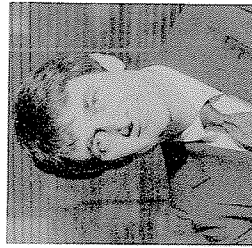


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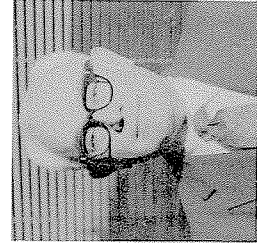
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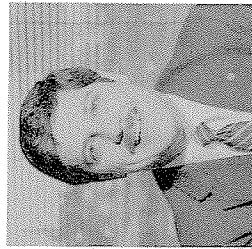
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Mayor



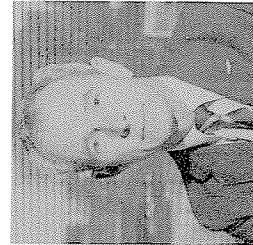
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Honorable Bill Lagen



Honorable Tom Hansen  
Mayor Pro-Tem



Honorable Jim Keeffe



Honorable Don Davidson



Honorable Don Mackenzie

## City Manager



Ms. Andrea Beatty

## Civil Service Commission

Mr. Earle Murray, Chairman

Ms. Laverne Hall

Mr. Harold Corkrey

Mr. H. Michael Green

## Chief's Message



### A Decade Of Progress

The 10 year span of 1975 thru 1984 will best be remembered by those who served her as "A Decade of Progress" for the Bellevue Police Department.

That period witnessed phenomenal growth in which the City's character changed from suburban to truly urban and the skyline on this report's cover accurately reflects the new

Bellevue today. Statistics alone cannot adequately portray the dynamics of accompanying social change but nevertheless, they will convey some of its scope and accordingly, consider the following data for the last 10 years: population increased by +23%; crime overall increased by +19%; and traffic accidents decreased by -21%. It would appear that Bellevue has actually become proportionately safer over the last decade in spite of its growth! How can that be?

The essential ingredient in the public safety equation must be a partnership between the public and their police, wherein they create a more secure living environment together in the knowledge that neither can accomplish that important task alone. This has been our ongoing premise and after 10 year's experience with that operational philosophy, we submit that it works well for all concerned. Our focus has been on preventing persons from becoming victims rather than just reacting after the fact and we have extended programmatic services into our schools, neighborhoods, and the business community. The results speak for themselves and that is why we fundamentally believe that people are better protected when they are never victimized at all instead of only being helped after they are hurt

We know that not all crimes or traffic accidents can be prevented and we must, of course, still address those which do occur. What have we

done about that responsibility?

1. We pioneered the already discussed concept of crime prevention in this State and commit proportionately more resources to that critical function than any other local law enforcement agency.
2. We developed an affirmative action program which recruited both minorities and women into active policing as the means to best reflect the diversity of the whole public whom we serve and complaints of racial prejudice (or any others, for that matter) against Bellevue Police Officers are virtually nonexistent.
3. We expanded the uniformed officers' investigative role for greater productivity and job enrichment by encouraging each individual to fulfill his or her potential as a career professional and there are no artificial barriers to assignment.
4. We initiated a K-9 capability which has proven absolutely invaluable in conducting searches for persons or property in the field under the most difficult conditions.
5. We formed an Emergency Response Unit comprised of tactical and negotiation components under a unified command with both training and equipment that is literally state of the art. In 12 actual

deployments, they have successfully completed every assigned mission without injury to anyone involved (i.e. - officers, hostages, suspects, or other persons) and, incidentally, we have never shot anyone in the entire history of the Department nor has anyone ever shot one of us!

6. We established a Crime Analysis Unit to track current trends in criminal activity for timely follow-up responses by a Crime Reduction Unit which actively interdicts identified patterns of behavior - they have been most successful in apprehending organized burglary rings, for instance.
7. We created a Hazardous Device Unit to counter the radical bombings which we experienced during the earlier of the last 10 years but homemade bombs or other explosives continue to be a problem and assigned personnel maintain both their training and equipment to the highest degree.
8. We attracted the attention of the whole State to the DWI issue after 4 young people were killed here in a drunken crash and the heightened emphasis on this problem still continues unabated both here and elsewhere.
9. We recognized that traffic accidents have a definitive cause and effect relationship which we impact by selective enforcement

of accident causing violations at the times and places where these incidents are occurring. You will recall the dramatic reduction in accidents which was reported at the outset of this message and since you are far more likely to be killed or injured in a traffic accident than by any criminal attack, this fact is most significant in terms of your own personal safety!

10. We wrote a Policy and Procedure Manual for the direction of our staff in delivering police services according to our stated intentions and it has been adopted both in whole and in part as a model by several other law enforcement agencies.
11. We make use of volunteers who feel a real sense of accomplishment in assisting us to better serve the community at no extra budgetary costs and we are very proud of the contributions made by both our Seniors and Police Cadets.
12. We serve as the nucleus of the Eastside Narcotics Task Force which has been an extremely successful combination of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond Detectives in severely disrupting the local drug trade and all of the other crimes associated therewith.
13. We welcomed a sudden influx of Southeast Asian refugees into this community by acquainting them with a helpful style of law enforcement which was totally opposite to their native experience and actively assisted their integration into our society.
14. We adopted a method for evaluating the solvability of investigative cases through profiling and have continued to increase clearance rates of major crimes without the usual necessity of corresponding increases in assigned investigators.
15. We were among the first to treat rape with a sensitivity to the victim which is so important to psychological recovery and we continue to assign this especially traumatic crime the highest priority for investigation.
16. We modified our approach to juvenile justice by diverting youthful first time arrestees for minor crimes directly into corrective social services at the community level and the results have been most gratifying.
17. We sought experienced officers from other jurisdictions in what came to be known as our "steal a cop" program and consequently, we have been able to routinely place proven people in service at substantial savings in training costs. These officers are literally among the best of the best and they have been a significant factor

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in meeting increasing demands upon us without concurrent increases in resources.

18 We were the first to implement a comprehensive domestic violence program and have been able to offer effective relief from much intolerable suffering within the privacy of the home which had previously gone unrecognized.

19 We just completed design of a physical fitness program which is individually tailored to each of our police personnel and they can now pursue a more healthy lifestyle at their own pace with on-duty time allowed for participation.

20 We, in conjunction with the Bellevue Fire Department, opened a new Public Safety Training Center which has greatly enhanced our instructional capabilities and better enables us to render professional services in accordance with this community's expectations.

Not everything that need be done has yet been accomplished, however, and for the immediate future:

1. By the time you read this we will have opened a completely new Emergency Communications Center which incorporates all of the latest electronic technology to better dispatch police, fire and medical services when peoples' very lives can depend upon us.

2. We are becoming increasingly concerned with child abuse as we develop an expanded awareness of this insidious

threat to our young and we will next adapt investigative techniques which will enable us to actively prevent opportunities for such abuse and thereby save some children who would otherwise be preyed-upon from being victimized.

