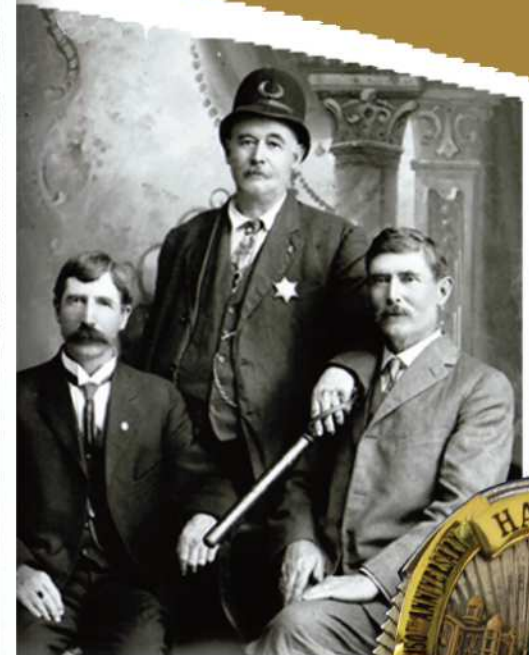


HASTINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



CITY OF HASTINGS,
MINNESOTA



1904 HPD Chief Ingalls. (6th from Left)
With Hastings Civil War Veterans



1943 Chief Karpen and
Boy Scouts weapon hunt



2006 Department Photo

From the Chief:

It is with pleasure that I present to you this special report commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Hastings Police Department.

The city of Hastings was incorporated as a city in the state of Minnesota in 1857. During that time law enforcement or safety issues were handled by a City Marshal or Town Constable, which are civil positions. In 1858, by city ordinance, an official Hastings Police Department was organized and formed, authorizing the hiring of police officers for the city of Hastings, thus marking 2008 as the 150th anniversary of an organized Hastings Police Department.

As you can imagine law enforcement has changed considerably over the past 150 years with advancements in technology and equipment as well as society creating new laws and ordinances to safeguard their community. The overall theme of law enforcement 150 years ago was to provide protection and service to the citizens of the community and that theme has remained and will continue to remain.

In this special anniversary report you will find information chronicling 150 years of police presence in the city of Hastings to include changes within the police department, the community and law enforcement in general. Throughout the report are articles and information taken from the news of the day, which I hope you find informative and entertaining.

Several sources were consulted in the creation of this report, including the City of Hastings Archives, the Hastings Star Gazette, the Dakota County Library, Dakota County Historical Society and the Minnesota Historical Society. I would like to extend my thanks to those sources listed above and also to the following individuals for the information and many photos they provided to the creation of this report: Hastings Police Department retirees Gordy Anderson, Ron Hillmer, Char Stoudt and Nick Wasylick, and Hastings Historians Cindy Thury Smith and Richard Darsow. Special thanks also go out to Hastings Police Department Office Manager Mary Cofer and City of Hastings Communications Specialist Shannon Rausch for the work, time and effort they put into the research, formatting and designing of the information provided in this report.

Sincerely,

Chief McMenomy

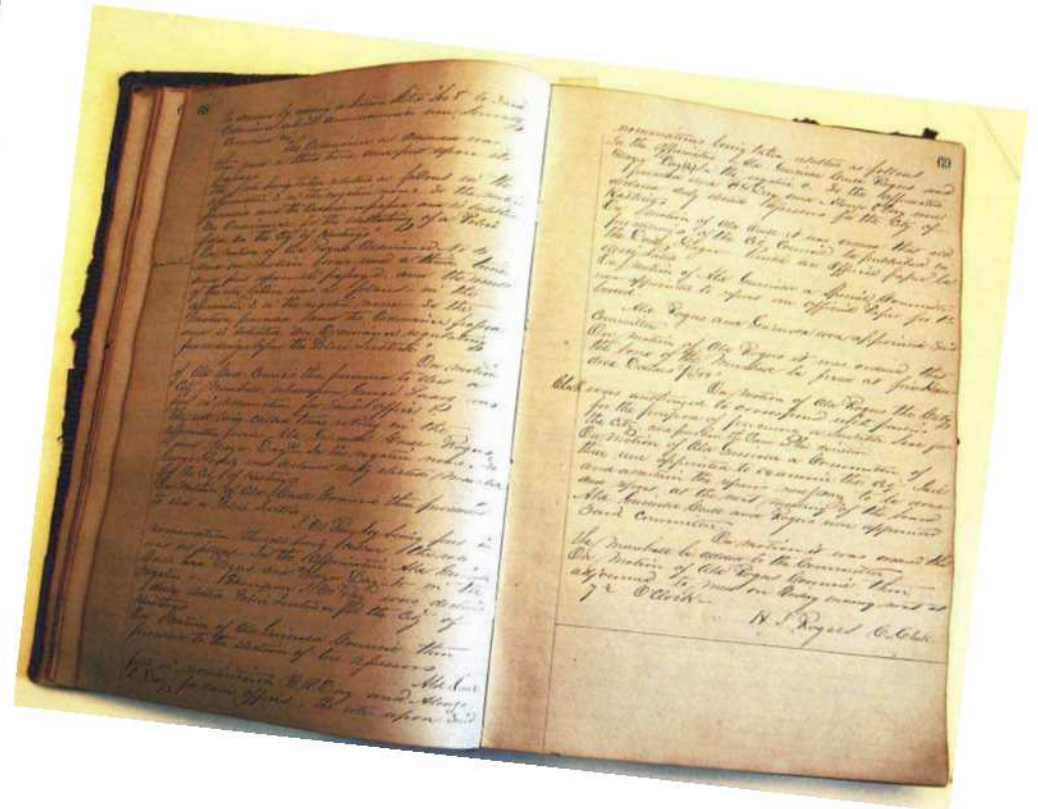
Our History:

On March 7th, 1857 the town of Hastings was incorporated as a city by the Territorial Legislature and the people of Dakota County voted to designate Hastings as the county seat. The City's first Mayor was elected on March 17th, 1857 and first City Council elected May 12th, 1857 of this same year.

In 1857 the Hastings City Council passed an Ordinance that became law on August 22nd, 1857 establishing a "City Marshal" who, according to the ordinance, **"shall from time to time nominate to the City Council such suitable persons to act as police officers or watchmen as the peace and good order of the city may require. Provided that no person or watchman shall act as policeman or watchman until his nomination is confirmed by the City Council."**

The following year, on May 11th, 1858, Minnesota is admitted to the Union as the 32nd state. A new City Charter is enacted and all City ordinances previously passed when Minnesota was a "territory" are repealed and reissued upon Minnesota becoming a state.

On July 8th, 1858 the Hastings City Council passes Ordinance Number 3 establishing a "City Police Force", eliminating the City Marshal position. Officers were to receive no more than \$2.00 per day (later changed to no more than \$1.50 per day) for twelve hours active patrol in a day, and **"except in cases of emergency as peace and good order may require"** the Mayor could appoint only two "suitable persons" to act as policemen.



Timeline:

A look back at 150 years of Policing in the City of Hastings, as well as Advancements in Law Enforcement Worldwide.

1858

Hastings Ordinance Number 3 establishing a city "police force" was passed by the city council July 8th, 1858 eliminating the City Marshal position.

1859

A. Whitman is appointed the City of Hastings' first Chief of Police.

The Hastings Independent July 15, 1858

We see that an ordinance passed the City Council authorizing a "police force" for this city. We cannot see the necessity for the city paying out \$25 or \$30 per week for policemen. In these times it is well for men in public as well as private business to stop and inquire, where the money is to come from, and is the service actually demanded. Other men may see different from what we do, but our opinion is that this city needs three policemen about as much as a dog does three tails.

1850's Law Enforcement:

The first multi-shot pistol, introduced by Samuel Colt, goes into mass production. The weapon is adopted by police departments nationwide.

The systematic photography for criminal identification is introduced.

1868

Hastings City Council passes City Ordinance Number 70, a Vagrant Act, under which "persons without visible means of support, keepers of gaming tables, gamblers, owners of burglarious tools, pigeon droppers, thimble-riggers, prostitutes, pimps, and associates of the classes above named, are liable to indictment and fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars."

Thimblerig: Also known as the shell game, thimblerig is a con game in which a person (the thimble-rigger) hides a small object underneath one of three thimbles, nutshells, or cups, then shuffles them about on a flat surface while spectators try to guess the final location of the object.

Pigeon drop: Another con game, the Pigeon drop, is a confidence trick in which a mark or a "pigeon" is convinced to give up a sum of money in order to secure the rights to a larger sum of money, or more valuable object. In reality the scammers make off with the money and the mark is left with nothing.

The carrying of weapons within the Hastings City limits was outlawed as a breach of peace, by Ordinance Number 74, passed by the Hastings City Council on August 3rd. Weapons included a dirk, dagger, sword, pistol, slug shot (sling shot), metal knuckles or any other offensive or dangerous item, unless for the express purpose of defending ones family or property.

1869

A Horse Thief Detective Society was formed to counter the many valuable horses being stolen in the county. In August 1874, Dakota County offered \$100 reward for the return of a stolen horse, and a \$200 reward for the return of a stolen horse plus the conviction of the thief.

it would be a good idea for our city council to organize a chain gang, and, instead of furnishing free board to so many loafers, set them to work upon the streets. There is plenty to do, and no money in the treasury.
September 25, 1869
The Hastings Gazette

1860's Law Enforcement:

Inventor W. V. Adams patented handcuffs that use adjustable ratchets – the first modern handcuffs.

1871

The Temperance Society was organized and actively operating in September.

July 22, 1871 The Hastings Gazette THE DOGS. —

The Chief of Police has been visiting upon the unlicensed and collarless dogs the death penalty with considerable vigor, and as a consequence eulogies are pronounced over the remains of good dogs, and it is wonderful how many of that kind have been sent to the happy hunting grounds. All such should feel encouraged that they are the subjects of law, and insist on their license and collar.

1872

A Hastings City Ordinance restricting the running at large of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs was enacted by the city council in January. An open range policy had been the practice from the beginning, but free spirited animals roaming the town, foraging for food, was causing many problems.

The new ordinance was generally ignored until the evening of May 28th, when the police rounded up from 35 to 45 head, and drove them into the impound lot. Most residents were pleased that their gardens and yards were safe, but the cattle owners were incensed at having to bail their animals out of the impound lot.

