

Police System Reorganized; Pick 8 Chiefs

Chicago's police department was given a new structural organization in an order issued late yesterday by Commissioner James P. Allman. It takes effect at midnight tonight.

Most important of the changes was the separation of the uniformed force from all other units and a thorough revamping of the methods of doing its work. This service will have a general supervisor, Capt. Matthew Zimmer, noted as a disciplinarian, whose new title will be chief of the uniformed force.

Assistant Commissioner.

From the outline of his duties it appears that he will have the powers of an assistant police commissioner.

Under Chief Zimmer will be six divisional supervisors chosen from the department's captains. Each will be in charge of a territory comprising six or seven of the present police districts, the commanders of which will be directly responsible to the supervisor. Chief Zimmer's pay is raised to \$5,500 and that of the division supervisors to \$5,000 each. Hitherto all have been drawing the captain's rate of \$4,000.

Supervising captains are Ira McDowell, who takes over the loop and the near south side; Thomas C. Wolfe, far south side; John C. Prendergast, southwest side; John Stege, west side; Daniel A. Gilbert, northwest side, and Thomas Condon, north side.

Creates Traffic Bureau.

Scarcely less interesting was the creation of a traffic bureau and the appointment of Capt. John Horan, who has been in command of the central station, to command it. His title will be chief of traffic.

The detective bureau remains as it was before, a separate entity, but the stolen automobile section which has operated independently is added to it. Chief of Detectives William Schomaker remains in command. Acting Lieut. Walter Storms, who has been acting deputy chief in this department, is given the title of deputy chief of detectives and his salary increased from \$3,900 to \$5,500.

None of the pay figures take into account the seventy-eight days' pay deducted from city pay rolls as a concession to the depression and low tax intake.

Bruce Smith's Plan.

All the changes had been recommended in a plan worked out by Bruce Smith, police expert, who was brought here by the Association of Commerce to survey the department. In his report Mr. Smith pointed out that there was a broad gap between the district commanders and the commissioner of police and little direct supervision of the districts by higher authority than their captains.

Theoretically the divisional supervisors will be able to keep direct contacts with all districts under them, while the commissioner and the uniformed police chief can maintain close relationships with the six supervisors.

Many years ago similar contacts were made between the chief, or commissioner, and the district captains through inspectors. Their office was abolished. From about 1925 to 1929 deputy commissioners performed the same function.

Eight Major Divisions.

Commissioner Allman's order divided the entire police organization into eight major services. They are the uniformed force, the detective bureau, the traffic bureau, bureau of department records and property, bureau of criminal information and statistics, personal bureau, crime prevention division and morals division.

Chief of Traffic Horan will have

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CAPTAINS GET NEW POLICE POSTS



MATTHEW ZIMMER.
[Chief Uniformed
Force.]



IRA McDOWELL.
[First Division.]



THOMAS C. WOLFE.
[Second Division.]



**JOHN
PRENDERGAST.**
[Third Division.]



JOHN STEGE.
[Fourth Division.]



DANIEL GILBERT.
[Fifth Division.]



THOMAS CONDON.
[Sixth Division.]



JOHN P. HORAN.
[Chief of Traffic.]

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City Divided Into Six Dis- trict Zones.

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under him the motorcycle division, the central traffic detail, the vehicle bureau, and the accident prevention division. The vehicle bureau, now commanded by Lieut. James Killackey as a separate body, is under criticism, charges having been made that the

personnel incorporated a taxicab bonding company and at the same time restricted taxicab licenses.

Departmental Secretary James McSweeney will head the bureau of department records and property, with authority over motor service, department supplies, the dog pound and lost and stolen property.

The bureau of criminal information and statistics will be headed by Capt. William Killeen, who will also take charge of all radio and telephone communication. Maj. John Bauder will be director of personnel and in charge of police training and disciplinary trial boards.

The crime prevention bureau, under Lieut. Ernest Mueller, will have charge of police matrons, juvenile officers and motion picture censorship. Capt. Martin Mullen, long in charge of

special vice and gambling squads, becomes head of the morals division. It will operate to suppress gambling, vice and narcotics, but Commissioner Allman emphasized that no responsibility in this respect would be lifted from district and divisional commanders.

The supervising captains of divisions will have their headquarters at the following stations: McDowell, Hyde Park; Wolfe, Burnside; Prendergast, Lawndale; Stege, Marquette; Gilbert, Shakespeare, and Condon, Damen avenue.

Report by Numbers.

Under the new organization all patrolmen on beats will report through police phones to division instead of district quarters. They will use their numbers only instead of names. This was recommended by Mr. Smith to guarantee that personal friendship would not interfere with correct marking of time sheets.

To care for the district vacancies created by the promotion of the supervising captains transfers were made of other men of similar rank. There were also several changes for "the good of the service," the net result being the shifting of seventeen commanding officers in all.