3. We would like to see more regional cooperation such as has been so successfully demonstrated with the Eastside Narcotics Task Force and increase our collective capabilities without sacrificing any jurisdiction's own identity. Information sharing systems for area-wide crime analysis would be a natural place to start and as has already been demonstrated by all of the Eastside fire departments, our several police departments should share the same communications network too.

4. We still need a well-defined career development program for our Police Officers so that there is an alternative path to always limited advancement opportunities and a means for each to continually progress in personal growth while still performing the most important job of all - delivery of police services out on the street where it happens! We cannot all advance to be Lieutenants, Captains, or whatever and the street cop should demonstrably have a reward system beyond the current 3½ years of automatic increases followed by limbo if we are to keep him or her productive through a 25 year or more career.

5. Finally, we are going to need a new police facility because we have far outgrown the

present space which was only intended to be temporary at the outset and was never functionally specific in its design. The current capital needs assessment should facilitate that process and when we do build, it must be for that growth which is inevitable and not just for the needs of today or yesterday.

I am again pleased to report that we continue to be at the lowest ratio of personnel per population for any comparable law enforcement agency in the Puget Sound region at 1.40 officers per 1,000 versus an average of 1.83 among the other municipalities. Simply stated, that means we are exceptionally cost-effective and literally do more for less! Why is that? It is primarily because we have well-educated and highly motivated men and women who are genuinely willing to try new approaches to delivering police services when the client public will gain a greater benefit - in other words, they are able to change with the society which employs them! Additionally, we are fortunate to work for an especially fine community who support their police both individually and through their elected officials.

With respect and thank you to all,



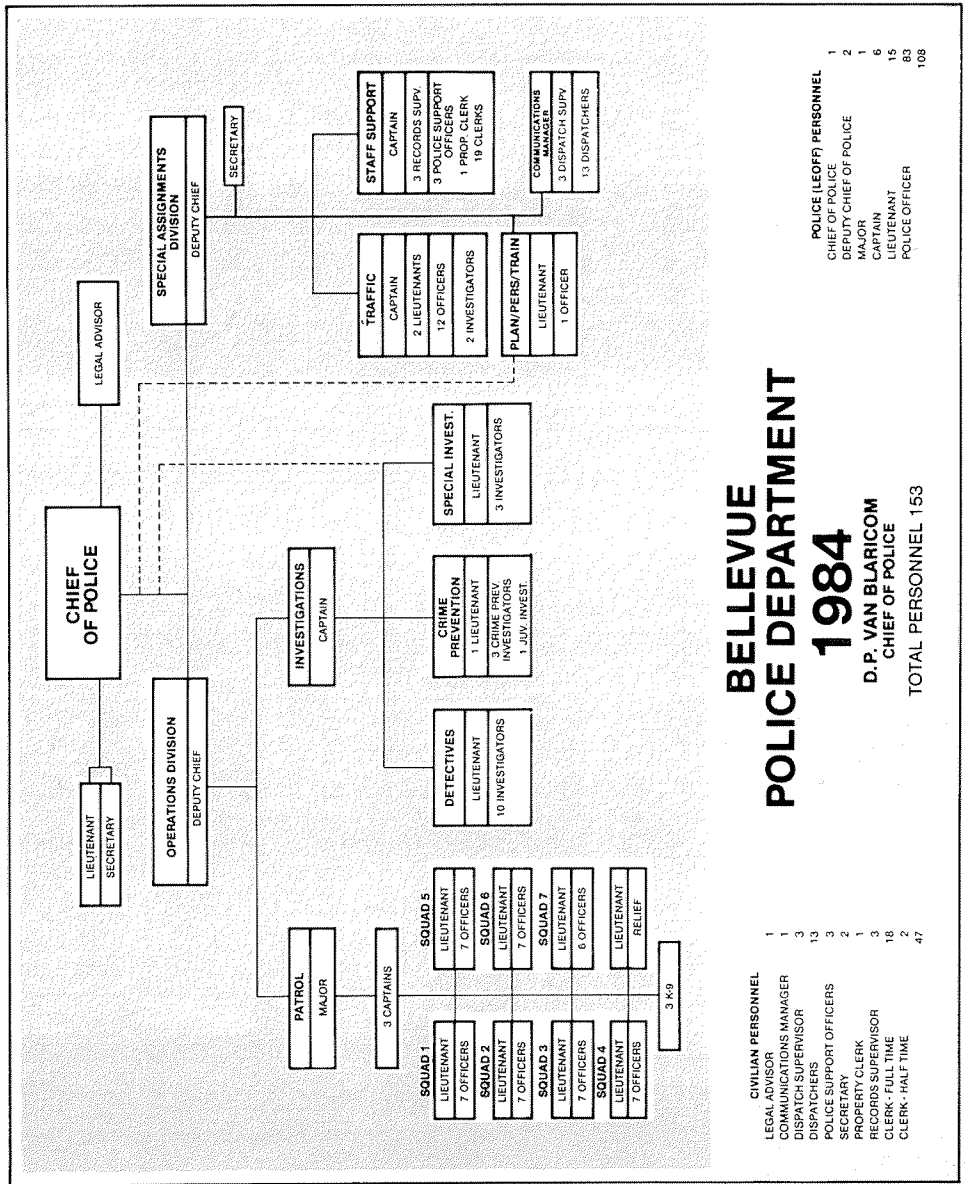
D. P. Van Blaricom  
Chief of Police



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# Personnel Chart



## BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1984

D.P. VAN BLARICOM  
CHIEF OF POLICE

TOTAL PERSONNEL 153

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**

LEGAL ADVISOR	1
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER	1
DISPATCH SUPERVISOR	3
DISPATCHERS	13
POLICE SUPPORT OFFICERS	2
SECRETARY	1
PROPERTY CLERK	3
RECORDS SUPERVISOR	18
CLERK - FULL TIME	2
CLERK - HALF TIME	47