COWS IN LIMBO.—Tuesday evening many of our citizens awoke to a realizing sense that the ordinance restraining stock from running at large within the city limits was being enforced. During the night some thirty-five or forty head of cattle were driven by the chief of police into the pound, and the dimensions being rather small the animals gored and kicked each other, some of them being shamefully cut and bruised, and no small amount of censure is placed upon the authors of the law as well as the parties executing it. It must be perplexing for the owners of cows to find upon looking for their animals that they have been impounded, but we doubt if it is at all equal to the chagrin that a man feels, who has been all summer cultivating a garden, to find some fine morning that it has been destroyed. We trust that the ordinance may be continued, but would counsel moderation in enforcing it.

1874

The Union Temperance Association distributed a petition in October to all liquor dealers in Hastings, requesting they "Forever abandon the sale of this maddening poison to your fellow man."

Theodore Woodward is appointed Hastings' Chief of Police, upon the resignation of Chief Michael Mullany.

A special meeting of the Hastings City Council May 14th is held. A proposition to keep city prisoners in the Dakota county jail during the summer was accepted.

1870's Law Enforcement:

The use of the telegraph by fire and police departments begins in New York.

The telephone comes into use in police precinct houses in Washington, D.C.

1881

Deputies are appointed to assist the Hastings' police force in preserving peace during the "tramp" season.

1884

The contract for the original Hastings City Hall building on Sibley Street was awarded in

April to the low bidder, Powers & Metzger for \$3,482. The single cell jail in the basement of the old City Hall, at 215 Sibley Street, was in use, it is believed, from construction of the building in 1884, until the late 1940's or early 1950's.



1886

The Gazette reported the town was over-run with beggars and tramps in July.

1880's Law Enforcement:

Chicago is the first city in the U.S. to adopt the Bertillon system of identification. Named after Alphonse Bertillon, a French criminologist, the Bertillon system applies techniques of human body measurement used in anthropological classification to the identification of criminals.

1892

Hastings Police Chief Nolan reported 330 tramps were confined to the city lockup for the year.

1894

Hastings Policeman Albert Jacobson was shot to death on July 10th in the dark of night while pursuing a burglary suspect through Barker's Addition to the Vermillion Slough area. Jacobson is the only city policeman to lose his life in the line of duty. His son, Albert H. "Ollie" Jacobsen, (note the different spelling of their last name) then five years old, would grow up to become a Hastings City Policeman in 1928, and Chief of Police in 1941.

The Murderer Arraigned

John Ivan, who shot and killed Policeman Albert Jacobson on the 10th inst., was arraigned before Justice W. DeW. Pringle Saturday evening, being charged with murder in the first degree. The defendant plead not guilty, and was committed to the next term of district court, to await trial, from the testimony given by witnesses in behalf of the state, Policeman Edward Schwartz, Dr. J.M. Tucker, and Charles Nolan. The case is not a bailable one. For the interests of the public and that of justice there will be an immediate investigation by the grand jury, which will reconvene by order of Judge F.M. Crosby, on Thursday, Aug. 9th, at eleven a.m., when a speedy trial will be given the slayer of the dead officer.

John Peranis, the pal of John Ivan, who was taken into custody the evening of the murder, was taken over to Stillwater Monday afternoon by Sheriff Adam Marty, of Washington County, upon warrant charging the defendant with entering and burglarizing the store of H.A. Durand and the post-office at Newport on the 9th inst. A large crowd of our citizens gathered at the depot platform to get a look at the burglar, before he boarded the Hastings & Stillwater train.

- Hastings Gazette 21 July 1894 -

Policeman Jacobson Shot by a desperado.

The Assassin in the County Jail. An Attempt Made to Lynch Him.

Tuesday evening about 8:30 o'clock a messenger came running up from the First Ward with the news that Policeman (Albert) Jacobson had been seriously shot by a tramp. Shortly afterward Policeman (Edward) Schwartz was seen coming up from that direction with a man under arrest. A team was immediately dispatched to the scene of the crime and the wounded man taken to his home. Drs. (A.M.) Adsit and (J.M.) Tucker were summoned and upon examination pronounced the wound fatal, he having been shot through the abdomen. Mr. Jacobson lingered between life and death until shortly after midnight, when he died.

The police noticed two suspicious characters around town during the day and towards the evening they were seen in the railroad yard. Chief Shepherd, deeming it best to have them locked up during the night, attempted to arrest them; he succeeded in capturing one of them after considerable a struggle, the other running down around Lake Isabel. Policemen Schwartz and Jacobson started in pursuit of him and commanded him to stop; when he saw he was about to be captured he turned and fired the fatal shot, Jacobson being only about twelve feet from him. The assassin, seeing his work, was determined to escape and throwing off his hat and coat jumped into the river, swimming to the opposite shore. Policeman Schwartz fired several shots after him but failing to hit him, hailed a boy in a row-boat and followed in hot pursuit, but the man succeeded in reaching the opposite shore with Policeman Schwartz close behind. In attempting to cross the slough the assassin got stuck in the mud and on Schwartz coming up he drew a knife, having

either dropped or lost his revolver; but Schwartz commanded him to give up, which he did at the point of the empty revolver.

When the two men were examined at City Hall before being placed in their cells a number of chisels, nippers, masks, revolvers, etc., were found in their possession, proving that they were not ordinary tramps but first-class burglars.

A large number of men gathered around the city hall when the news was heard, and many a threat at lynching was made, but after the prisoner was taken to the county jail about midnight, the crowd dispersed. Yesterday morning a few determined men gathered at the court house square and commenced shouting for help to lynch the murderer; in less than fifteen minutes fully five hundred people had gathered; some of the crowd carried sledge hammers, etc., while one man carried a large rope. Quite a struggle took place at the door of the jail, but Sheriff (John) Hyland and his deputies, Chief Shepherd and Policeman (Arthur) Nesbitt, together with a number of citizens, succeeded in keeping the excited men back. A number of our prominent citizens made short speeches, asking the crowd to disperse and let the court deal with the criminal instead of taking the law into their own hands, and thus bring disgrace on the good name of our city.

Another unsuccessful attempt was made last night, but when the crowd discovered that the sheriff had taken extra precaution to prevent anything of the kind they wisely retired.

- Hastings Democrat 12 July 1894 -

Ivan's Prison Days

One of the men (in the state prison) is John Ivan, who was sent to the prison for life, Mar. 28th, 1895, for the murder of a policeman at Hastings. He has not worked for two years. He keeps a diary written in Polish very neatly, and is a curiosity. He has a religious delusion and two years ago, believing he ought to be crucified, pounded a nail through his hand. He says his diary contains prayers made every second day.

Hastings Gazette
from the Stillwater Gazette
20 January 1900

Sentence Commuted

The sentence of John Ivan, the murderer of Policeman Jacobson, has been commuted by the governor to imprisonment for life, the petition having been signed by all the jury and one hundred eighty citizens of Hastings and Dakota County. Although still quite sick the prisoner was greatly rejoiced to learn the news.

Hastings Gazette 30 March 1895

The District Court

The district court convened Monday, Sept. 10, Judge F.M. Crosby presiding. The case of John Ivan, indicted for the murder of Policeman Albert Jacobson, was on trial...

The trial opened Wednesday afternoon...

Thursday the murderer was sworn and testimony given by John Bingo for the defense. The opening plea was made by Albert Schaller, followed by W.H. DeKay for the defense. Both were able efforts. The case went to the jury Friday, and a verdict of murder in the first degree was found. J.M. Millett and Albert Schaller for the prosecution. W.H. DeKay and Claggett & Stowe for the defense.

Dakota County Tribune 20 September 1894

Judge Crosby then said that it is the sentence of the law that you, John Ivan, be punished for the offense which you have been found guilty of committing, that of murder in the first degree, by hanging by the neck until you are dead.

Hastings Gazette 23 September 1894

Save the Neck of Ivan

A strong effort is being made to save the neck of John Ivan, under sentence of death at Hastings for the murder of Policeman Jacobson last July. Ivan has been under sentence of death since October, but the date of the execution has not been fixed by the governor, and now strong pressure is being brought to bear upon Gov. Clough to grant a delay of ten days until cause can be shown why the death sentence should not be commuted to life imprisonment. It is claimed that the members of the jury which convicted Ivan are favorable of the commutation and are interested in the move. It is urged in extenuation of Ivan's crime that he was being driven out of Hastings at the time, and that several shots were fired at him as he ran. He faced back and fired one shot in return, killing Jacobson. He was taken back and tried at Hastings while sentiment was at a fever heat, and the conviction of murder in the first degree was the result.

Dakota County Tribune 21 February 1895

1895

The Hastings Spiral Bridge, costing \$39,050 was dedicated on April 27th. It was a splendiferous ceremony, consuming a day long celebration, worthy of a far greater city and event. Governor



D.M. Clough, State Senator Albert Schaller and numerous other dignitaries addressed the crowd. A scrumptuous free meal was served to an estimated 5,000 people on the courthouse lawn.

(A depiction of the Hastings Spiral Bridge would become part of the uniform worn by Hastings Police Officers. See 1969)

Charles Lewis, one of the early residents of Hastings, died in Little Falls, W. T., on the 15th inst., aged about eighty years. He was city marshal in 1861, 1862, 1867, and 1868, and will be remembered as an active, efficient officer; also one of the first settlers of the town of Sciota, coming there in 1854 and laid out a town on the Cannon River called Lewiston, since vacated.

Tuesday, February 28, 1885, The Hastings Gazette

1896

Hastings Police Chief Vanransalaer Shepherd and Policeman Ed Schwartz rounded up 53 tramps one day in July and sent them packing. On the next northbound train, 42 more arrived.

1898

The Hastings City council resolved at their July 11th session, that all able bodied prisoners between the age of 16 and 50, would work on the rock pile eight hours per day until further notice, under penalty of solitary confinement on bread and water for refusal to labor.

Saturday, May 6, 1899

THE HASTINGS GAZETTE.

A.C. Nesbitt tendered his resignation as policeman on Sunday, after many years of faithful and efficient service.

1904

On May 9th, the Hastings City Council passed an ordinance against spitting and the discarding of cigarette stumps (butts) in public buildings and on public sidewalks. Violations were punishable by a \$5 fine or five days in jail.

