

66 FLIVVERS ARE ADDED TO POLICE PATROL SERVICE

Roadsters Will Keep Men on Move.

Details of his plan to motorize the police department were announced by Chief Collins yesterday as the last of the first quota of sixty-six Ford roadsters were delivered to the department's mechanics for final tests. With the sixty Ford touring cars already in service, a total of 126 small cars will be available for assignment to post duty in districts all over the city. Within a few weeks, 35 more of the roadsters will be added to the fleet, Chief Collins said.

In discussing the new equipment with his captains in a conference on Tuesday, the chief promised that at least four of the flivvers will be assigned to each district. Schedules are to be so arranged, the chief declared, that one of the automobile teams will be reporting to the district headquarters every 8 minutes day and night.

Why Roadsters Were Chosen.

"There is to be no mistake that these automobiles are other than police cars," said the chief. "They are plainly marked for the protection of the public as well as to prevent the policemen from loitering. I have told the captains that whenever a car is allowed to get out of order, its operators should be returned to foot patrol duty and that whenever an investigation reveals responsibility for the damage rests with the policemen, they shall be required to pay for the repairs. In that way, we expect great care will be exercised in the handling of the equipment.

"Roadsters were decided upon, because of the practice of some of the policemen assigned to automobile duty, who if they were not sleeping in the rear seat, were entertaining friends with rides through the district. The necessity of sitting upright in the roadster will keep the policemen awake and alert."