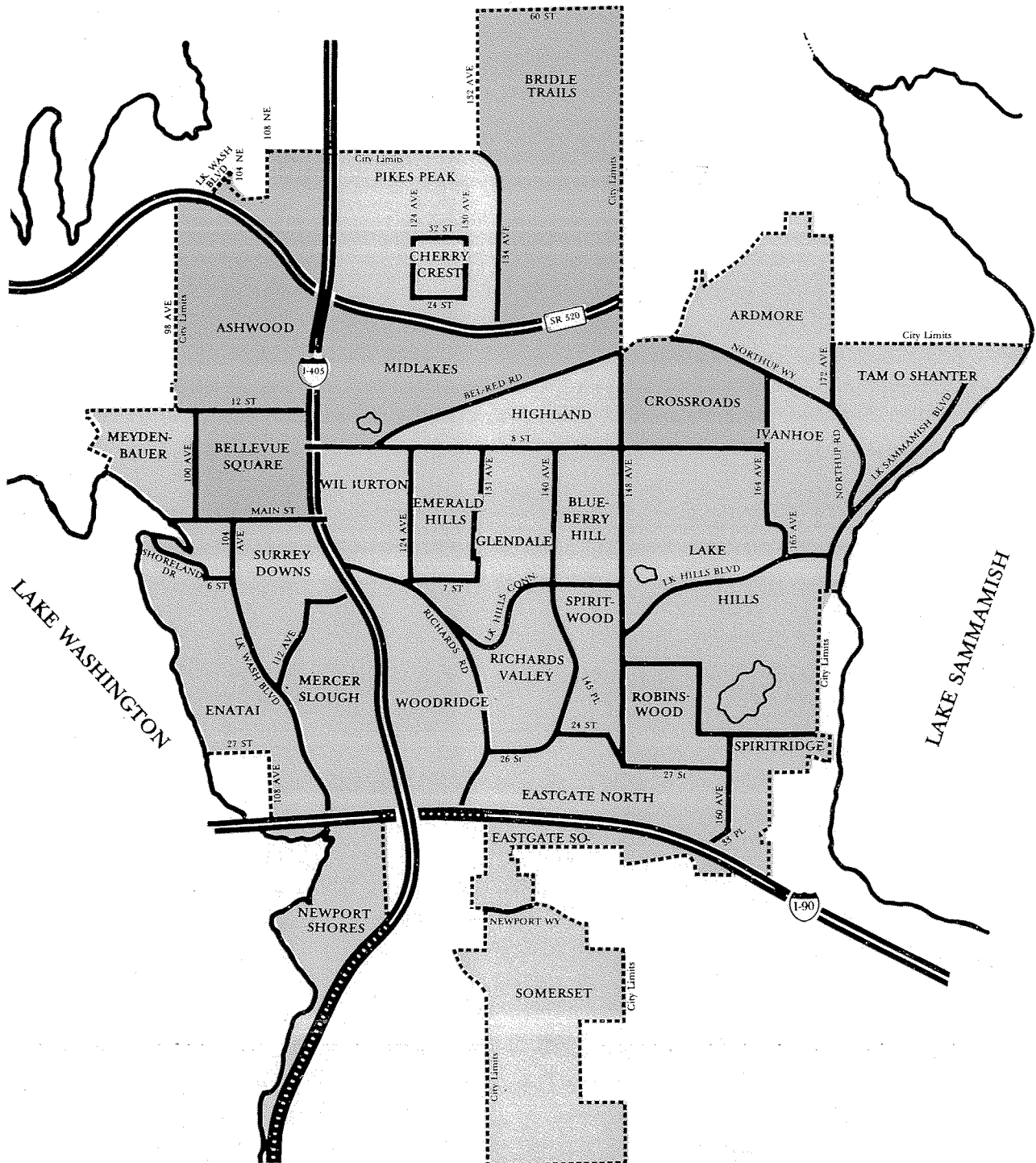
*Does not include any traffic arrests, except Driving While Intoxicated.

Crime Statistics



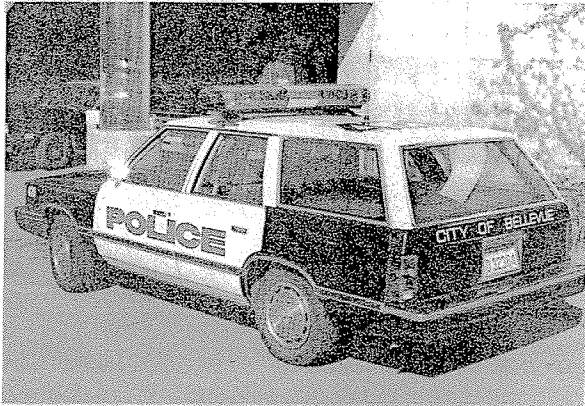


Calls for Response



Patrol

In 1983, the Patrol section continued with its main objectives of preventing crime, apprehending offenders, and maintaining public order. Patrol responded to well over 20,000 calls for assistance from the public in both emergency and routine situations. Many of those incidents had no criminal potential, but did represent a service need to the public. In addition, the patrol section actively worked with other police department units in a cooperative effort to meet the departmental goals and objectives. One of the major areas in which the patrol section assisted was in the area of drunk driving enforcement. Of a total 630 DWI arrests made in 1983, patrol officers accounted for 429.



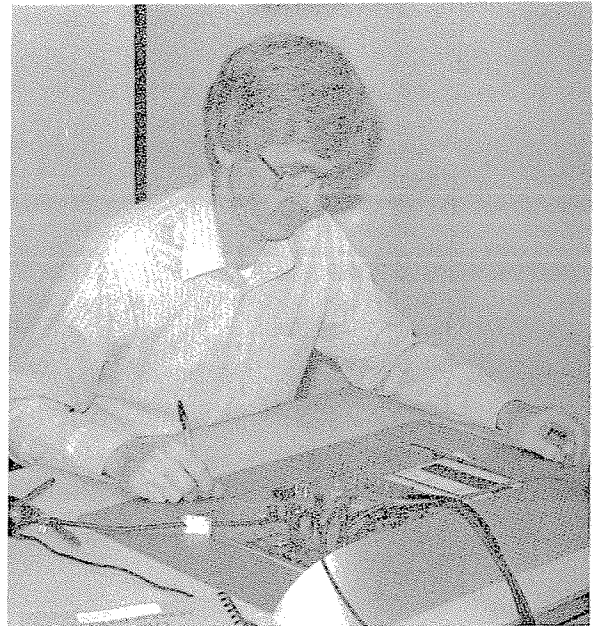
A special crime reduction unit was formed late in the year. 14 patrol officers and two supervisors were assigned on a volunteer basis and training for those officers began. In addition to normal patrol duties, these officers support and assist the detective and patrol divisions. The primary unit responsibilities include the active suppression of crime by concentrated enforcement in targeted areas. The unit also helps to identify crime patterns and combats criminal problems not conducive to handling by traditional police methods.