On June 11th, 1904, Hastings police Officers donned handsome new uniforms and helmets received from a Chicago supplier. These are



believed to be the first uniforms worn by the City of Hastings policemen.

Hastings Police Chief Ingalls took 238 tramps into custody during the summer months, up to early August.

1900-1910 Law Enforcement: Scotland Yard adopts a fingerprint classification system devised by Sir Edward Richard Henry.

The first police department crime laboratory is established in Lyon, France

1914

Kelley's Army, also known as Kelley's Hoard, invaded Hastings before 8:00 AM on Thursday, May 28th. Colonel C.D. McLennon and his 120 men outflanked the well prepared Dakota County Sheriff and the Hastings Police Department, in a maneuver that would have made a military strategist proud. This highly controversial civilian army of unemployed left San Francisco on a march to Washington D.C., to petition for work programs. General Charles Kelley, their leader, was at the time, in a Sacramento jail serving time on a vagrancy conviction.

The army was expected to march down the east side of the Mississippi River from St. Paul Park, and cross the Spiral

Bridge where 20 deputies were stationed to stop them. The colonel outwitted the police by crossing the river to the west side during the evening, and marching into town unopposed. Mayor J.G. Sieben was furious. He confronted the colonel and ordered him out of town by 5 PM. (*Shades of Dodge City!*) The colonel again showed his skill, this time as a negotiator. He extracted \$8 worth of food provisions from the City, and a free ride on the Milwaukee Rail Road to LaCrosse, Wisconsin.



Coxey's Army was photographed leaving Brightwood Camp in Washington, D.C.

The City of Hastings first auto accident happened in October, caused by excess speed.

1915

Police Chief Nolan reported that from May 1914 to May 1915, 1,442 tramps were lodged overnight at the city lockup. The number not lodged was overwhelming.

Chief Nolan reports that his register from May 5th, 1914, to May 5th, 1915, shows that fourteen hundred and forty-two tramps were lodged at City Hall, not speaking of the vast number that were not locked up or given lodgings, the influx being overwhelmingly large.

1916

By an electoral vote of 466 to 402 on April 4th, the Hastings City Council bowed to the will of the majority on April 13th. By resolution, the city went dry. Prohibition became law in Hastings three years and nine months before it became the law of the land. *For more on this controversial issue see 1918.*

1918

On February 5th, the Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner issued Resolution Order 25, requiring all aliens to register. This included all foreign born people who had not completed their naturalization. To understand the passion of the day, let's read what the editor of the Hastings Gazette had to say on February 16th:

"There were thirteen aliens of enemy countries who registered before Otto Ackerman at the post office during the recent registration. They are all residents of Hastings and gave finger prints, photographs and information."

An estimated 250,000 aliens registered in Minnesota.

On April 2nd, Hastings voters rescinded their mandate of April 4, 1916 and ended two years of Prohibition in Hastings, by a vote of 471 to 316. The city council met in special session on April 8th, passed a resolution and the city went wet. At a regular meeting of the council on April 15th, liquor license fees were set at \$1000. At a special meeting of the council on May 4th, applications for ten liquor licenses were acted on; three were approved seven were rejected. The battle went on! *For still more on this controversial issue see 1919.*

Charles Breckner has been appointed traffic officer, and the laws will be rigidly enforced. Several arrests have already been made, and others will follow if the regulations are not observed. Cutting corners, parking on the wrong side of the street, turning in the middle of the block, and speeding are all contrary to law, and must be avoided.

H.G. April 13, 1918

1919

The National Prohibition Amendment was adopted by the Legislature in January. *See 1920.*



Hastings Police Badges

1920

The Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment, known as the Liquor Prohibition Amendment, was proposed to the 65th Legislature. With its ratification by the 36th state, Utah, the Secretary of State declared January 16, 1920, as its effective date. The Volstead Act, passed by Congress in 1919, provided for enforcement of the Eighteenth

Amendment. The Act was named after its author, Congressman Andrew J. Volstead of Granite Falls, Minnesota. This controversial issue was not over yet. *For more see 1930.*

Women were given the right to vote with passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. The Secretary of State proclaimed August 26th the effective date.

December 23rd Prohibition News: Five soft drink parlors in Hastings were raided by police for liquor violations.

Chief Oscar Stromberg reports that the automobile law will be enforced from now on and that there will be no more turning around in the middle of the streets. So be careful.

Hastings Star Gazette; April 18 1921

1922

Hastings downtown soft drink parlors of John Doffing and August Gaeng were closed by the sheriff for liquor violations in March.

1924

A motor vehicle registration law became effective on January 1st.

1926

In November Hastings City officials approved the proposed state guidelines, requiring the licensing of drivers and the adoption of uniform traffic regulations. (See 1934.)

**Friday, May 14, 1926
THE HASTINGS GAZETTE**

It will be interesting to the many friends of **Ernst Landsberger** in this vicinity, to know that he has been appointed to the police force at Hastings. Officer Landsberger's former home was in Douglas and his many acquaintances are pleased to hear of his appointment, and are sure he will make good on his new job.

1927

A uniform traffic code was signed into law in April.

1929

The Hastings City Council authorized one additional night policeman in June because of the thievery and lawlessness, increasing the total force to four.

1920's Law Enforcement:

Los Angeles Police Department established the first police department crime lab in the U.S.

The use of the teletype is inaugurated by the Pennsylvania State Police.

Detroit Police begin using the one-way radio.

1930

Prohibition News: It has been said that Minnesota, with its heavy German immigration in the 1800's, was positioned as a maximum participant in the bootlegging industry. With over 100 breweries operating in 1887, and the fifth largest beer producing state in the country, prohibition faced a formidable problem here.

Federal agents estimated Minnesota produced 10,000 bootleggers, in addition to all the individual households that distilled homebrew and wine. The magnitude of the phenomenon overwhelmed and outclassed the federal state and local law.

Virtually every soft drink parlor in Hastings had been raided and convicted of liquor violations, some several times. A product called Near Beer was legally distilled and marketed, that looked like the real thing, but had no alcohol content. The famed Hollywood actor, W.C. Field, himself an ardent connoisseur, said that the man who called it "Near Beer" had poor eyesight. When spiked with a good moonshine, it did make a mighty respectable beverage.

Bootleggers were treated as heroes. In the Hampton area, one Freiermuth family had considerable disagreement with the Eighteenth Amendment. On one occasion, Mrs. Margaret Freiermuth was met by her family and friends

after her release from jail on a bootlegging conviction; an elaborate homecoming party was celebrated. It is doubtful there was a dry glass in the area.

1931

A jury comprised entirely of women, heard a case in June for the first time in the history of Dakota County.

NIGHT POLICE HEAD OFF ATTEMPTED THEFT OF FORD SEDAN

The night policemen, Ed Leedstrom and Carl Johnson received a call from West Seventh street at an early Monday morning hour and rushed to the vicinity. They were told that a car had been acting in a suspicious manner in the neighborhood.

When the police came near the car made its getaway, but from all appearances the occupants were trying to steal the car, a Ford sedan, of Harry Sheehan, which was parked out of doors. If the police had not arrived at the opportune time, Mr. Sheehan might have been minus his car. It was about two a. m. 9-4-1931
H.G.

DEPRESSION HITS HIS BUSINESS REAL HARD SAYS CHIEF KENNY

"My business has been hit hard by the depression," said Chief of Police J. E. Kenny the past week, "but it picked up a little last Saturday. We found a couple of no-gooda in town, who were causing a disturbance and we locked them up.

"They were evidently professional petty thieves, not woodcutters or anything like that, because one of them had a couple of spoons on him and some other stuff like that."

1933

The City of Hastings purchased their first police car on September 18th from Lewis Motor Company, a 1933 Plymouth Coach for \$495. (A siren was added in October.)

Did you Know?

Hastings bought its first police car September 18, 1933 From Lewis Motor Company. It was a new Plymouth Coach and it cost \$495. A siren was added in October of the same year.

Hastings most recent police car is a Ford Crown Victoria purchased for \$23,007.36 (and that included the siren).



HASTINGS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

DILLINGER GANGSTERS IN RUNNING GUN BATTLE WITH LOCAL POSSE; 1 WOUNDED

•Hastings Officer Scores In
Gun Duel Although
Gangsters Escape

WANTED



**JOHN HERBERT
DILLINGER**

On June 20, 1934, JOHN S. HENNING, Attorney General of the United States, under the authority vested in him by an act of Congress approved June 3, 1934, LETTING a reward of

\$10,000.00

For the capture of John Herbert Dillinger or a member of

\$5,000.00

For information leading to the arrest of John Herbert Dillinger.

1934
John Dillinger, fleeing an FBI shootout in Little Bohemia, WI, with two henchmen, was engaged in a running gun battle with three Dakota County Sheriff's Deputies and a Hastings Policeman, Fred H. McArdle, on Monday morning, April 23rd, after they passed through town. One gunman, John Hamilton, was mortally wounded by Hastings Officer Fred McArdle, and later died.

Dakota County Deputy Races Dillinger Gang Car 20 Miles; Bandit Wounded In Gun Fight

Deputy Sheriff Joe Heinen of Rosemount has ridden with death at his shoulder more than once but not often has he pursued so dangerous a trio of outlaws as the three Dillinger gang gunmen with whom he and three companion officers staged a running gun battle between Langdon and St. Paul Park Monday morning.

Roaring up the pavement in pursuit of the gangsters, Deputy Heinen, with Norman Dieters and Larry Dunn, also Dakota county deputies, and F. H. McArdle, Hastings policeman, endeavored to halt the speeding car ahead with a few warning bullets as the cars neared Langdon. A moment later the muzzle of a gun was thrust through the rear window of the gangsters' coupe, which was about a block and a half ahead of Heinen's sedan, and a volley of bullets whistled around the officers' car. Only by a rare bit of luck did the pursuing party escape unscathed for one of the bullets from the gangsters' gun ripped into the visor above the windshield of Heinen's car and buried itself in the framework of the vehicle. Had the missile struck four inches lower, it would undoubtedly have penetrated the windshield behind which the alert Dakota county deputy was gripping the steering wheel of his sedan as the car raced up the pavement at a 70-mile an hour clip, on the heels of the fleeing gangsters.