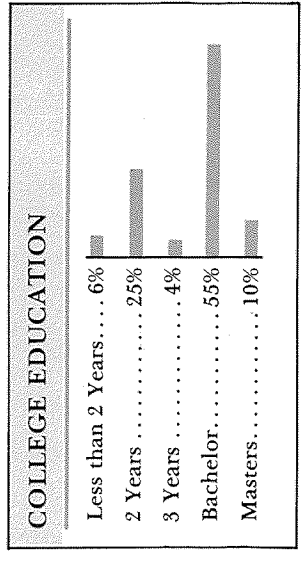
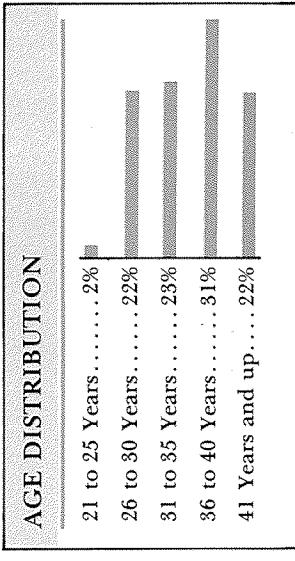
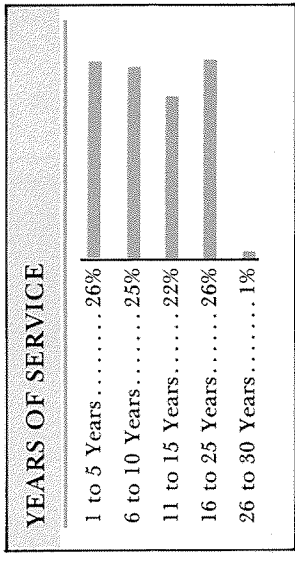
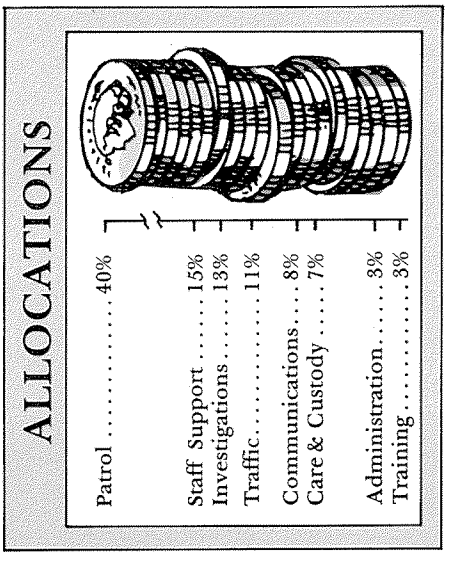
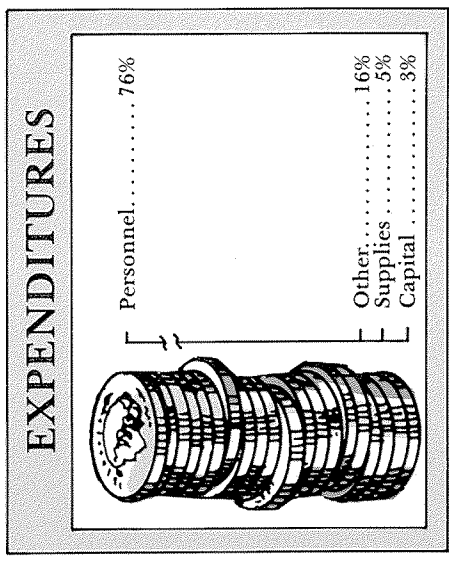
**POLICE (LEOFF) PERSONNEL**

CHIEF OF POLICE	1
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE	2
MAJOR	1
CAPTAIN	6
LIEUTENANT	15
POLICE OFFICER	83
TOTAL	108

## Area Wide Comparisons

POLICE PERSONNEL AND COST PER CAPITA						
CITY	POPULATION	BUDGET	POLICE	PER 1000	PER CAP. COST	
Auburn	29,000	2,932,500	49	1.69	101.12	
Bellevue	79,500	7,262,395	111	1.40	91.35	
Bremerton	35,475	3,189,450	59	1.66	89.90	
Bothell	7,600	701,696	12	1.58	92.33	
Clyde Hill	3,120	255,487	6	1.92	81.89	
Everett	56,200	5,335,898	103	1.83	94.94	
Issaquah	5,550	583,860	11	1.98	105.20	
Kent	25,500	3,580,966	56	2.20	140.43	
Kirkland	18,850	1,879,502	31	1.64	99.71	
Medina	3,100	277,002	6	1.94	89.36	
Mercer Island	21,150	1,293,122	27	1.28	61.14	
Redmond	26,300	2,132,682	37	1.41	81.09	
Renton	32,700	3,594,562	57	1.74	109.93	
Seattle	489,700	56,156,468	998	2.03	114.68	
Tacoma	158,400	15,698,825	256	1.62	99.11	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>992,145</b>	<b>104,874,415</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>1.83</b>	<b>96.81</b>	

## Personnel/Budget



## Arrest Statistics

CRIME	PART I CRIMES	
	ADULT	JUVENILE
Arson	2	7
Assault	195	35
Burglary, residential	23	50
Burglary, commercial	18	15
Burglary, other	5	8
Homicide	1	0
Homicide, attempts	0	0
Motor Vehicle Strips/Prowls	12	24
Shoplift	214	320
Theft, other	79	60
Theft, Motor Vehicle	11	20
Rape	6	6
Robbery, armed	4	2
Robbery, strongarm	4	0
Kidnapping	1	0
	<u>575</u>	<u>547</u>

PART II CRIMES	
Exposing	9
Forgery	15
Malicious Mischief	27
Molestation	9
Possession Stolen Property	45
*All others	<u>1970</u>
	<u>2075</u>

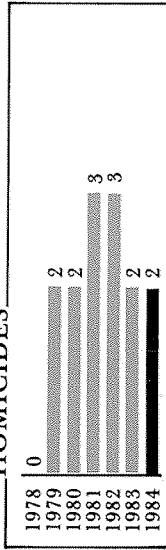
  

<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>835</b>
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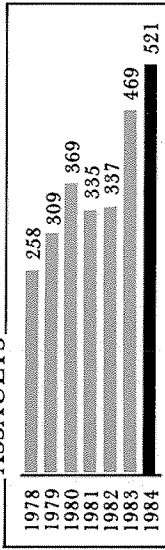
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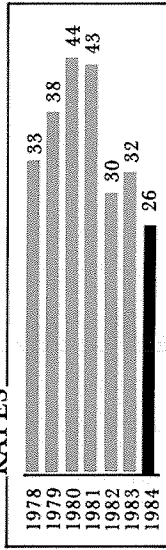
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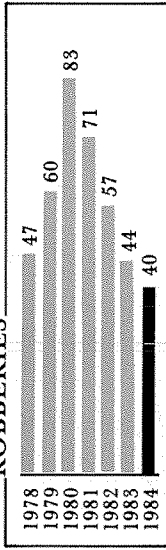
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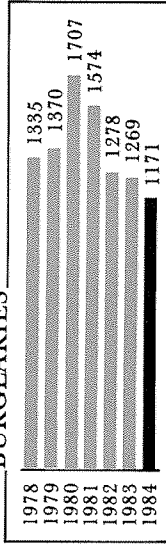
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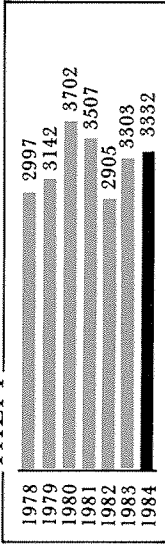
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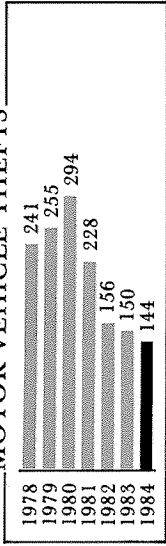
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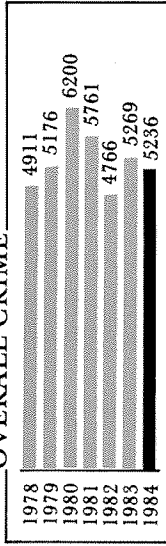
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## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

