

Annual Report of the Police Department of the City of St. Paul, 1898

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Roster of the Officers of the Saint Paul Police Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
Hon. Andrew R. Kiefer, Mayor.

CHIEF OF POLICE,
M. N. Goss

CAPTAINS,
Chas. Rouleau, A. M. Lowell, Phil Pottgieser, Parker L. Getchell.

LIEUTENANTS,
Ernest Boerner, Henry Bahe, Henry Pothen, Wm. Hanft, John Cook, J. A. Shogren, Wm. Budy (mounted).

SERGEANTS,
Dennis McCarthy, Michael Gebhardt, Wm. Ryan, Joseph Davis, G. A. Malmquist, Reuben Wright,
Olaf Larson, J. A. Ross, A. J. Rose, Phil Arnold (mounted).

DETECTIVE FORCE,
Phil W. Murnane, M. H. Daly, Jas. Y. Werrick, D. C. Campbell.

LICENSE INSPECTOR,
M. L. McIntire.

SUPERINTENDENT POLICE PATROL SYSTEM,
Joseph King.

F. O. Hammer, Mayor's Secretary.
J. N. Mounts, Secretary to Chief of Police.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.
ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 31, 1898.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of St. Paul,

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit herewith, pursuant to charter requirements, the annual report of the police department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, together with the report of the superintendent of the police telephone system for the same period.

The department at present consists of 181 employes, as follows:

- 1 chief.
- 1 secretary to chief.
- 1 chief of detectives.
- 4 captains.
- 7 lieutenants (including one mounted).
- 10 sergeants (including one mounted).
- 4 detectives
- 1 superintendent police telegraph.
- 1 license inspector.
- 1 driver workhouse van.
- 1 janitor.
- 1 matron.
- 148 patrolmen

Of the 148 patrolmen only 121, including 8 mounted and 12 bicycle patrolmen, are available for patrol duty, 27 of the 148 being detailed as follows: Four special detectives, 1 dog license inspector, 3 bailiffs in municipal court, 1 desk sergeant, 1 detailed at mayor's office, 1 detailed at Union Depot, 2 conductors of patrol wagon, 6 drivers, 7 jailers, 1 conductor workhouse van.

I consider this number of men entirely inadequate to properly patrol a city the size of St. Paul, with a population of 175,000 and an area of fifty-five square miles of territory.

The year just closed has been an uneventful one in police circles. This fact is proven by the marked decrease in the number of arrests.

The total number of arrests during the year were 4,086, a decrease of 992 as compared with the previous year.

The disposition of prisoners was made as follows:

Bound over to the grand jury	73
Bound over to keep the peace	212
Certified to the district court	24
Committed to probate court	17
Committed to workhouse	889
Discharged	1,622
Fined in municipal court	758
Remanded to authorities abroad	24
Sent out of the city	72
Sent to the reform school	12
Sent to the poorhouse	2
Cases continued	381
Total	4,086

The patrol wagons traveled during the year, 8,634 miles.

In addition to the arrests, 224 sick and injured persons were taken care of and 177 lost children taken to their parents.

During the year, the patrolmen and officers have performed 796 days extra duty.

Total amount of days absent on account of sickness 1,128

Total number of days absent on furlough 1,443

The fines collected from criminal cases in the municipal court amounted to \$15,892, a decrease of \$2,615.50 as compared with 1897.

The total amount collected from dog licenses during the year was as follows:

88	88 male dogs at \$2	\$176.00
3,509	male dogs at \$1	3,509.00
197	female dogs at \$3	591.00
	Fines collected on dogs redeemed	145.00
	Paid for duplicate license tags	7.75
	Total	\$4,428.75

Disbursements

Salaries of dog catchers employed, including teams	\$1,218.00
Repairs on dog pound	131.66
Record books	9.95
Dog meat	9.20
License tags	25.00
	\$1,393.81
Net profit to city	\$3,034.94

The ordinance under which we are now operating did not take effect until Aug. 8, 1898, consequently the time was too limited for making a thorough canvass. Prior to the passage of this ordinance the license on male dogs was \$2, hence the 88 licenses collected at the \$2 rate.

Officer J. D. Saintong, detailed as dog license inspector, has had the matter in charge, and has done excellent work. He expects to accomplish much better results during the year 1899.

During the year the amount of property reported lost and stolen was valued at \$16,494.40, of which \$11,044 was recovered and delivered to the lawful owners.

The total value of personal property belonging to this department is \$17,000.

The total expenditures of the department during the year were \$169,693.61, as follows:

Salaries	\$164,623.37
Feed	622.41
Fuel	546.10
Repairs	1,044.27
Horses bought	500.00
Horseshoeing	229.35
Water furnished	149.98
Miscellaneous	1,888.13
Total	\$169,603.61

In order that you may fully understand why there is such a difference of expense between the years 1896, 1897 and 1898, I wish to call your attention to the fact that when I took charge of this department—June 2, 1896—there was quite a large deficit. This deficit was made up during the years 1896 and 1897, hence the increased disbursements during, those two years.

The department had a balance to its credit at the close of the year 1897 of \$3,755.30, and during the year 1898 a saving was made of \$9,278.39. Therefore the department at the close of the year 1898 has a balance to its credit of \$13,033.69.

Recommendations

I respectfully call your attention to the deplorable condition of the police telephone system. This branch of the department should be always in first-class working order. The present telephone and alarm system is old and worn out and requires much labor and, expense to keep it in repair.