Luckily the "breaks" were with the officers of the law, however, for it was one of the gangsters who stopped the only bullet that found a human target during the running gun



"JOE" HEINEN

battle. And it was Officer McArdle's 30-30 rifle that sent the bullet crashing into the rear of the fleeing coupe and, presumably, inflicted a mortal wound to one of the three gangsters in the vehicle.

Deputy Sheriff Heinen was so busily engaged with the task of keeping his car on the pavement, at the terrific speed they were traveling, that he had no opportunity to fire at their quarry. He did do some excellent work at the steering wheel, however and would undoubtedly have overtaken the gangsters near Newport had they not swung off the pavement at St. Paul Park, and later evaded the pursuing posse in the winding hills northwest of Cottage Grove.



John Hamilton



Hastings Police Officer,
Fred McArdle

In July the Hastings City Council raised the Chief's pay to \$110 per month and Policemen to \$100 per month, a \$10 increase.

In the interest of public safety for the occupants of the police car, Chief of Police E. A. Lidstrom asks the city council for a bullet proof windshield and steel lining for the front of the cowl.

March 1st was the deadline set by state law for licensing motor vehicle operators. The license fee was 25 cents plus 10 cents service fee. Up to this point, drivers were not required to be licensed.

1937

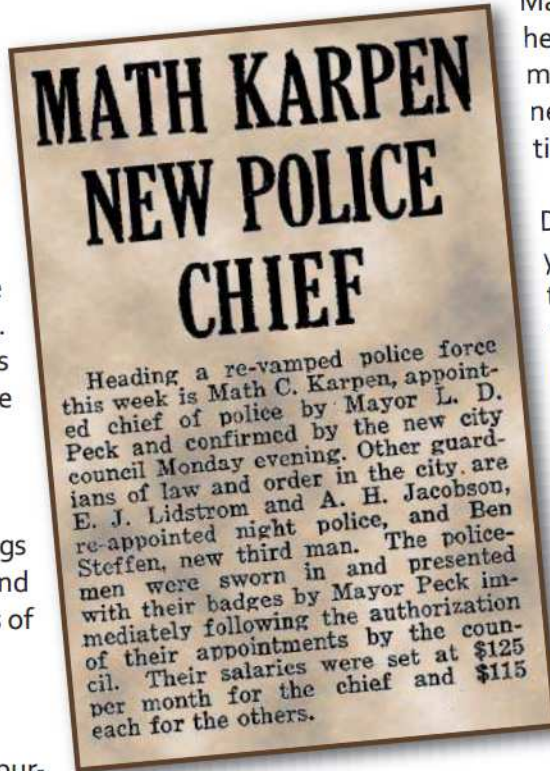
The first automatic traffic signal in Hastings was installed in November at the East Second Street Railroad crossing, ending 40 years of protection by a flagman.

1938



Mathias C. Karpen purchased the inventory and monument business from the Peter Koppes estate although he had been running the business since Koppes' death in 1916. To make room for the new post

office building on East Second Street, Karpen had his building moved to 1812 Vermillion Street in March 1936, where he continued in the monument business until he retired in 1972.



By a 4 to 3 vote on April 25th, the Hastings City Council placed the city police and firemen under the Civil Service Commission. The directive was ruled null and void by the Attorney General in May. See 1959.

1930's Law Enforcement:

During these years he intermittently served 13 years as Hastings Police Chief, and was a scout master and humanitarian.

Boston Police begin using the two-way radio. Widespread use of the automobile by American police begins.

The prototype for the polygraph is developed for use in police stations.

The FBI inaugurates its crime lab, which comes to be world renowned.

1941

On December 7th, the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The isolation argument was silenced. World War II has engulfed us.

1942

On orders received from Washington, D.C. in January, by police chiefs throughout the country were ordered to collect all radio transmitting sets, short wave receivers and cameras from Japanese, German and Italian aliens.



A 35 MPH speed limit went into effect October 1st in Minnesota, to last for the duration of the war. Enforcement was severe.

1944

Hastings was notified in April 1945, by the National Traffic Safety Board, that it was one of only 158 cities in its class across America, that did not record a traffic fatality in 1944.

City Will Not Buy Police Car at This Time

Proposal to Establish Ration Office Here Given Study

The matter of buying a new police car for the City of Hastings has definitely been shelved for some time after a motion to buy a new 4-door Chevrolet sedan through Chas. Breckner failed to pass by one vote at the council meeting Monday in the city hall.

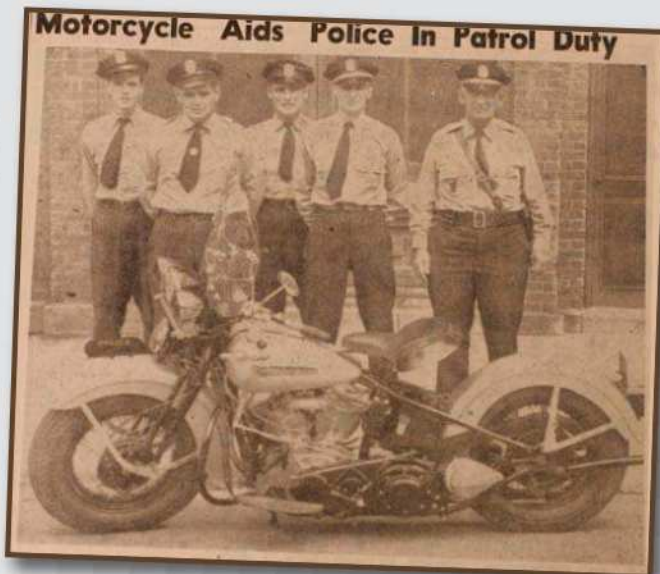
The proposal was to trade in the present Oldsmobile two-door sedan on a new police car with the present police "STOP" light on the right front fender to be changed over to the new car along with the police siren and the larger generator which had been installed on the Oldsmobile.

Those voting for the purchase of the police car were Mayor P. H. Cremer, Ald. Arnold Ullevig, Percy Brownson, and Grant Johnson. Those voting nay, were Ald. Allen and Werth. Ald. Wilke was absent because of his work at the mill, following the shutdown when the power went off.

Mayor Cremer brought before the council the proposal of a ration office to be set up in Hastings, to speed up the matter of ration cards and ration questions, and to save tires and gasoline in emergencies arising over various questions. His proposal was for the city to furnish a rent-free office and to have some one in charge who would do the work necessary. The council approved and further study will be made of what is done in other communities. H6 3-17-1943

1943

When Ethel Swanson was beaten and stabbed to death in 1943, Chief of Police Matt Karpen led his boy scout troop on a hunt for the murder weapon, a knife, which they were able to locate.



1948

In July the Hastings Police Department took possession of a new "fully equipped for patrol work" Harley Davidson motorcycle.

1940's Law Enforcement: Radar is introduced to traffic law enforcement

1953

The Hastings Police Reserve Unit is a program initiated in 1953 where citizens could join the Police Reserve Unit and volunteer their time and energy to serve the citizens of Hastings. The unit was originally started as a civil defense unit, as many communities had begun,

with the threat of nuclear atomic bombs. Throughout the years the unit evolved into the Police Reserve unit and has maintained a high level of success due to the willingness of the hundreds of citizen volunteers willing to assist the Police Department and community in a variety of ways. The members of the Hastings Police Reserve have donated tens of thousands of hours throughout the past fifty plus years helping with many community events, such as 4th of July, Rivertown Days Festival and school activities, as well as critical incidents that have happened throughout the years such as floods, severe weather and fires to name just a few.



1954

The first automatic traffic light in Hastings was installed in the summer at the intersection of Fourth and Vermillion Streets. It was installed so that fire trucks leaving the Fire Station, which was located on Sibley Street, could access Vermillion Street.



1960's Hasting Police Reserve Unit

1955

On July 5th the Hastings City Council adopted an ordinance restricting the possession of animals and fowl within the city limits. Within a short time, the many cows, pigs and chickens privately held within the city limits disappeared.

1957

The worst mayfly hatch in Hastings history closed the U.S. Highway 61 bridge to traffic Saturday night, July 20th. The flies were piled up in drifts

nearly hood high near the center of the bridge. The Hastings police and fire department along with the state highway department were helpless against the onslaught.



The second automatic traffic light in Hastings was installed in October at the intersection of State Highways 55 and U.S. Highway 61. *(The third traffic light was installed at the intersection of 15th and Vermillion Streets in June 1971. A total of nine traffic lights stand sentinel by the end of 1998.)*

1959

A Hastings City ordinance establishing a civil service commission for policemen had its final reading in November.

Chief Karpen Retires



Jail cells in the basement of the original City Hall (215 Sibley Street).

Photo taken 1959

Remembering Chief Karpen

For 13 years he served in a dual capacity-- operator of his business and chief of the city's police force. Mr. Karpen was proud of his years as the "chief". He said many times that he never "sent a kid up the river." He remembered that dismal year he had spent in the Red Wing Reformatory as a youth.

The year in the reformatory taught Matt one thing--that rather than put boys in an institution you should work with them. He organized and directed Boy Scout troops which won state honors. Later he managed a boys ball team sponsored by the police department.

The thing that kids of yesteryear will probably remember him most for is the toboggan slide he built and maintained for 20 winters. The slide began behind the Karpen home and continued across Lake Rebecca. Each season Mr. Karpen literally carried thousands of pails of water from the lake to ice the chute. . .

Following World War II Matt spent a lot of his spare time and talent carving the Hastings War Memorial Monument. The monument includes the names of all Hastings residents who served.

Matt was honored by the city and state for his efforts. He didn't solicit the honors and was probably just a little bit embarrassed by the acclaim.

Gov. Luther Youngdal presented him with a "Distinguished Citizen of the State Award" in 1959. The city selected him as "Eminent Citizen of Hastings" in 1948. In 1959 when he retired from the force he was given a testimonial dinner. The St. Boniface Society honored Mr. Karpen in 1966, conferring on him the title of "Outstanding Citizen of Community and Church."

1950's Law Enforcement:

New Orleans Police install an electronic data processing machine, which summarizes arrests and warrants. The machine is not a computer but a vacuum-tube operated calculator with a punch-card sorter and collator.

The side-handle baton is invented by a former Marine.

1963

In March the Hastings Police Department purchases a portable two-way radio, (walkie talkie), allowing officers to call a squad car by radio, rather than leaving the scene to telephone for assistance.

The first woman on the Hastings Police Staff was hired August 1st as a clerk typist.