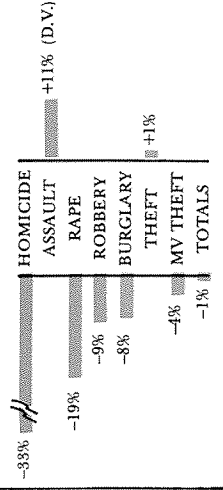


## OVERALL CRIME



## CRIME

(Percent of change 1982 - 1984)



## Patrol



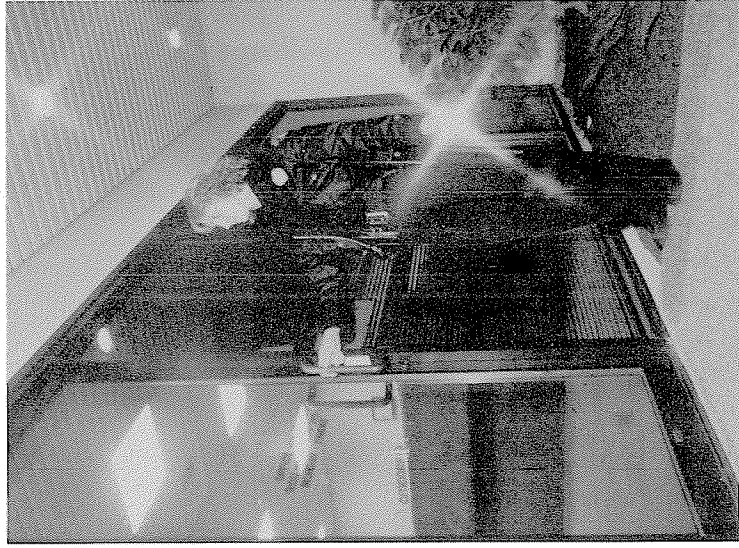
Assigned to the Operations Division, and commanded by a Major, the Patrol Section is charged with the responsibility of first unit response to general calls for police service, which numbered 24,730 in 1984. Not only do the uniformed Patrol officers take responsibility for the initial investigation of all types of crimes, but many misdemeanor and felony cases are investigated in their entirety by a Patrol officer, including filing formal charges with the Prosecutor.

In 1984, the Patrol Section's Crime Reduction Unit (C.R.U.) completed it's first full year

of operation. Fourteen Patrol officers and two supervisors are assigned to the unit which was formed to combat specific crime problems. Numerous operations were conducted resulting in several felony arrests.

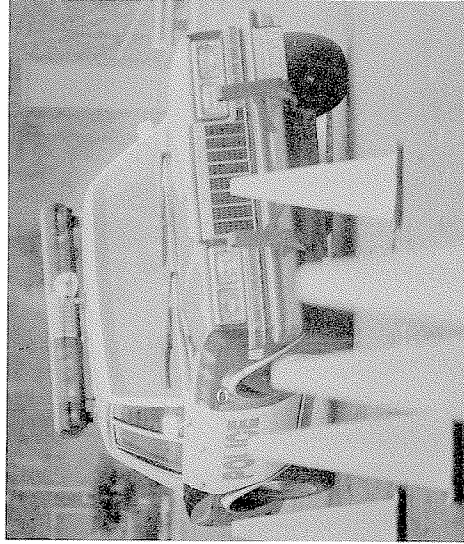
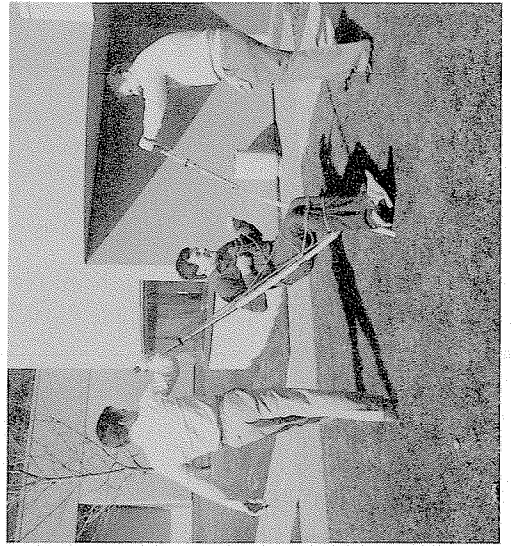
Two Patrol officers are among the three Officer Survival Training officers who were appointed in 1984 to conduct various survival training classes and projects for our officers. Their task includes making all uniformed employees aware of the techniques available to protect themselves from injury or death while conducting their increasingly dangerous duties. We are proud that none of our officers have been shot in the 32 year history of the Department. In addition, no citizen has been shot by our officers and we wish to maintain that enviable record.

While response to criminal complaints is one of Patrol's major functions, the officers handle a myriad of other responsibilities including assisting citizens with non-criminal matters, conducting and participating in various community functions, acting as a neighborhood resource and in general making the City a safer place in which to live and work.



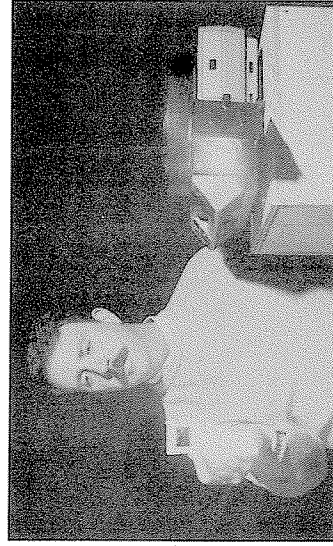
## Training

During 1984, the Planning/Personnel/Training Unit completed its first year in the new Public Safety Training Center building. This unit is staffed by one Lieutenant and the Department Training Officer. The 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.



In 1984, the Training Unit managed 10,213 hours of total department training, with each employee receiving an average of 66.75 hours of training. This is an increase of 16.3% from 1983, and a 42.9% increase since 1982. The Unit maximized its use of in-service training programs to offset the decreased number of classes offered by state agencies.

During this year the Police Officer Physical Fitness Program was implemented. Classes in Officer Survival and Low-Speed Vehicle Placement are also conducted at the new Training Center.