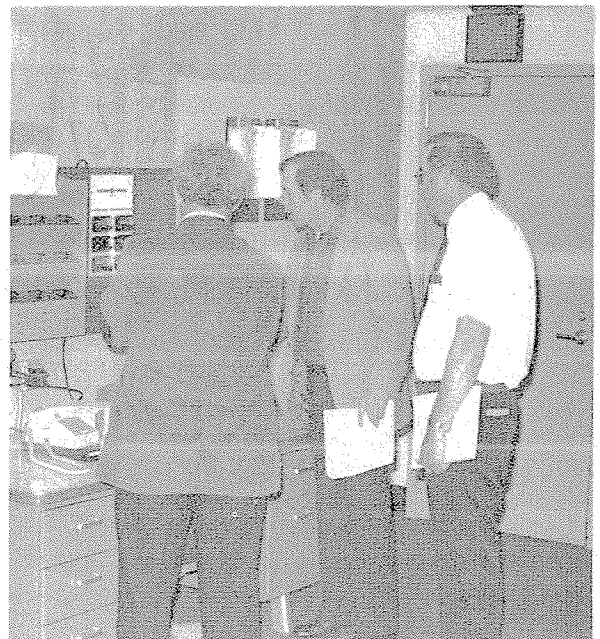
Detectives

One Lieutenant and ten Detectives are responsible for the investigation of all major crimes including homicide, robbery, rape, commercial and residential burglary, assault, theft, check and credit card cases, arson, frauds and forgeries.

In addition to their investigative duties, detectives assist patrol personnel with crime scene processing, polygraph investigations, coordinative and informational services, as well as in-house training for Bellevue officers and individual training for visiting police officers.



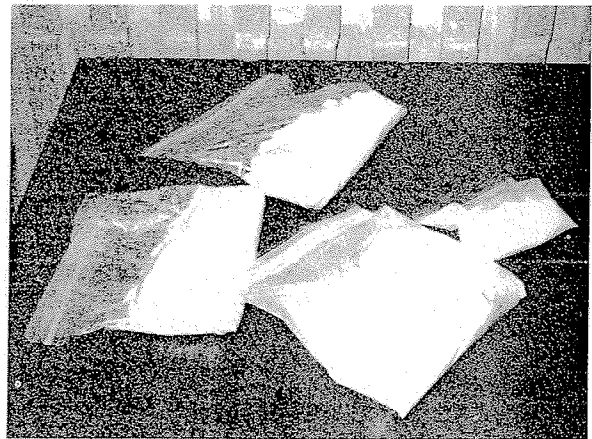
Detectives investigated 2,346 cases in 1983 including two local and two outside homicides, 32 rapes, 44 robberies, 59 felony assaults, and over 1,250 burglaries. A 14% increase in cleared offenses and an overall 10% increase in property recoveries are a reflection of the quality, enthusiasm, dedication and perseverance of the entire investigative team.



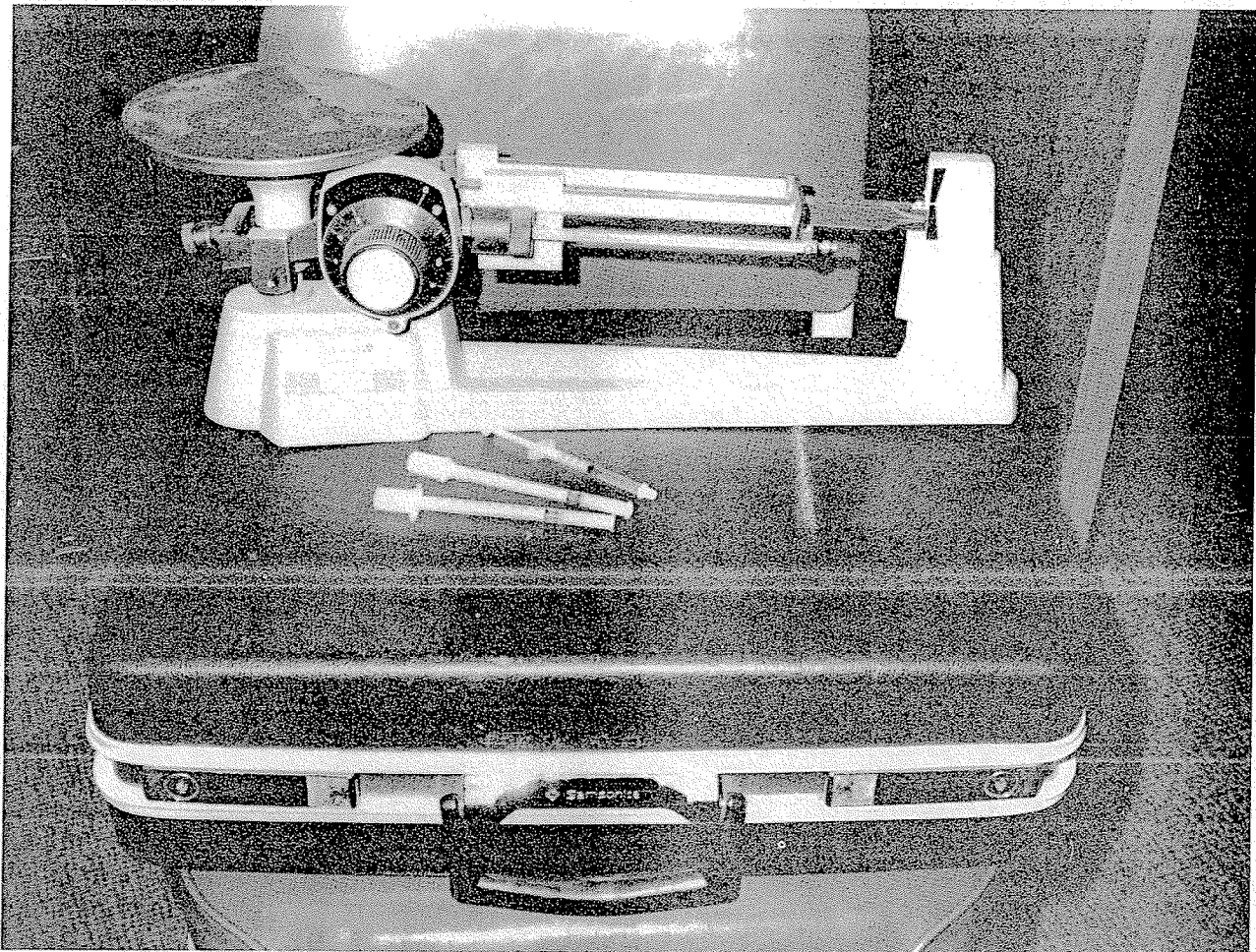
Special Investigations

One Lieutenant and three Detectives conduct narcotic, vice, and gambling investigations, as well as providing training and other specialized services for police operations.