1968

On July 28th, 1968 Hastings Police responded to a call of a shooting in the area of the State Hospital property, now known as C.P. Adams park. A 22 year old Minneapolis man had been shot and killed by Hastings resident George Graham. Investigation led to the arrest and conviction of George Graham for 2nd Degree Murder.

1969

The Hastings Police Department ask local high school art students to design an emblem to be used as the new shoulder patch on

its police officers uniforms. Judges like art student, Geno Halberg's, design the best and after a slight modification (adding a paddlewheel) Geno is declared the winner and given \$7.50 for his efforts.



1960's Law Enforcement:

The first computer-assisted dispatching system is installed in the St. Louis Police Department.

The National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, a message-switching facility linking all state police computers except Hawaii, comes into being.

The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice concludes "police, with crime laboratories and radio networks made early use of technology but most police departments could have been equipped 30 or 40 years ago as well as they are today."

The FBI inaugurates the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), the first national law enforcement computer center. NCIC is a computerized national filing system on wanted persons and stolen vehicles, weapons, and other items of value.

AT&T announces a special number, 911, for emergency calls to the police, fire and other emergency services.



1970's -80's Hastings Police Department Squad Radio Unit

1970's Hastings Police Department Reel to Reel tape recorder for recording statements



1970's Hastings Police Department First Aid Oxygen Container



Beginning in late 1960's attempts to develop riot control technologies and use-of-force alternatives to the police service revolver and baton begin. The TASER, which shoots two wire-controlled tiny darts, is introduced and bean bag rounds are adopted by some agencies for crowd control purposes.

1972

The Hastings Police Department moves from their former location in City Hall 100 Sibley St. to their new quarters at 107 W. 5th St., sharing a building with the Hastings Fire Department.

Operation Identification, the art of marking personal property, was announced in June. A marking tool was available for loan at the Police Department.



Liaison Officer position. The program was the first school liaison position in the state of Minnesota.

In September 1972 the Hastings Police Department and the Hastings School District joined in a partnership to form a Police Officer School Liaison Program. The school district and the City split the salary and benefit cost of the School

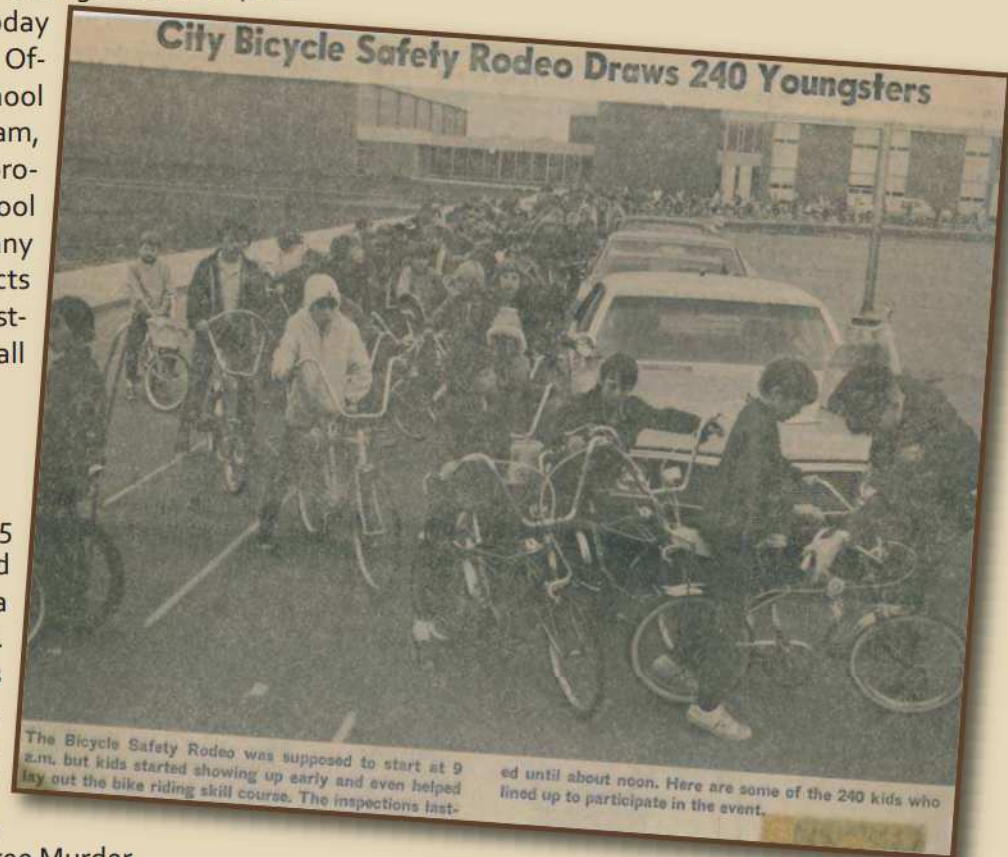
The goal of the program was to have police officers get involved with the students through proactive programs, teaching the students of all ages drug prevention ideas, bike safety programs, school crossing patrol and bus safety. Hastings Police Officer Ron Hillmer was selected to serve as the school liaison. The partnership between the school district and the Hastings Police Department still continues today with two Hastings Police Officers working in the school teaching the DARE program, Oasis Middle School program, Senior High School Mock Car Crash and many other proactive contacts and relationships with Hastings school children of all ages.

1975

On July 12th, 1975 Hastings Police responded to a domestic call at a residence in Hastings. Upon arrival officers found the wife deceased. Investigation led to the arrest and conviction of the woman's husband, Orren Allen, for 2nd Degree Murder.

1977

On May 28, 1977 Hastings Police responded to a domestic call at a Hastings residence. Upon arrival officers found the wife deceased at the home. Investigation led to the arrest of ex-husband, Joseph Rech, for 1st Degree Murder.



1970's Law Enforcement:

A study to assess the suitability of night vision devices for law enforcement use is done, which leads to the widespread use of night vision gear by police agencies.

The first fingerprint reader is installed at the FBI.

1982

The 911 emergency telephone service began operation on December 1st.

Motorcycles: what you believe might not always be the truth



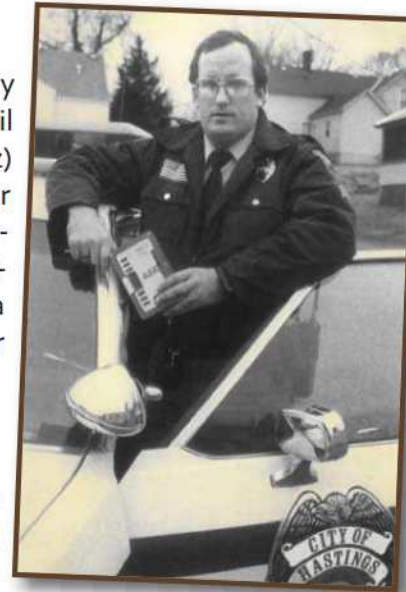
1984

The Hastings Police Department initiates motorcycle safety classes in April 1984.

Officer Jim Putz and Officer Mike McMenemy are recognized by the Hastings City Council and receive the Medal of Merit (Officer Putz) and Medal of Valor (Officer McMenemy) for rescuing an unconscious woman from a burning smoke filled home. Officer Mike McMenemy is recognized by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association as Police Officer of the Year – Honorable Mention.

1985

In the year 1985 the Hastings Police Department initiated a youth program called Law Enforcement Exploring. The Explore post is a coordinated partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. The goal of the program is to give young people between the ages of 14 and 19 an opportunity to learn about the career of Law Enforcement. This is done by having the youth members of the Explorer Post interact and work with officers of the Police Department learning the various aspects of police work. The Explorer Post members do ride alongs during officers' work shifts, serve the community and assist at various events in the community providing traffic direction and safety awareness fairs. Each year the Explorer Post members attend state and national Explorer conferences with thousands of other youth Explorers and compete in various law enforcement scenarios. Hastings Police Explorer Post 567 has won state and national awards. The



success of the Hastings Explorer Post is a tribute to the young people involved and also the work and dedication of the many Hastings Police Officers who have served as advisors and worked with the young people throughout the years.

Hastings Police Department receives computers in mid to late 1980's and data entry of police reports begins.

Also in the 1980's – Hastings Chief of Police Daryl Plath helps to create the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Plath is also the first Chief to officially create a Juvenile Officer position in the state of Minnesota.

1980's Law Enforcement:

Police departments begin implementing enhanced 911, which allows dispatchers to see on their computers the address and phone numbers of 911 callers.

Pepper spray is first developed.

DNA typing is introduced in the mid-1980s, revolutionizing forensic science and the ability of law enforcement to match perpetrators with crime scenes.

Courthouse complex on September 4th for the new city hall and police station. The transfer ceremony was held on September 21st. The ultimate purchase price was \$365,000.

district. The 17 week long program develops positive contact and interaction between Police Officers and students, while providing students with tools and information to resist getting involved in drugs.

JUVENILE OFFICERS HOLD INSTITUTE

The Minnesota Juvenile Officers' Association held its 17th Annual Winter Institute January 26-28 in Minneapolis. The theme of the conference, held at the Holiday Inn Central, was "The Juvenile Officer and Community Resources." Over 150 Police and Probation Officers attended the three day meetings to learn how to use resources available to them in preventing, controlling, and treating problems relating to juvenile delinquency.

Mr. George Shepard, chief of the Program Planning Branch of the Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Administration of the U.S. Dept. of H.E.W. was the keynote speaker. Mr. Shepard, a veteran of twenty three years on the New York City Police Dept. said that in reality, the Police Juvenile Office is often the best resource the community has in combating delinquency.

Another highlight of the conference was a presentation by a panel of Juvenile Court Judges who discussed their feelings as to the place of the juvenile officer in the Juvenile Justice System. Judges Archie Gingole (Ramsey County), Vince Hollaren (Nobles

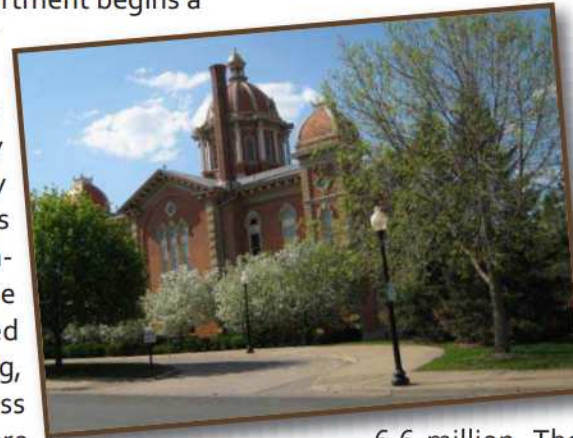
County), William Sturtz (Freeborn County) and Don Chapman (Referee for Hennepin County) were the participants.