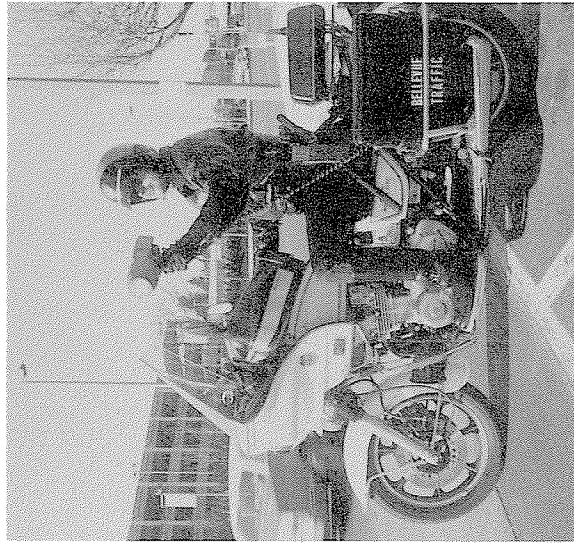
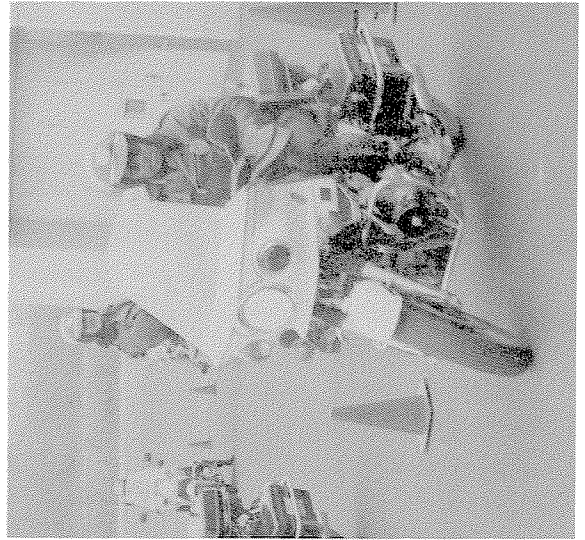


In 1985 a second Training Officer will be added. The addition of another officer to this Unit will increase its productivity and training offerings even further.



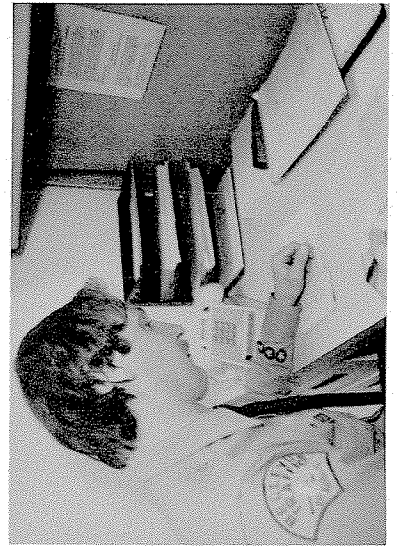
## Traffic

The Bellevue Police Department's Traffic Section made a significant contribution toward making Bellevue a safer community in 1984. During a period which saw traffic volumes continue to increase, accidents were reduced by 1.5% over 1983 levels. More importantly, the decrease resulted in 6% fewer persons injured. The reduction was brought about, in part, by a shift in resources which resulted from a modification of the Selective Enforcement Program.



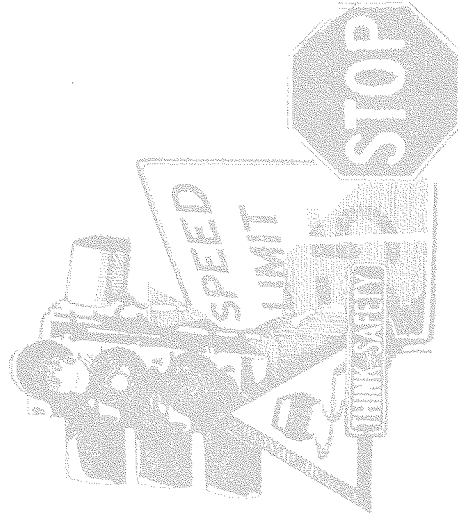
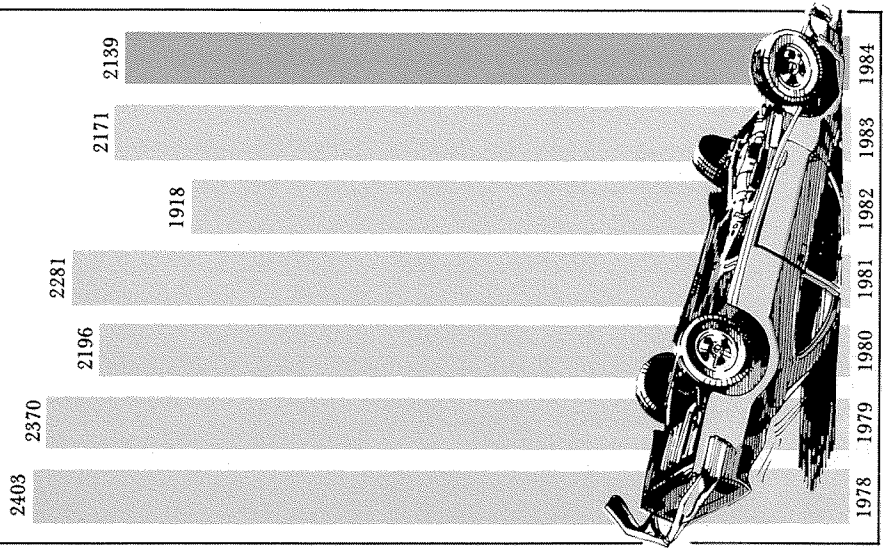
During 1984, critical "enforcement areas" were identified and Traffic officers were then assigned on a permanent basis to an enforcement area with a goal of reducing accidents in "their" area. Officers concentrated on accident causing violations, resulting in an 18% increase in Selective Enforcement citations. In addition to an overall increase of 5% in traffic citations, Traffic officers responded to 12% more calls for traffic related services in 1984.

As in past years, the Traffic Section continued to plan and coordinate safety and special events occurring throughout the year. The Section was involved in a total of twenty special events such as numerous organized foot races, charity events, parades, and the 38th annual Northwest Arts and Crafts Fair, which attracted over 150,000 people.



# Traffic Statistics

## TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS



## COMPARATIVE BREAKDOWN

	1983	1984	% CHANGE
Persons Injured	790	742	-6%
Pedestrian Accidents	49	34	-31%
Bicycle Accidents	43	39	-9%
Traffic Fatalities	2	1	-50%
Hit & Runs	510	485	-5%
<b>TOTAL ACCIDENTS</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>-1.5%</b>

## Traffic Safety



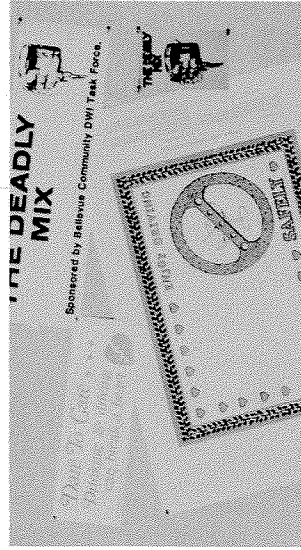
The Traffic Section was involved in several programs throughout the year in an effort to promote traffic safety and reduce the number of persons driving while intoxicated on City streets.

