

New Police Badge



New badge for police captains, to replace those now in use.

Police Commissioner O'Connor disclosed yesterday he will ask a \$20,000 appropriation under the 1955 city budget to provide new stars for members of the police department.

Under preliminary plans the stars would be identical for all ranks except that captains and lieutenants would have small balls at the end of each of the five points of their stars. The stars of officials above the rank of captain would be gold plated; others would be nickel or silver plated. The stars would be about the same size as those now worn by lieutenants.

The present stars have been in use since 1906. One reason for the move is that many police stars have been reported lost—often by a retiring policeman who wants to retain his badge but is forbidden to by department regulations. Some badges, police said, have fallen into the hands of undesirables.