An interlocal cooperative task force, implemented in 1982, and comprised of officers from Bellevue and numerous surrounding jurisdictions, has proven highly effective since its inception in combating Eastside Drug trafficking. Worthy of particular notice was the 1983 cooperative investigation and resultant seizure of over one pound of heroin in 80% pure, unprocessed form with a street value exceeding one million dollars. The development of an interlocal drug fund, administered by the district courts, is developing into a beneficial supplement to limited investigative funds.



1983 narcotic related vehicle, cash and equipment seizures and forfeitures totalled \$53,930. Total amount of illegal narcotics seized exceeded a street value of \$4,090,000.

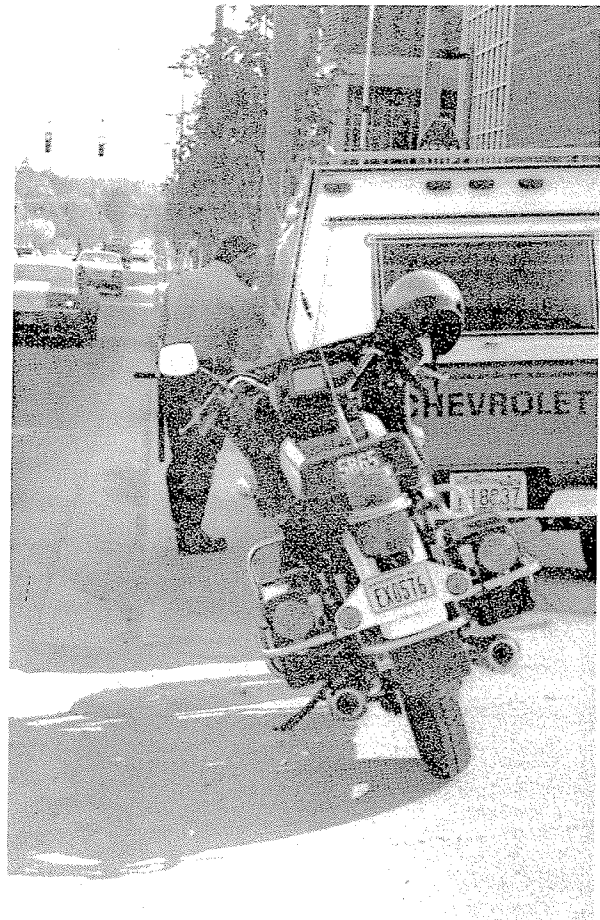


Traffic

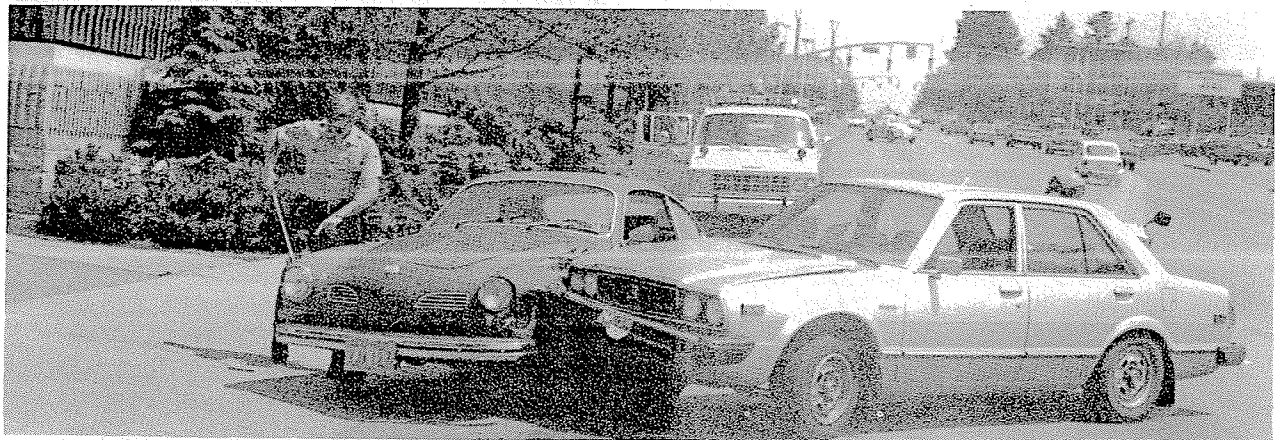
Members of the Traffic section continue to provide police traffic services to the community at a level which remains unparalleled by any similar unit statewide.

Enforcement of driving while intoxicated laws remained a priority during 1983 with several innovative drinking driver counter measures being developed and implemented. This effort to reduce alcohol related traffic accidents, produced positive public safety dividends. DWI arrests increased by 59% over 1982 (from 396 to 630), while alcohol related accidents declined by 15% (from 80 to 68). A visible public reminder of the department's commitment to this issue was displayed when forty informational street signs stating "DWI laws strictly enforced" were erected on major arterials throughout the city.

In addition to the active DWI enforcement program, a solid partnership in long term DWI prevention was developed by police and the community through the formation of the Bellevue DWI task force. Among the accomplishments of this community based group, chaired by the department's accident prevention officer, was the initiation of an annual anti-DWI "button" and "bumper sticker" contest within the Bellevue schools. School children produced hundreds of entries and the result was a very positive anti-DWI message. To date, over 2,000 of the buttons and bumper stickers have been disseminated throughout Bellevue.