Our Traffic Safety Program includes a wide range of activities such as presentations to school-aged youth and employee groups, as well as Traffic Safety displays throughout the community.

One of the largest single events participated in by members of the Traffic Section was the Bellevue Arts and Crafts Fair. The Section had an educational display set up, along with a device called the "Convincer" which promotes the use of automobile seat belts. The static display pictured the effects of drinking and driving, seat belt use, and new laws and safety tips. It was estimated that approximately 30,000 people viewed the display during the Fair, making it one of our most successful events of the year.

Another successful program involving not only the Traffic Section, but the Bellevue Community DWI Task Force and Bellevue School District, was our Second Annual POSTER, BOOKCOVER, and STICKER contest.

This program was designed to accomplish two main goals. First was the short term impact on families and their attitude toward drinking and driving. The second goal was the long range effect it would have on the students as they moved toward adulthood. The contest was an excellent supplement to the "Here's Looking at You Too" (drug and alcohol curriculum), K through 12 program now in the Bellevue School system. Over

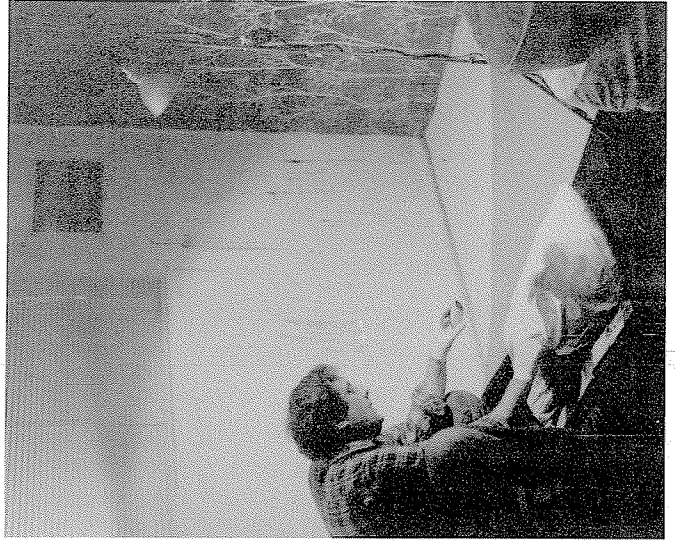


1,000 entries were received from elementary through high school students. The theme was "A Positive Approach to Drinking and Driving" and we were amazed at the quality of the entries. This contest culminated at the beginning of the holiday season with awards being presented to the winners by Mayor Bozeman and Chief Van Blaricom at a Council meeting. The winning poster design was displayed on the back of Metro buses throughout the community. The book covers were given to Bellevue Junior and Senior High School students and the bumperstickers were distributed throughout the community.

The citizens of Bellevue were the real winners in this contest as DWI accidents were reduced by 29% during the holiday period.

## Detectives

One Lieutenant and 10 Detectives are responsible for the investigation of all major crimes including homicide, robbery, rape, commercial and residential burglary, assault, theft, check and credit card fraud, and arson. 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.

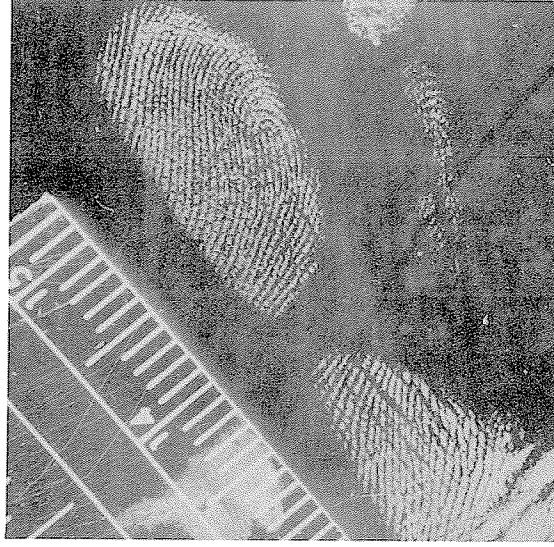
Detectives investigated 2,745 cases in 1984 which represents a 14.5% increase over the number of cases handled in 1983. Included in these investigations were two local homicides and three outside homicides. Three of the homicides have been cleared by conviction and the fourth is pending trial. Detectives investigated 26 rapes, 29 armed robberies, and 71 felony assaults.

In 1984, extensive investigative training was provided for several officers of the Snohomish Police Department.

Bellevue Detectives assisted with the investigation and successful prosecution of a Medina murder/assault case.

After a lengthy investigation by Bellevue Detectives, two local men were convicted of first degree murder in the deaths of a Lynnwood couple whose bodies were found at the bottom of Lake Sammamish.

The arrest of five persons cleared forty-four



commercial burglaries in Bellevue, plus an additional fifty-five burglaries throughout the Eastside.

The arrest of two men cleared twenty major residential burglaries and identified a \$100,000 a month "fencing" operation.

The value of stolen property recovered by Detectives in 1984 totalled \$659,932.30 and overall case clearances were up another 15% over 1983.



## Special Investigations

One Lieutenant and three Detectives conduct Narcotic and Vice investigations and provide specialized services, assistance, and training for police operations.



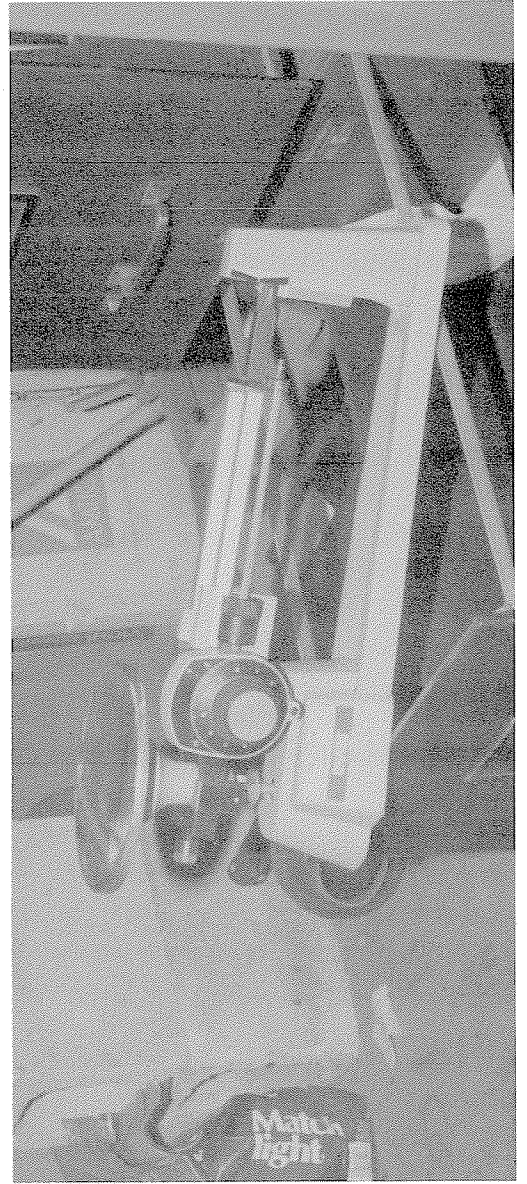
The Eastside Narcotic Enforcement Task Force completed its third year with continued success - a stable, cooperative effort regarded state-wide as a model program. In addition to ongoing District Court funding, a Washington State grant was obtained for a specific "Local Task Force" targets. As a consequence, 1984 investigative priorities were limited to Eastside drug dealers and manufacturers.

