

EX-CADET COPS GET NEW VIEW OF STREET JOB

Chicago's first group of 20-year-old policemen has decided that the job looked easier from inside the police station.

All of the nine 20-year-olds who recently graduated from the police academy previously served as police cadets performing administrative tasks in district stations.

"I was a cadet for three years and didn't realize how much work the police really do until I was out on the street myself," said Patrolman Thomas Manning, who became a cadet three years ago after graduating from Morgan Park High school.

He Mans Wagon

Manning is assigned to a patrol wagon in the Kensington district. "It may sound strange, but I'm prouder to be wearing the uniform now than when I graduated from the academy last month," he said.

Patrolman Samuel Anthony, also a cadet for three years and now assigned to Shakespeare district, agrees.

"I heard a lot about problems on the street as a cadet but when I was confronted with some of them I was sure glad I had an experienced officer with me," said Anthony.

A Tender Age

Both patrolmen said their ages have presented no problems in performing their duties.

"A few people have told me I look very young," said Manning, who will be 21 in September. "But I felt a little better after one woman added I didn't look much older than 23."