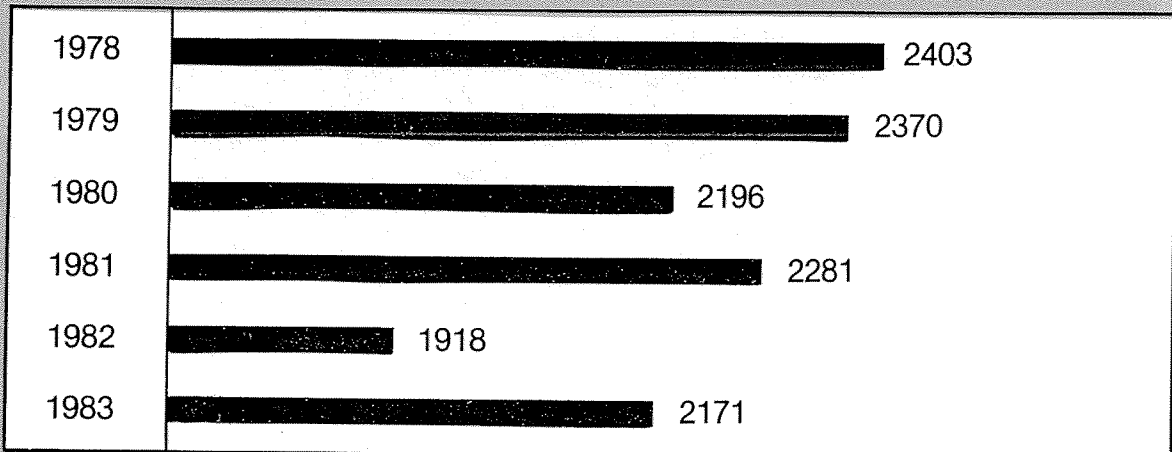


The police department, through its traffic section, will continue to actively participate with the task force toward the mutual goal of eliminating drunk drivers from the city streets.



Traffic Statistics

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN

	1982	1983	% Change
Persons Injured	719	790	+ 10%
Pedestrian Accidents	30	49	+ 61%
Bicycle Accidents	32	43	+ 34%
Traffic Fatalities	7	2	- 71%
Hit & Runs	426	510	+ 19%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	1,918	2,171	+ 13%

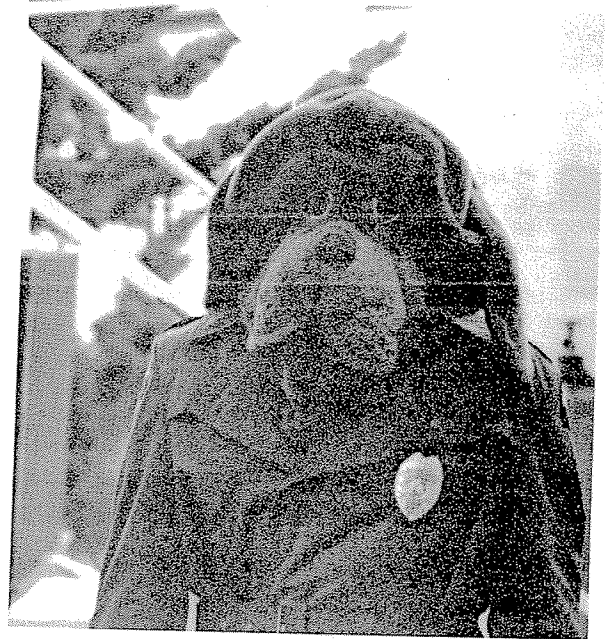
Crime Prevention

One Lieutenant, three Detectives, one Crime Analysis officer and a secretary/statistician are assigned to the crime prevention unit. The unit specializes in commercial, residential, and school crime prevention programs as well as support services for the department in crime statistics and analysis.

RESIDENTIAL

The residential crime prevention officer coordinates the entire "block watch" program for the neighborhoods with the assistance of senior crime prevention volunteers who perform residential security surveys and property engraving. In 1983, the Altrusa Club (Eastside Women's chapter) assisted in the block watch program by canvassing neighborhoods and setting up hosts for meetings. This new volunteer service was so well received and valuable to the program that it will be continued in 1984.

The residential crime prevention officer's duties also include the pawn shop dealer detail. This officer monitors all "pawn" slips and acts as a liaison between pawn shop dealers and law enforcement for the potential recovery of stolen property and enforcement of our pawn shop ordinance.



SCHOOLS

The detective assigned to schools develops and presents programs to all levels of school age children, including pre-school. The program includes topics on drugs and alcohol, careers in law enforcement, stranger danger, fingerprinting of children, the criminal justice system and "detective McGruff".



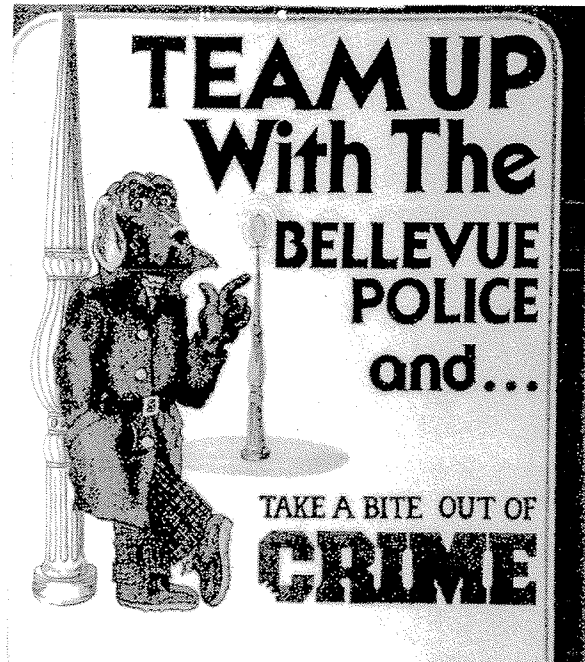
COMMERCIAL

The commercial crime prevention officer coordinates programs for the business community and regularly trains managers and employees concerning prevention techniques in armed robbery with mock robbery scenarios. Other areas of crime prevention training for commercial personnel include shoplifting, internal theft, bad checks and credit cards, and personal safety. This officer also conducts security surveys and provides businesses with recommendations on physical and electronic security. Also, a newly developed program trains occupants of high rise buildings in dealing with bomb threats and resultant evacuations. The training actually includes evacuation drills.

CRIME STATISTICS ANALYSIS

The secretary/statistician answers public inquiries about crime prevention services, screens and dispenses incoming crime information and also prepares monthly FBI uniform crime reports.

This position also operates and maintains a computerized file containing crime reports, stolen property, field reports, pawn shop dealer reports and crime analysis data. The crime analysis officer is a coordinator for criminal information to patrol and detectives on criminal activities, patterns, etc.