Current trends include higher quality cocaine at lower prices, increased supplies

of "Mexican Tar" heroin, and continued high quality locally grown marijuana.

In 1984 Bellevue Narcotic seizures exceeded \$2.5 million dollars in street value drugs while cash and equipment seizures showed an increase of 250% over 1983.

Cash and equipment seizures necessarily continue to supplement limited investigative "buy" funds and totaled \$129,861.



## Youth Services

The Youth Services Detective investigates reports of sexual and physical child abuse and neglect, missing and runaway youths, and all other matters involving delinquent and dependent children.

All juvenile cases are reviewed for sufficiency and either investigated further, forwarded to the King County Youth Authorities for formal disposition, or entered into an in-house diversion process for first time offenders. This highly successful program includes screening and interviewing offenders and parents and negotiating in-formal-disposition agreements.

Total number of cases assigned	592
Total number of cases closed/other	14
Total number of cases closed/arrest	437
Total number of cases closed/summons	117
Total number of cases closed/unfounded	0
Total number of felony cases	190
Total number of misdemeanor cases	402
Total number of arrests	835
Felony	190
Misdemeanor	725
Search warrants served	14



**DEBRA ANN SAHAKIAN**  
Case #1632

DOB: 5/23/69

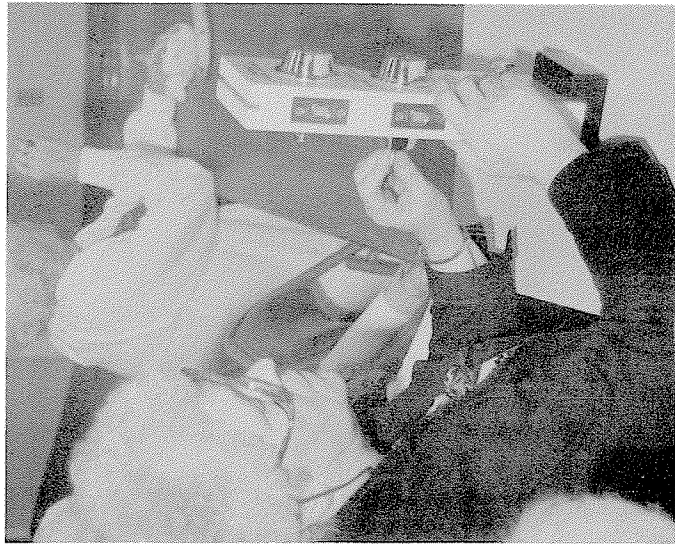
ABD: 5/24/79 from Novato, California

The FBI is looking for two people in the case of Debra Ann Sahakian who was taken from her school yard in Novato, California. Debra is 15 years old and would be in the ninth grade. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, a crooked eye tooth and dimples. Debra likes soccer and gymnastics. Her case number is 1632. Write this number down and if you have any information about Debra's whereabouts, call Child Find, toll free, 1-800-431-5005. KOMO and Child Find need your help.



# M I S S I N G

## 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 to the police 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 home inspections (surveys) and property engraving. In 1983, the Eastside Chapter of the ALTRUSA Club became involved and continued in 1984 to assist in helping setting up Block Watch meetings in the neighborhoods by canvassing door to door.

The residential crime prevention officer's duties also include the Property Recovery detail, monitoring all "pawn slips." This detail acts as liaison with the pawn shop/second hand dealers in the community as well as other law enforcement agencies for the potential recovery of stolen property and enforcement of the regulating ordinance.

### SCHOOLS

The Detective who is assigned to schools develops and presents programs to all levels of school-age children, including pre-school. The program includes topics on drug/alcohol abuse, careers in criminal justice, dangerous strangers, fingerprinting of

children and other issues such as shoplifting, etc. Many of the programs at the elementary level include "Detective McGruff."



### COMMERCIAL

The commercial crime prevention officer coordinates programs for the business community and regularly trains managers and employees concerning crime prevention techniques in armed robbery with mock robbery scenarios for bank employees, shop-



lifting, internal theft, bad checks, credit card fraud and forgery, personal protection and executive protection. This officer also conducts in-depth security surveys and provides businesses with recommendations on physical and electronic security for existing or soon to be built businesses. A program that started in 1983 also deals with training occupants of high-rise buildings to deal with bomb threats and resultant evacuation drills.

#### CRIME ANALYSIS/STATISTICS

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 interview reports, pawn shop/second hand dealer reports and crime analysis data. The Crime Analysis officer coordinates information to patrol and detectives on criminals, criminal patterns and general activities. Since early 1984 they have participated in enhancing the computerization of the unit with upgrading both hardware and software.

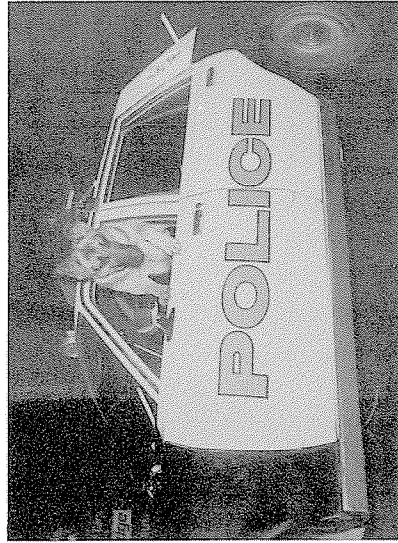
The Crime Prevention Unit also monitors and enforces the false burglary and robbery alarm ordinances and oversees the "Police Cadets," a group of Explorer Scouts ages 12-20 who are interested in law enforcement careers and public service. They also maintain and install VARDA stakeout alarms and surveillance cameras which are instrumental in solving crimes, obtaining photographic evidence, and providing security for domestic violence victims.



Also, the Unit coordinates the "Eastside Crime Stoppers" program with four other law enforcement agencies as well as citizens from each of the four cities serving on the Board of Directors. This is an anonymous tip cash reward program and is expected to help solve many crimes in 1985 when the program is in full operation.

## BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT

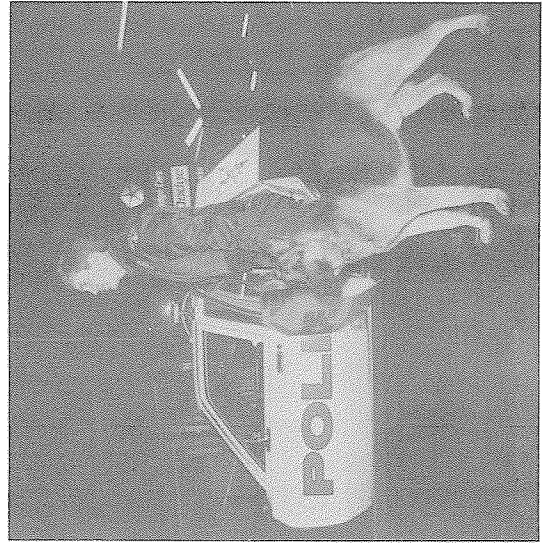
### K-9



In addition to routine patrol duties, K-9 teams conducted public relations demonstrations and made presentations at our local schools. K-9 Unit Training Master provided "roll-call" training to officers from neighboring police departments and participated in several statewide training seminars. K-9 teams responded to 32 requests for assistance from other agencies, providing K-9 assistance to W.S.P., King County, Redmond, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Issaquah.



In 1984, officers of the K-9 Unit responded to 969 calls, conducted 168 building searches and recovered \$7,979 in stolen property. K-9 teams were responsible for 40 arrests.



In a mid-year move intended to better familiarize Patrol Lieutenants with the capabilities of the K-9 teams, a program was developed which would allow each lieutenant to directly supervise the K-9 Unit for a period of 6 months. The benefits derived from this program should further improve the success of the Unit in 1985.

## Hazardous Devices

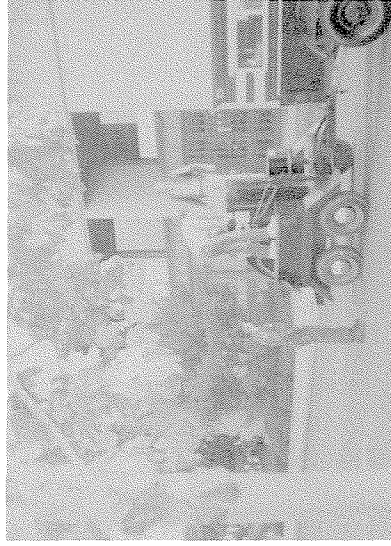
Since the inception of the Hazardous Device Unit in 1971, the unit has grown to four members commanded by a captain, with equipment ranging from a four-wheel drive vehicle to a bomb disposal trailer capable of withstanding the detonation of several cases of dynamite and still maintaining its integrity.

Unit members are required to maintain a high degree of proficiency through training and continual education. Members are required to pass a three week basic course in recognition, handling and rendering safe procedures and returning every two years for a one week refresher, to the F.B.I. school in Redstone, Alabama.

In March of 1984, a state law was passed prohibiting other than safe and sane fireworks due to the high incident of firework related injuries as well as strong public opinion. This has increased the unit's work load for proper storage and disposal of large amounts of illegal fireworks.

On one occasion this year, the unit responded to Stevenson Elementary school and discovered a pipe bomb that had been abandoned, and then found by a playing child. After rendering it safe, the unit found the fusing system to be a small, battery oper-

ated digital clock with the face removed. The sophisticated arming device was later determined to have been constructed by two junior high youths. It would appear high-tech is moving into the younger, experimental generation, with potentially much more deadly results.



During 1984, the team responded to three outside agencies' requests for assistance: a multi-agency investigation into a contract bombing of a known narcotics dealer and burglar, a request from a commercial business that had allowed a quart container of Picric acid to alter its chemical state and become a very sensitive high explosive, and a live WWII British hand grenade, found in a creek bed by a young child.



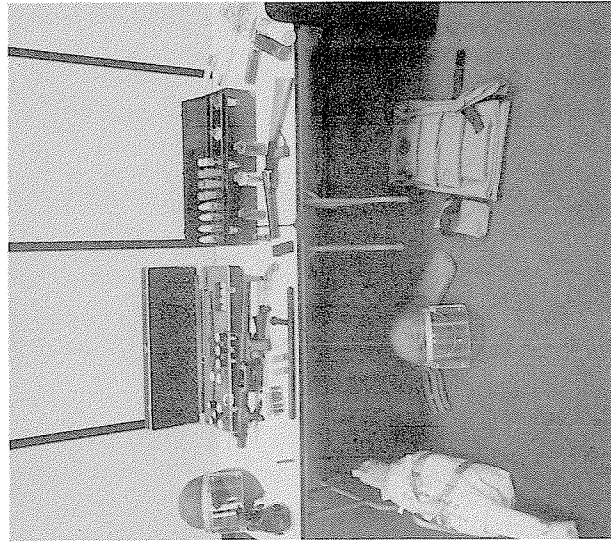
The Bomb Squad handled 41 calls consisting of threats, bombing incidents and turned-in ordnance in 1984. Also team members were responsible for instructing civilian and police personnel in explosive education.

## Tactical Response

The Bellevue Police Tactical Response Unit came into existence in 1976 with the formation of the Tactical Arms Group. The need was recognized for a specially trained unit which could be utilized to deal with such high risk incidents as hostage or barricade situations. From its inception, the primary goals of the unit have been preparedness and safety. The unit did not see action until 1979 but since that first "call out," many different types of high risk incidents have been experienced.

As an integral part of the total tactical response, the department's Crises Negotiation Team was formed in 1981 and has worked very closely alongside the Tactical Arms Group since that time.

Although the department has long prided itself on maintaining a state of readiness through the use of "state of the art" equipment and technology, including a full complement of offensive weaponry, the overall emphasis has consistently been on non-lethal intervention. To that end, the unit has available, various non-lethal devices, such as stun grenades, capture devices, "ARWEN" plastic bullet and chemical delivery device, and more.



The Tactical Response Unit has a record of successful crisis management. To date, a total of eleven high risk incidents have been handled without a single person being killed or injured as a result of any action on behalf of the police and no shots fired by our officers. This type of success can be attributed to the Department's continuing support as well as the dedication and enthusiasm of these volunteers.



## Staff Support

The mission of the Staff Support Section is to provide direct service to the public concerning the many police related matters occurring within the City. Additionally, the unit manages the support activities that are vital to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the department.

### **RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

The records unit provides the "behind the scenes" support without which the field units simply could not function. During 1984



over 112,900 phone calls were received; 14,963 crime reports were processed and over 78,000 computer transactions were made.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Eastside Regional Dispatch Center receives and dispatches emergency calls for police, fire and medical aid. Over 65,000 emergency calls for police, fire and medical aid were received at the Center in 1984; 26,861 police calls were dispatched along with 14,369 fire and medic calls.

Scheduled for opening in early 1985, the new Emergency Dispatch Center in Crossroads will be equipped with the latest technology, including a computer aided dispatching system.

### **PROPERTY ROOM**

The police property room provides a secure environment for the reception and storage of evidence and found property. Evidence property entries totaled 2,925 in 1984 as well as 400 narcotics exhibits analyzed and \$17,124 returned to the general fund from auction of unclaimed items.





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