Considered one of the most practical aspects of the institute was Mr. Lou Mahagel's discussion of how Juvenile Officers can better communicate with other community agencies, other officers, and young people. His presentations included a dramatic illustration of how communication between people can be easily misinterpreted, causing a problem in understanding others.

At the Annual Association Business Meeting, the following officers were elected for 1972. President—Sgt. David Knefelkamp (Stillwater); Vice President—Sgt. Joseph Zappa (Maplewood); Secretary-Treasurer—Sgt. David Simondet (Plymouth). Chosen to serve on the Board of Directors were: Clarence Harvey (White Bear Lake) Tony Kastanos (Crystal), Rosemary Linder (Richfield) and past President Gerald Millman (Minneapolis).

Police officers interested in joining the Juvenile Officers' Association are urged to contact the Secretary for information.

Hastings Police Department begins a yearly fitness test for all officers to participate in. The officers are tested in many fitness/flexibility categories. The fitness test becomes mandatory in 1993 when the Department moved into their new building, which has a fitness room, and officers are given time to work out on duty during their shift.



Sergeant Mike McMenemy is recognized by Minnesota Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for "outstanding service and dedication to DUI Enforcement."

1992

In 1992 Hastings Police partners with Hastings School District 200 in providing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program to all fifth grade students in the school

Contracts were let this fall for remodeling the former Dakota County Courthouse for the Hastings City Hall, the former Dakota County Jail for the Hastings Police Station, and expansion of the fire hall on West Fifth Street. The total projected cost will be 6.6 million. The project was funded by bonds sold by the Hastings HRA.

1993

The Police Department moves from their former location on West 5th Street to occupy their new quarters in the former Dakota County jail located at 150 3rd Street East.

The City of Hastings' first female police officer was hired on February 1st.

1994

Hastings Police add their first K-9 "Max" to the

1991

The city purchased the 1871 Dakota County

ing the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program to all fifth grade students in the school

force. This K-9 program lasts for approximately two years, before K-9 handler and Max resign from the force.

Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) are installed in Hastings Police squad cars, allowing call information to be displayed on terminals, and officers access to local and national databases.



Top: 1980s and 1990's HPDTrooper Brand Radar Unit



Right: Late 1980's-1990's HPD Squad Radio Unit

1997

With two major highways through the city, plus Treasure Island Casino south of town, (open twenty four hours a day) Police Chief Nick Wasylik

estimated there is enough traffic on Vermillion Street for a community of between 30 and 40 thousand people. With an estimated population of 17,500, that translates into a growing problem for this growing community.

In March 1997 Hastings Police investigate a house fire in which a baby is killed. The investigation results in the arrest and conviction, for 1st Degree Murder, of the baby's mother, Kelly Ritt, who had intentionally started the fire in the baby's bedroom. Hastings Police arrest Kelly Ritt, charging her with the murder of her child.

In April 1997 Hastings Police investigate a shooting incident at a residence in Hastings in which a 17 year old Minneapolis youth is killed. Investigation results in the arrest and conviction of an adult Minneapolis man, Larry Goodwin, for 2nd Degree Murder.

1990's Law Enforcement:

By 1993 more than 90 percent of U.S. police departments serving a population of 50,000 or more are using computers, many for the use of criminal investigations, budgeting, dispatch and manpower allocation.

Sophisticated computer programs are being used by police departments to map and analyze crime patterns.

The National Academy of Sciences announces that there is no longer any reason to question the reliability of DNA evidence.

1998

In February 1998 Hastings Police investigate a statutory rape charge involving a 32 year old female High School teacher having a sexual relationship with a 15 year old male student. The teacher, Julie Feil, is charged and convicted of the criminal offenses.

In August 1998 Hastings Police begins participation in the neighborhood watch program National Night Out.

In 1998 the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association recognized Investigator Jim Rgnonti as the Police Officer of the Year – Honorable Mention for continued outstanding professional work done.

1999

The Hastings Police completes the office wide installation of new computer software, upgrading its management of police records and data entry.

2000

A new radar display board is purchased by the Police Department to provide education to drivers on residential streets.

2001

In April 2001 the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association recognized Officer Wayne Hicks with a plaque and Medal of Merit award for the outstanding work done by Officer Hicks in coordinating the Neighborhood Watch, DARE and School Liaison programs for the Police Department and community.



Hastings Officers are issued handheld digital recorders for recording of statements and reports, replacing handheld cassette recorders and cassette tapes. These digital recordings are downloaded into the Police Department's computer system to be transcribed by records staff and stored with the case file.

Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in Hastings Police squads are upgraded to ruggedized computer laptops, allowing officers expanded access to query state and national databases.

Hastings Police Department switches from film photography to digital photography. Photos are now taken with a digital camera and downloaded into the Department's computer for storage.



HPD Dictation Equipment used from 1993 - 2003

The School Liaison Community Policing Division is created.

2002

In April 2002 the Minnesota Association of Women Police Officers recognized Hastings Officer Valerie Scharfe with a Meritorious Service award recognition for the professional service and work done by Officer Scharfe throughout her career.

In the year 2002 the Hastings Police Department implements a state program called Crime Free Multi-Housing, which is designed for rental property owners to partner with the police departments in screening rental property applicants and improving the overall security and safety of the tenants in their rental properties.

Hastings Police Department installs video cameras in its squads.

Hastings Police acquires Tasers, an electrical shock weapon that uses electrical current to disrupt voluntary control of muscles. Tasers were introduced as "less-lethal weapons" to be used by police to subdue fleeing, belligerent, or potentially dangerous subjects, often when what they consider to be a more lethal weapon would have otherwise been used.

Hastings Police Youth Explorers competed in the National Explorer Competition and placed second in the nation in emergency first aid procedures.

2003

In April 2003 the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association recognized Officer Chris Weid and Officer Nathan Wood with plaques and the Medal of Merit for the work the officers did in responding to, investigating and thwarting a burglary and sexual assault in progress at a Hastings residence.



In June of 2003 Hastings Police respond to a medical call at a residence in which a 22 year old was not breathing. Investigation showed the victim had died of a drug overdose, and follow up investigation by the Hastings Police led to the arrest and conviction for 3rd Degree Murder of Jason Hanken, the owner who had supplied the victim the illegal drugs.

2005

Hastings Police re-establishes its K-9 program, adding K-9 "Eis" to the force. Officer Mike Schmitz is assigned as K-9 Officer.

"After completing a three month basic K-9 school from March until June of 2005 and a one month long drug recognition school in November 2005, Officer Mike Schmitz and K-9 partner Eis are put to work."



Hastings Police Department squad computer systems are upgraded allowing officers to now enter and retrieve police reports from the squad car.

In October 2005 the Hastings Police investigated the first ever double homicide incident in which husband and wife business owners, Peter and Patricia Niedere, were brutally shot and killed at their business during daytime hours. Investigation by Hastings Police led to the arrest of two 17 year olds and an 18 year old. One of the 17 year olds was Matthew Niedere, the son of the victims. The suspects were arrested while going to their homecoming dance at school. The two 17 year olds who committed the homicides were convicted of 1st degree murder and received life in prison – minimum 30 year sentence and the 18 year old was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and received a 14 year sentence.

2006

In April of 2006 the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association recognized and honored Lieutenant Joe Kegley and Lieutenant Jim Rgnonti with a Distinguished Service Award for the work, service and leadership they provided in coordinating a double homicide critical incident in October 2005.



Hastings Police Youth Explorers competed in the National Explorer Competition and placed fourth in crime scene investigation.

Hastings Police Department purchases AR15 military style semi-automatic rifles to be carried in squad cars.

2007

In January of this year the Hastings Police Records system goes "paperless." Case files are now scanned and digitally stored in the Department's computerized records management system.



In April 2007 Officer Lilly Murr is recognized by the Minnesota Association of Women Police Officers. Officer Murr received the state wide Community Service Award for her work and dedication in coordinating the Hastings Police Department Youth Explorer Post and the Hastings Police Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

In 2007 Hastings Police investigated a homicide case in which a 16 year old was stabbed with a knife and killed by another 16 year old during a fight. The 16 year old was arrested and charged with manslaughter as a juvenile.

In December 2007 the new Dakota Communications Center (DCC) is opened. The DCC is a joint safety project established by a partnership between 11 cities and Dakota County, and provides centralized state-of-the-art 911 and emergency dispatch services (police, Sheriff, fire, emergency medical) to citizens in all Dakota County cities and townships. Hastings Police Department now utilizes the DCC for its dispatching services and replaces existing VHF squad and hand held radios with new digital 800 MHz radios.

Hastings Police begins updating squad camera systems from VHS to digital. These digital video and audio files are then wirelessly transferred from the squad computers to the police department's computer network.

2008

In July 2008 during the night time hours Hastings Police Officers responded to a violent domestic and damage to property call near St. Elizabeth Ann Seton cemetery on the south end of Hastings. Upon arrival officers learned the assailant had gone into the large cemetery area armed with a long Samari sword type weapon. Officers entered the cemetery in an attempt to locate the suspect who had also chased and attempted to assault another citizen, not involved in the domestic call, while that per-

son was in the cemetery visiting his brother's grave. The suspect came at the four officers still carrying the sword screaming and yelling at officers that he was going to kill them. One officer attempted to stop the suspect using a Taser weapon but was unsuccessful. The suspect went towards the officer with the sword held above his head ready to possibly strike the officer with the sword. An officer fired his weapon and suspect was shot and later died of his injuries.

*Retired Hastings officers
Gordy Anderson and Ron Hillmer*



Police Chiefs, Officers and Civilian Staff

Police Chiefs

From the establishment of the Police force in 1858 to 1959, when the Police came under the Civil Service Commission, Police Chiefs were under the patronage system i.e., they were appointed and served at the will of the Mayor. They usually served from May 1st to May 1st. Only known appointees are listed, as taken from newspapers and city council minutes. Unfortunately numerous unknowns may exist.