The crime prevention unit also monitors and enforces the false burglary and robbery alarm ordinance and oversees the police "cadets", a group of explorer scouts, ages 14-20 who are interested in law enforcement careers and public service. They also maintain and install "varda" stakeout alarms and surveillance cameras which again in 1983, were instrumental in solving a number of crimes, obtaining photographic evidence and providing security for domestic violence victims.

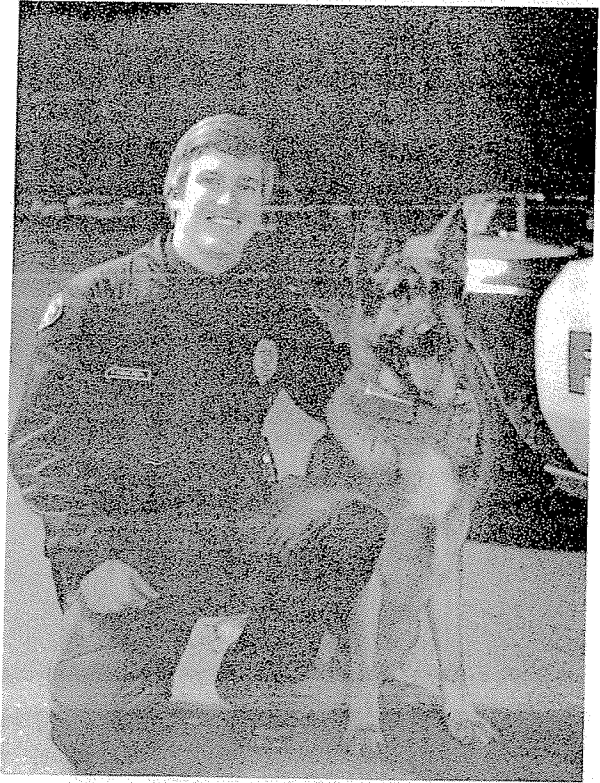


K-9 Unit

In 1983, the Bellevue Police Department expanded its police dog unit from two to three teams.

K-9 teams responded to a total of 1,196 calls in 1983, a total of 335 building searches were made, along with the apprehension of 80 suspects. K-9 teams also conducted 8 public relations presentations to more than 320 persons. Total value of property recovered by the unit exceeded \$17,000. This year's addition of a third K-9 team has greatly enhanced the ability of our police dog units to respond to calls at night and has extended the hours of city wide coverage.

An unusual highlight of the year involved a unique dental procedure whereby our police dog "Kiai" was fitted with two permanently attached false teeth. The original teeth had been damaged during a training session and through the generous efforts of a local veterinarian and dentist, the teeth were replaced.

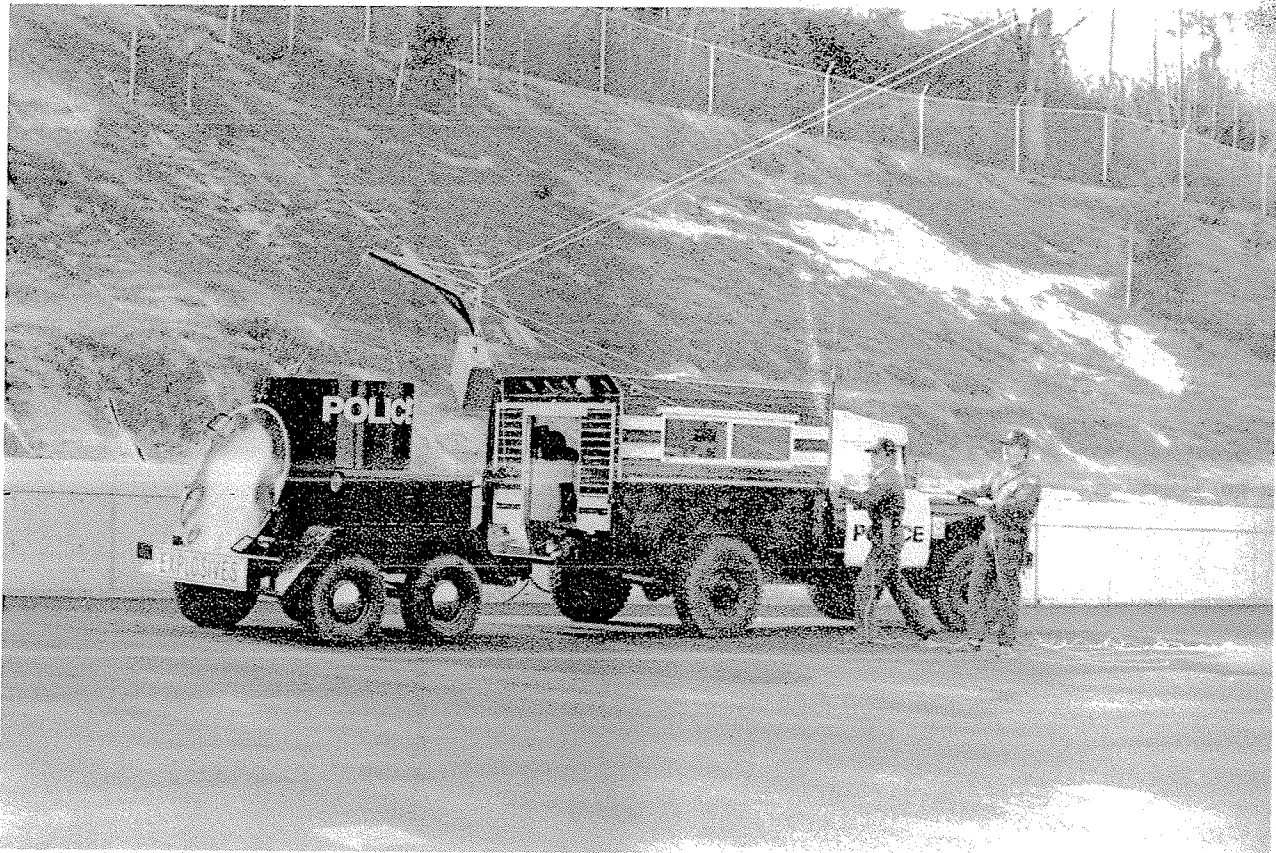
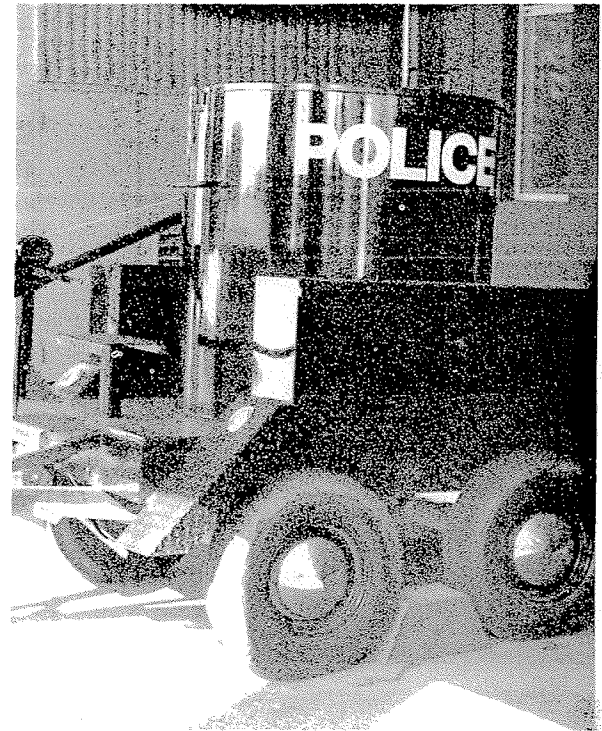


