

POLICE RADIO IMPROVEMENT SLOW-WILSON

2 New Channels Open Next Month

Police radio service will continue to be poor, particularly on week-ends, for another nine months, Police Supt. Orlando W. Wilson told the police board yesterday.

Wilson explained that the department operates on three pairs of frequency modulation channels — each for the north, south, and west sides—and will add a fourth pair in November. The aim is to obtain seven more to bring the communications system up to standard, he said.

Backlog of Messages

On Friday and Saturday nights, he said, the backlog on the south channel has been in excess of 350 messages, tho improved supervision has cut the backlog to as few as 50 messages.

This can mean delay of two to three hours between receipt of calls and dispatch of police, Wilson said, altho emergency messages go out promptly.

Wilson announced that the Church Federation of Greater Chicago has nominated the Rev. Robert A. P. Holderby II, a Presbyterian, to be the department's Protestant

chaplain. He said the Chicago Rabbinical council has nominated Rabbi Bernard D. Perlow to be Jewish chaplain.

Wilson said he is delaying formal announcement of the appointments until the Rev. Patrick McPolin, the Roman Catholic priest who has been the only department chaplain, returns to Chicago.

He said the auto pound of the Bridewell grounds has been discontinued, as a security hazard. He said he is studying a patrol system to protect schools, similar to the system of roving patrolmen who guard the subway system by riding trains and stopping to inspect stations.