Michael C. McMenemy
2000 – Current



Nicholas Wasyluk
1993 – 2000



Daryl Plath
1968 – 1993



Ben Laski
1964 – 1968



Wilbur Martin
1959 – 1964



Mathias Karpen
1952 – 1958



Albert Jacobsen
1949 – 1951



Mathias Karpen
1946 - 1949



A. H. Jacobsen
1944 – 1945



Mathias Karpen
1942-1943



A. H. Jacobsen
1941



Charles Kranz
1940



Mathias Karpen
1938 – 1939



James Mamer
1936 – 1938



Charles Hankes
1922 – 1923



William Nolan
1908 – 1909



Edward Lidstrom
1932 – 1935



Oscar Stromberg
1920 – 1921



A. C. Nesbitt
1906 – 1907



John E. Kenney
1928 – 1931



William Nolan
1914 – 1919



J. J. Schmitz
1905



R. C. Hanson
1926 – 1927



E. J. Ingalls
1912 – 1913



E. J. Ingalls
1904



George Groskopf
1924 – 1925



R. W. Lyon
1910 – 1911



William Nolan
1902 – 1903



J. C. Hartin
1900 – 1901



F. M. Richards
1886 – 1890



Samuel White
1876 – 1877



Chris Otte
1899



William Black
1885



Theodore Woodward
1874 – 1875



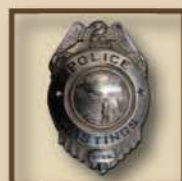
J. C. Hartin
1897 – 1898



F. M. Richards
1884



Michael Mullaney
1874



Vanransler Shepherd
1894 – 1896



William Black
1879 – 1883



Nick Martin
1873 – 1874



William Nolan
1891 – 1893



Theodore Woodward
1878



Newton
1873



C. C. W. Martin
1872



G. A. Erdman
1863



(No Record)
1869 – 1871



Charles Lewis
1861 – 1862



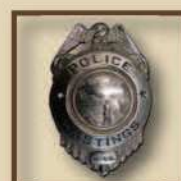
Charles Lewis
1867 – 1868



James M. Kennerson
1860



M. Malaney
1866



A Whitman
1859



Edwin S. Fitch
1864 – 1865



(No Record)
1858

Hastings Police Officers

Altendorfer, Alfred	1969 – 1991
Anderson, Gordon	1964 – 1993
Anderson, Kevin	1990
Bacon, W. F.	1885
Bacon, F.W.	1890
Bacon, Richard	1956, 1958, 1960
Barnum, C.A.	1932 – 1933
Bauer, David	2008 – current
Belisle, Mark	1992 – 1999
Berns	1914
Binko, Frank	1913 – 1914, 1923 – 1925
Black, William	1879 – 1885
Boles, Edward	1941
Booth, Katie	2003 – current
Bottomly, Joseph	1895
Breckner, Albert	1934, 1936 – 1937
Bretschneider, Carl	1928 – 1929
Brown, Richard	1991 – current
Bukkila, Brock	2000 – current
Carson, William Ward	1904, 1906 – 1908
Cavanaugh, Joseph	1910
Christenson, Jack	1961 – 1964
Connell, Timothy	2000 – current
Conroy, Patrick	1948
Damerel, Charles	1869
Deane, John	1932 – 1933
Dehning, Myron	1959 – 1969
Dellwo, Paul	1998 – 2003
Doffing, Rene	1994 – current

Eis, K-9	2005 – current
Elliott, D.W.	1892, 1894
Elston, Harry	1944
Erdman, G. A.	1863
Evans, Larry	1998 – current
Farrington, Donald	2006 – current
Fitch, Edwin S.	1864 – 1865
Foyte, Paul	1969 – 1996
Frank, Norman	1882
Galland, James	1991 – current
Gath, Lloyd	1959 – 1987
Gegen, J. P.	1908 – 1910
Gergen, J. P.	1926 – 1927
Gilman, Ronald	1966
Griebing, Tom	1971 – 1996

Groskopf, George	1924 – 1925
Hankes, Charles	1921 – 1923
Hanson, R. C.	1926 – 1927
Hanson, William	1887, 1889, 1890
Hartin, J. C.	1897 – 1998, 1900 – 1901
Henriksen, Don	1961 – 1992
Hetherington, G. T.	1897 – 1899
Hicks, Wayne	1995 – current
Hillmer, Ron	1968 – 1997
Hitsman, R. E.	1888
Holmes, Day Merle	1944
Hoover, Allen	1944
Hullander, Richard	1956 – 1958
Husting, William	1948 – 1950



1970 Department Photo

Ingalls, E. J.	1904, 1910 – 1913
Jackson	1892
Jacobsen, Albert H. "Ollie"	1928 – 1931, 1936 – 1941, 1944 – 1945, 1948 – 1951
Jacobson, Albert	1893, 1894
Jacobson, Jeremy	2000 – current
Jacobson, John	1936 – 1937
Jerhoff, Patrick	1962
Johnson, Carl	1919 – 1931
Karpen, Mathias	1938, 1939, 1942 – 1943, 1946 – 1948, 1952 – 1958
Kendal, Louis	1952 – 1953
Kegley, Joseph	1987 – current
Kennerson, James M.	1860
Kenney, J. E.	1905
Kenney, John E.	1928 – 1931
Kosec, Thomas	1960 – 1961
Kranz, Charles P.	1940
Kreun, Mark	1988 – to current
Krick, Glen	1969
LaFavor, Leslie	1950
Landsberger, Ernest	1926 – 1927
Larson, David	1993 – 2000
Laski, Ben	1960 – 1967
Lewis, Charles	1861 – 1862, 1867 – 1868
Lewis, Zach	1876

Lidstrom, Edward A.	1931 – 1935, 1937 – 1938, 1952 – 1954
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McLead, Donald	1875
McMenomy, Michael	1980 – current
McNamara, Stan	1957 – 1959



1974 Department Photo

Linscheid, Kyle	2008 – current
Lohmann, Richard	1959
Lorentz, Joe N.	1922
Louden, Donald	1960
Lyon, R. W.	1910 – 1911
McArdle, Fred H.	1932 – 1934
McDonald, Thomas	1884
McLaughlin, James	1920 – 1921

Mahoney, Thomas	1869
Majeski, George	1944
Malaney, M.	1866
Mamer, James	1936 – 1938
Martin, C.C.W.	1872
Martin, Nick	1873, 1874
Martin, Wilbur	1959 – 1964
Messer, Maurice	1960 – 1961



1987 Department Photo

Metcalf, Robert	1970 – 1972
Miller, Anthony	1997 – 2009
Miller, George	1956 – 1957
Miller, William	1948
Mollick, Robert	1940 – 1941, 1954
Monty, James	1948
Mullaney, Michael	1874
Munson, Michael	1995 – current
Murr, Lilly	2000 – current
Nesbitt, A. C.	1895 – 1901, 1906 – 1907
Newton	1873
Niederkorn, Michael	1916 – 1919
Nistler, Gerald	1969 – 1987
Nodes, Allen	1963 – 1964
Nolan, William	1884 – 1885, 1888 – 1894, 1900 – 1903, 1908 – 1909, 1914 - 1919
Nowlan, Craig	2000 – current
O'Brien, Joe	1946 – 1948

Otte, Chris	1899
Parsons, L.	1875
Piehl, Bernard J.	1923 – 1925
Plath, Daryl	1968 – 1993
Puch, Craig	1998 – current
Putz, James	1973 – 2000
Rasbeck, Jack	1944 – 1948
Rgnonti, James	1987 – current
Richards, F. M.	1884, 1886 – 1890
Risch, Rodney	1990 – current
Ritter, Rod	1967 – 1989
Savoie, E. J.	1942, 1946 – 1947
Scharfe, Steven	1986 – current
Scharfe, Valerie	1993 – 2008
Schaub, Edward	1960, 1963 – 1964
Schlafer, Matthew	2008 – current
Schmitz, J. J.	1905
Schmitz, Michael	2001 – current
Schoen, Peter	1904, 1906 – 1907, 1912
Schowalter, Bryan	2006 – current

Schultz, Anton	1878 – 1882, 1885, 1891 – 1893, 1896
Schultz, Bradley	1989 – 1990
Schwartz, Edward	1894 – 1896
Schwartz, N. P.	1910
Selbrede, Harold	1956 – 1957
Shepherd, Vanransler	1890 – 1891, 1894 – 1896
Sommers, Frank	1922
Sorenson, Russ	1970 – 1972
Sorenson, Sam	1970 – 2000
Steffen, Anthony	1875
Steffen, B.	1882
Steffen, Ben	1933, 1938, 1940, 1942
Steffen, J. B.	1923

1996 Department Photo



Stromberg, Oscar 1909 – 1923, 1934
 Sullivan, T. P. 1935
 Swanson, Harry 1948, 1950
 Tate, Richard 1963 – 1980
 Temple, William 1902 – 1903, 1905
 Theodorson, Einer 1965 – 1993
 Tollefson, Daniel 1996 – current
 Truax, Caleb 1877
 Truax, Caleb 1950
 Truax, Kenneth 1959
 Truax, Sheldon 1954 – 1956
 Vorvick, Dave 1962 – 1964

Walker 1880
 Waller, Marty 1991 – 1995
 Wasser, J. M. 1920
 Wasser, John 1902 - 1903
 Wasser, William 1902
 Wasylik, Nicholas 1972 - 2000
 Watson 1880 – 1881
 Weid, Chris 2000 – current
 Weiland, Leo 1923
 Weiland, William 1952 – 1954, 1958
 White, Samuel 1876, 1877
 Whitman, A. 1859

Wiech, Amber 2006 – current
 Winslow, E. S. 1888, 1889
 Wittingham, Stanley 1960 – 1962
 Wood, Nathan 2001 – current
 Woodward, Theodore 1874, 1875, 1878
 Wuollet, Gerald 1977 – 2001
 Yanz, Frank 1941 – 1942
 Zastrow, Ronald 1956 – 1958
 Ziegler, Daniel 1996 – 2000