Hazardous Device Unit

The Hazardous Device Unit is responsible for the preliminary investigation of accidental and intentional bombing incidents and the rendering safe of devices that are explosive/chemical in nature. The unit has the further responsibility for handling all explosives and all hazardous materials found or recovered by the Bellevue Police Department.

Three officers and a Captain complete this all volunteer unit which trains on a continuing and regular basis in order to maintain the high degree of proficiency necessary for the handling of explosives and dangerous chemicals.

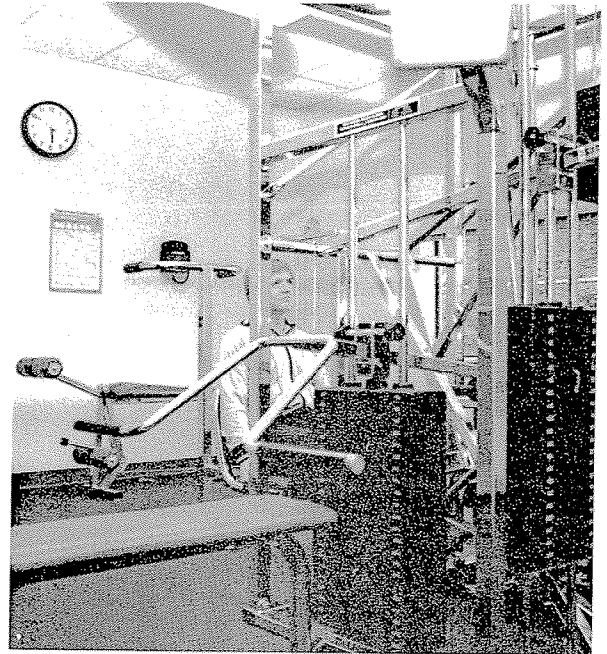
The mission of the Hazardous Device Unit is to provide a render safe procedure against clandestine devices while attempting to locate and process valuable evidence for use in the identification and prosecution of suspects.



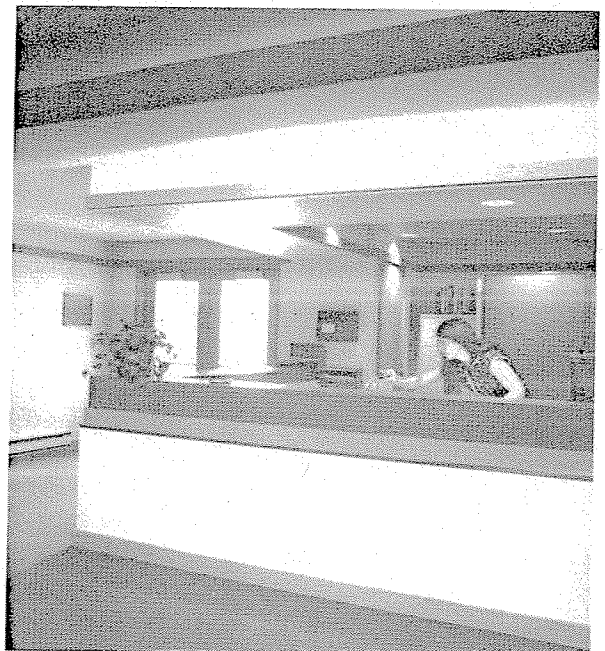
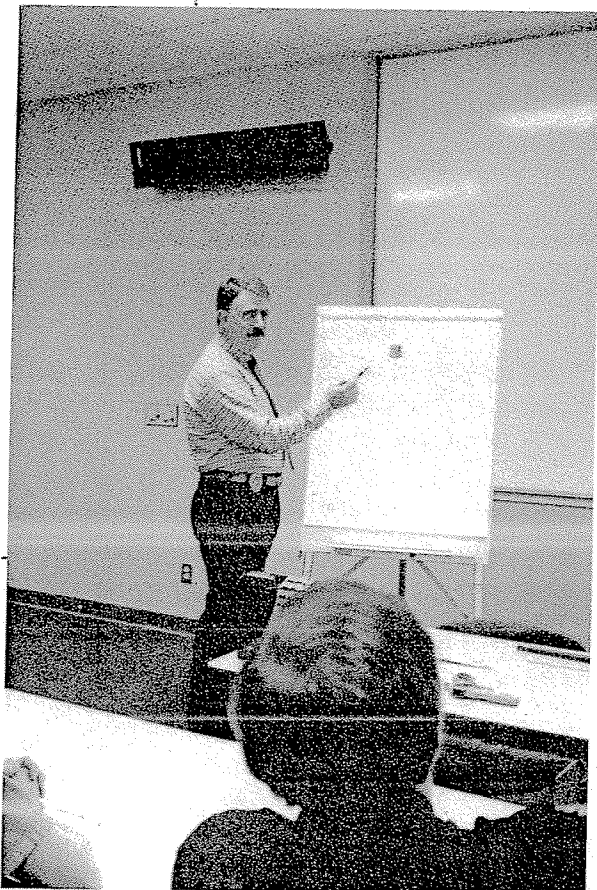
Training

The Planning/Personnel/Training Unit is staffed by one Lieutenant and the Department Training Officer. This unit is responsible for managing departmental training, maintaining personnel records, and providing personnel with clothing and equipment. The unit supervisor has the additional responsibility of conducting background investigations on police applicants as well as administering our field training officer program.

During 1983, the unit managed 8,783 hours of total departmental training, with commissioned personnel accounting for an average of 57.4 hours of in-service training. Use of the Washington State Training Commission was maximized in 1983 while the same time period witnessed an increase of in-service training.



In 1984, the Police Officer Physical Fitness Program will be implemented, along with the introduction of the new target system for firearms qualifications. An officer survival program as well as a defensive low-speed vehicle driving program will be introduced.

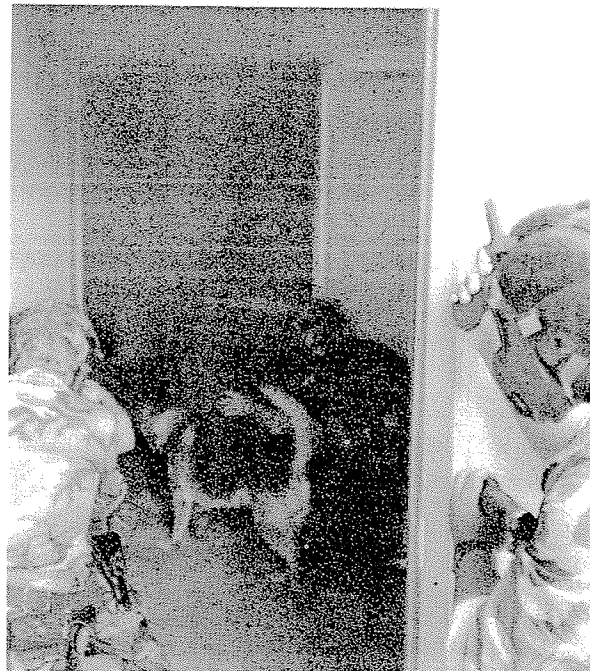
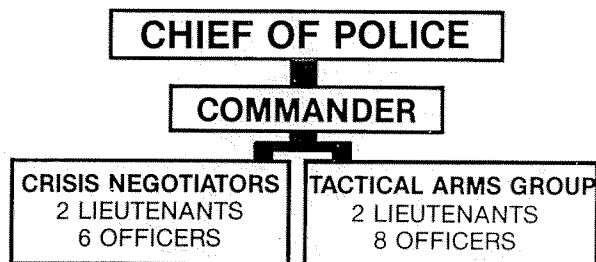


Tactical Response Unit

The Tactical Response Unit consists of two specialized groups of officers, the Tactical Arms Group and the Crisis Negotiators. Together under one command, these two groups of highly trained officers work together to defuse incidents ranging from armed and barricaded suspects to hostage type situations. The Commander of the Tactical Response Unit has four Lieutenants and fourteen officers under his command and reports directly to the Chief of Police.

In October, 1983, the Tactical Response Unit was called upon when an armed suspect entered a savings and loan bank and took an employee hostage. The Crisis Negotiators secured the release of the hostage, and members of the Tactical Arms Group utilized non-lethal "stun" grenades to subdue and capture the suspect. No injuries, either to police, hostage, or suspect occurred in this incident.

The Tactical Arms Group, T.A.G., was first organized in 1976 and has filled a vital role in the orderly and controlled management of numerous "High Risk" incidents. T.A.G. consists of two Lieutenants and eight officers, all hand picked volunteers from various units throughout the department, and are highly trained. Training is extensive, with each member receiving a minimum of two weeks of instruction in special weapons and tactics presented by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. T.A.G. also conducts regular monthly in-service training where familiarization and proficiency with the various weapons and equipment is emphasized. Additionally, T.A.G. members voluntarily maintain the high degree of physical conditioning demanded by the nature of the assignment.



It is worth noting that throughout the seven year history of the Tactical Arms Group, not one shot has been fired and no one has been injured as a result of any action engaged in by these officers.

The Crisis Negotiators were brought together as a team in January 1981. The Crisis Negotiators consist of the two Lieutenants and six officers, all hand picked volunteers from various units throughout the department. Each member receives basic and advanced hostage negotiation training provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The team meets monthly to update training and reinforce current practices and procedures. Each negotiator volunteers to work the phones at the Crisis Clinic after completing 40 hours of pre-service training. Crisis Negotiators have logged hundreds of hours as phone counselors on the crisis lines dealing with suicidal people and people in crisis. This volunteer work at the Crisis Clinic provides individual team members with credible, on going, and current in-service training in communication skills, creative problem solving, suicide indicators, and psychotic behavior.

Identification Section

In 1983, the identification technician initiated the manufacture of our own ninhydrin solution which is used in processing items for latent fingerprints. By eliminating an outside vendor, a significant savings to the department was realized as well as a marked improvement in the quality of the solution used. The use of "super glue" as a fuming agent for developing latent prints was also initiated. This is a relatively new process. Results have been impressive in that it can be used on surfaces previously difficult if not impossible from which to develop latent prints. The process is also extremely fast and often produces prints where other methods have failed.

The general activity of the identification section has consistently increased. A large increase in the number of persons arrested resulted in an increased work load for fingerprint comparisons. Cases received with latent prints as evidence also increased. By experimenting with new methods of processing for fingerprints and maintaining a quality of expertise in the field of latent print identification, the ID section continues to provide a valuable service to the department.



Activity Comparison

	1982	1983	% increase/ decrease
Requests for Comparisons	522	580	+ 11%
Actual Comparisons	26,465	19,138	- 28
Identifications	40	29	- 27
Cases submitted with prints	497	544	+ 9
New ID packets (new arrests)	1,366	1,754	+ 28

Staff Support

The staff support section provides direct service to the public concerning the many police related matters occurring within the city. Beyond that, and perhaps its most important role within the department is the management of the support activities that remain so vital to the total police service picture.

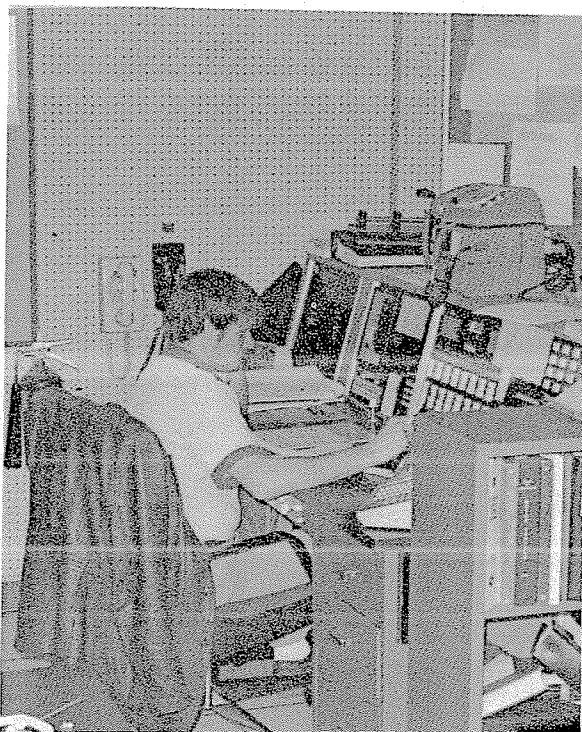
The staff support section is organized into four units:

RECORDS

The business office of the department, providing non-emergency assistance to our citizens at the public counter as well as via telephone. This unit also provides the processing, filing and security of crime reports and criminal history information.