2001 Department Photo



2006 Department Photo



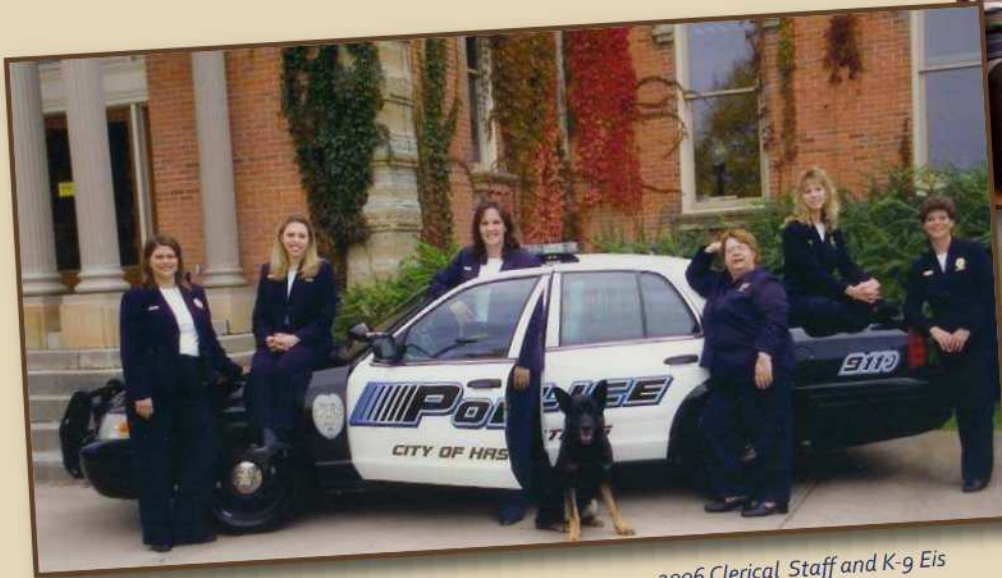
Hastings Civilian Staff

Anderson, Mary Jo	1990 – 2003
Brewer, Karen	2003 – current
Cofer, Mary	1998 – current
Gillmer, Elizabeth	2000 – 2001
Gipson, Christina	2005 – current
Johnson, Dorothy	1976 – 2005
Klingner, Patricia	1996 – 1998
Lohmann, Mary	2000 – current
McGrath, Brenda	2000 – current
Matsch, Lorraine	1987 – 1989
Nornes, Stephanie	1981 – 1999

Petersen, Roxann	1999 – current
Proehl, Joan	1963 – 1970
Stoudt, Char	1970 – 1999
Tix, Phyllis	1965 – 1980

Every effort has been made to include all Hastings Police Department personnel, past and present, in the above listing. We sincerely apologize for any omissions and errors that may exist.

1970 "Office Girls"



2006 Clerical Staff and K-9 Eis



2001 Clerical Staff



1987 Clerical staff "Bullpen"



Above: 1969 Plymouth Squad Car

Below: 1970 Buick Squad Car



Left: 1980's Ford LTD Squad Car
Below: 1982 Plymouth Grand Fury Squad Car



Below: 1996 Chevy Caprice Squad Car



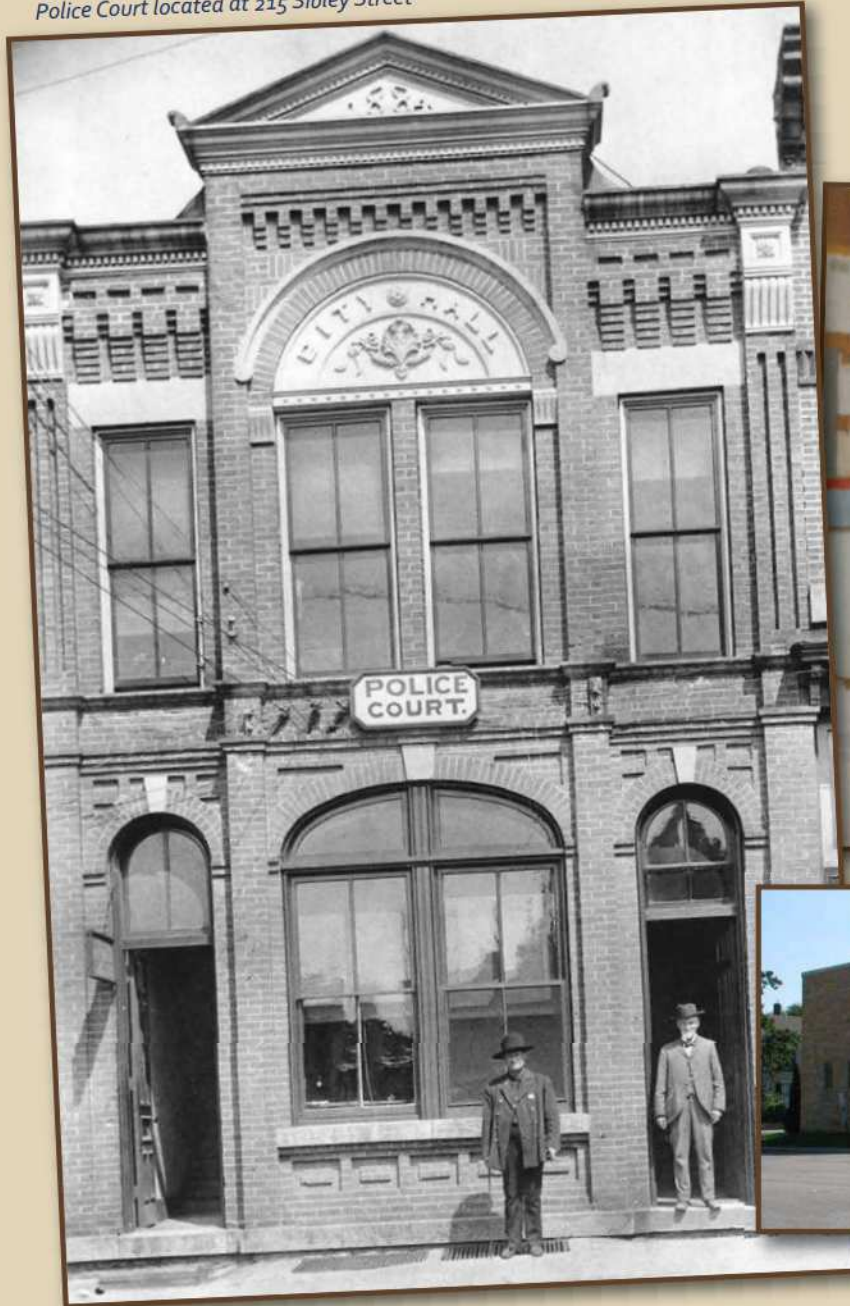
Above: 2000 Ford Crown Victoria Squad Car

Right: 2006 Ford Crown Victoria Squad Car



Hastings Police Departments Over the Years

Police Court located at 215 Sibley Street



Top: Clerical Division,
located at 150 3rd Street East



Left: Dispatch Center
located at 107 West 5th Street
(next to current Fire Department)



Current Police Department located at 150 3rd Street East



100 Sibley Street



Members of the Hastings Police Explorers hold their awards. Left to right, are Carrie Wuollet, Jenny Smith, Tom Braucks, Pat Bauer, Jesse Bauer, Cory Fitch and Josh Cummings. Not pictured is Chris Cummings. (Photo by Jane Lightbourn)

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Hastings Police Explorers do well in competition

School violence is subject of James Olson's winning essay

■ A Hastings Middle School student, James Olson, is one of the winners in an essay contest sponsored by the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association.



Dennis Delmont (left), executive director of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association presents a check for \$100 to James Olson, as middle school principal Garry Jensen, Hastings police chief Nick Wasyluk, and Mike Munson, Hastings DARE/school liaison officer, look on. (Photo by Jane Lightbourn)

Students Learn Bicycle Safety from 'Mike the Talking Bike'



Ronald Hillmer, Juvenile Officer, has resumed his bicycle safety presentations to elementary students with the aid of 'Mike the Talking Bike.' Above, doing a demonstration at Kennedy School on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2nd Grader

Jeffrey King, 7, listens to Mike while 2nd Grader, Lisa Poppler, 8, waits her turn. Officer Hillmer states that he has pushed Mike about 7 miles thus far on behalf of his bicycle safety presentations.

Ford donates van for DARE vehicle



Sgt. Steve Scharis, Doug Erickson of Hastings Ford, and Police Chief Nick Wasyluk stand by the Aerostar van that Hastings Ford donated to the Police Department. (Photo by Jane Lightbourn)



School Patrol members will be sworn in next week.

School Patrol to be sworn in next week

Members of the School Patrol at six elementary schools will be sworn in next week.

Juvenile Officer Ron Hillmer said in addition to the swearing in there will be a film on safety and a short presentation on problems members of the Patrol might run into during the coming year.

Officer Hillmer will be involved in School Patrol work this school year. That includes regulars and reserves. Patrol members attend Cooper, Pinecrest, Tilden and Kennedy public schools and Guardian Angels and St. Boniface parochial schools.

The American Legion assists with the Patrol by providing flags, vests and rain gear. They also sponsor 20 Patrol members at camp in the spring. The First National Bank sponsors a spring picnic. The Hastings Police Association provides a

Christmas treat for members of the Patrol.

The week's schedule--

Sept. 11--Kennedy School at 9:30 a.m. and Cooper at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 12--Tilden at 9 a.m. and Cooper at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 13--Pinecrest at 9 and 9:45 a.m. St. Boniface at 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 14--Guardian Angels at 10:15 a.m.

A member of the Highway Patrol, Robert Knocke, will assist Officer Hillmer at the various appearances.

Officer Hillmer thanked residents of the community for doing their part to make the first week of school safe and urged them to keep up the good work. He also congratulated the School Patrol members for their role in making busy crossings safer for classmates. He asked parents to tell their children to pay attention to what School Patrol members tell them.



1940s -19 80s lead leather sap



1960 - current. Thumb Cuffs



1960s - 1970's billy club (aka nightstick)



September 1925 - The Streamer Club and Tear Gas Dispenser



1970's blackjack



HPD Body Armor Bulletproof Vest 1970s before Kevlar



HPD Revolver Holsters 1970s and 1980s



Taser



HPD AR-15

10/14/200

Dedication:

This 150th Anniversary report is dedicated to

Hastings Police Officer Albert Jacobson

Killed in the line of duty, July 10th, 1894.

And to all of the Officers and Civilian members of the Hastings Police Department
who have served the Hastings Community throughout the past 150 years.