COMMUNICATIONS

This unit receives and dispatches emergency calls for police, fire and medical aid, and provides non-emergency assistance through the police and fire services and/or by referral to other appropriate agencies.



PROPERTY ROOM

The property room provides a secure environment for the reception and storage of evidence and found property.

HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters unit receives, books and transports prisoners, takes crime reports, provides referral and information services and maintains the department equipment.

Staff support activity for 1983 included:

RECORDS AND HEADQUARTERS

120,143 non-emergency telephone calls
14,864 crime reports processed
2,301 individuals fingerprinted
75,038 computer transactions

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

60,483 emergency telephone calls
25,272 police calls dispatched
13,167 fire-medical calls dispatched

PROPERTY ROOM

3,033 evidence-property entries
505 narcotic exhibits analyzed
\$ 11,885 revenue returned to general fund

Promotion/Retirements



Stephen M. Bourgette

Promoted to Lieutenant

June 17, 1983

Lt. Bourgette began his career with the Bellevue Police Department in April, 1975. He served as a Patrol Officer, an Undercover Narcotics Investigator, and a Detective. In 1981 Steve was selected as Officer of the Year by his fellow officers.

The Bellevue Police Department and the citizens of Bellevue salute these women for their 47 years of combined faithful service.



Luella M. Beard
Records Supervisor
Retired 2-28-83
22 yrs.

Charlotte T. Steere
Records Supervisor
Retired 2-28-83
25 yrs.

Special Mention



DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

Jeffrey Wagener has been a dispatcher with the city for two years. Jeff is particularly skillful with emotional callers and is consistently cheerful and quick to help.



OFFICER OF THE YEAR

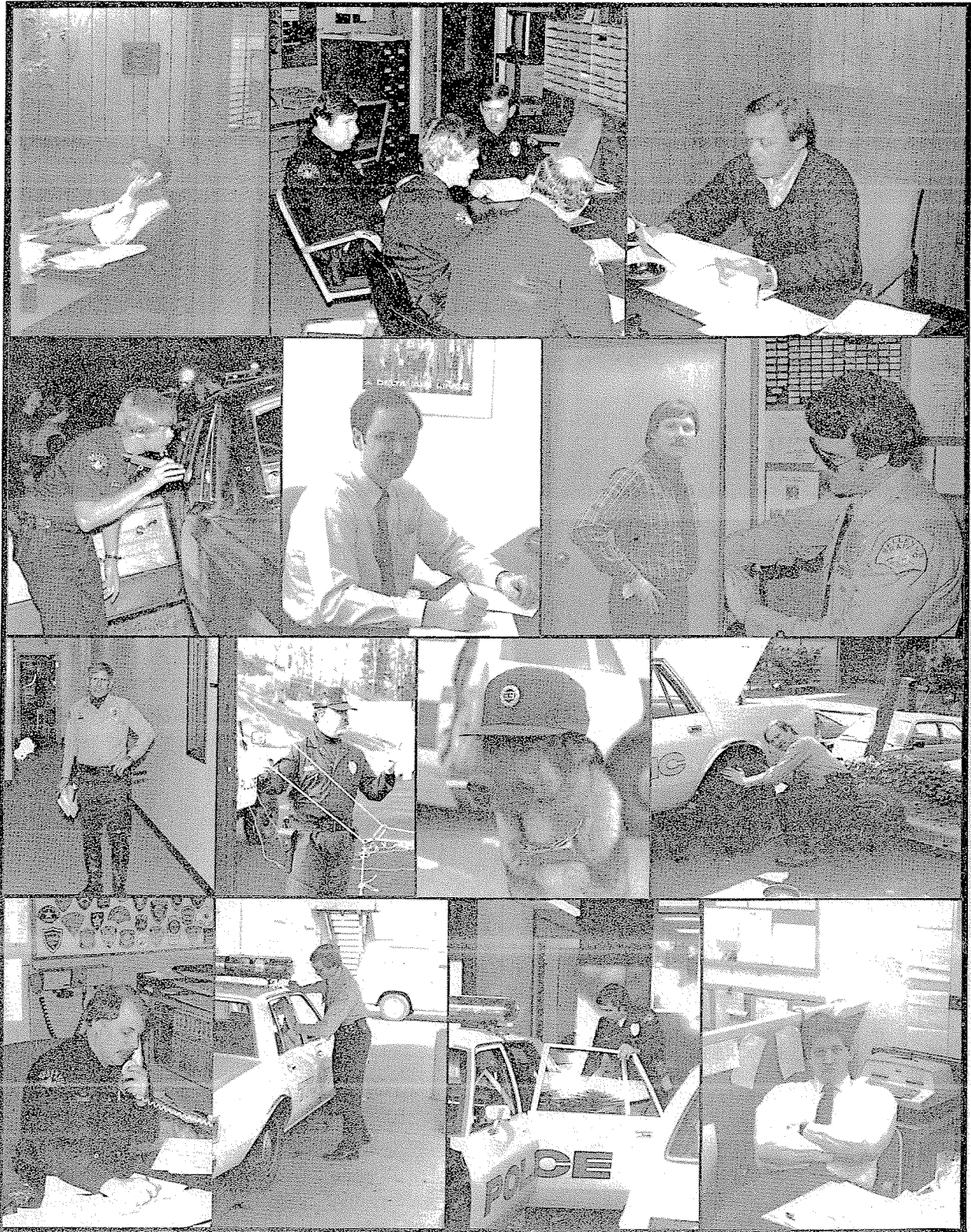
Officer Edward Mott joined our department two years ago after serving with the Issaquah Police Department for twelve years. Ed's refined ability to interact with all types of people coupled with his hard work and enthusiasm have resulted in the respect and admiration of fellow officers.



CLERK OF THE YEAR

Pat Hershey has been a records clerk with the department for three and one half years. Pat's professional attitude and ability to work with people has made her a valued employee.

On Duty



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