I recommend that either an entire modern system be installed or else a change in the telephone part of the present system and other permanent improvements be made. It is very essential that the telephone system be perfect, so that communication may be had at all times without interruption between the different stations and the officers and patrolmen while on duty; also with the Minneapolis department. I concur in the recommendations made by the superintendent of the police patrol telegraph department, and would call your attention to his report, wherein you will find a detailed statement of information.

The necessity of a central police station with modern improvements, and located near the city hall and court house, is apparent and earnestly recommended.

The detective department, under the charge of Chief of Detectives Phil W. Schweitzer, has rendered very efficient service during the year.

In conclusion, I wish to say that the discipline of the force and the general deportment of its members is worthy of commendation.

I desire to return to his honor the Mayor and the honorable City Council and other city officials my sincere thanks for the courtesies and assistance extended to this department during the past year, and to also express my sincere appreciation of the conduct of the members of the department for the zeal and interest manifested in the, discharge of their duties.

The attached reports show in detail the work of the department.

M. N. GOSS,
Chief of Police.

Official Roster St. Paul Police Department, 1898

No. Star	Name	Rank	When Appointed	Where Assigned
	M. N. Goss	Chief	June 2, 1896	Central
	Phil W. Schweitzer	Chief of Detectives	May 12, 1883	Central
	J. N. Mounts	Secretary	June 2, 1896	Central
	Parker L. Getchell	Captain	June 23, 1881	Ducas
	A. M. Lowell	Captain	Sept. 11, 1872	Rondo
	Philip Pottgieser	Captain	May 18, 1882	Margaret
	Chas. Rouleau	Captain	April 10, 1872	Central
	John W. Cook	Lieutenant	Jan. 1, 1878	Ducas
	Henry Bahe	Lieutenant	June 1, 1875	Central
	John A. Shogren	Lieutenant	June 12, 1896	Margaret
	Wm. Hanft	Lieutenant	June 11, 1894	Rondo
	Henry Pothen	Lieutenant	Jan. 1, 1890	Central
	Ernest Boerner	Lieutenant	Dec. 14, 1882	Central
	Wm. Budy	Lieutenant (Mtd.)	June 23, 1881	Prior
	Dennis McCarthy	Sergeant	April 21, 1887	Central
	Michael Gebhardt	Sergeant	July 12, 1883	Margaret
	W. B. Ryan	Sergeant	May 20, 1893	Ducas
	Joseph Davis	Sergeant	Dec. 14, 1886	Central
	G. A. Malmquist	Sergeant	Mar. 22, 1894	Ducas
	Rueben Wright	Sergeant	Jan. 1, 1883	Rondo
	Olaf Larson	Sergeant	Oct. 6, 1894	Margaret
	J. T. Ross	Sergeant	July 14, 1885	Central
	A. J. Rose	Sergeant	Dec. 19, 1883	Rondo
	A. J. Arnold	Sergeant (Mtd.)	Aug. 23, 1888	Prior
	D. C. Campbell	Detective	June 6, 1896	Central
	James Y. Werrick	Detective	June 16, 1896	Central
	M. H. Daly	Detective	June 7, 1894	Central
	James C. Murnane	Detective	June 3, 1896	Central
	Joseph King	Supt. Police Patrol	Mar. 10, 1897	Central
1	Phil R. Gibbons	Patrolman	Jan. 4, 1874	Central
2	E. M. Parish	Patrolman	July 5, 1898	Central
3	Dan J. Cashman	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Margaret

4	D. J. Saintong	Patrolman	Nov. 9, 1896	Central
5	Louis Marien	Driver	June 23, 1881	Margaret
6	Wm. C. Forrester	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Central
7	Albert Stoltz	Patrolman	May 18, 1882	Rondo
8	Tony Kostohryz	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Rondo
9	Jos. F. Troy	Patrolman	Aug. 10, 1896	Margaret
10	Geo. J. Reinhardt	Patrolman	July 1, 1897	Central
11	Andrew Call	Patrolman	July 14, 1883	Central
12	James Cary	Patrolman	Oct. 3, 1883	Central
13	Geo. F. Kroeger	Driver	Aug. 18, 1898	Central
14	Edward Delaney	Patrolman (Mtd.)	Mar. 24, 1884	Prior
15	Jas. W. Finn	Patrolman (Mtd.)	April 30, 1884	Prior
16	A. S. Hervin	Patrolman	Aug. 31, 1896	Central
17	J. J. Daly	Special Detective	July 3, 1884	Rondo
18	Mat Young	Patrolman	July 3, 1884	Rondo
19	John Lynch	Patrolman	July 3, 1884	Margaret
20	James Holland	Patrolman	July 31, 1896	Central
21	Andrew Kukla	Patrolman	April 14, 1885	Rondo
22	Chas. Vontrat	Patrolman (Mtd.)	April 14, 1885	Margaret
23	C. J. Hagen	Patrolman	Nov. 7, 1896	Margaret
24	Geo. W. Smith	Patrolman	May 7, 1886	Rondo
25	Wm. T. Hanley	Patrolman	Oct. 1, 1896	Central
26	John Talty	Patrolman	Sept. 21, 1886	Central
27	Alex. Olberg	Patrolman	Nov. 22, 1886	Margaret
28	Richard Cronin	Patrolman	Mar. 10, 1887	Central
29	T. R. Finnigin	Patrolman	Mar. 30, 1887	Central
30	Thos. Gerving	Patrolman (Mtd.)	Mar. 30, 1887	Prior
31	C. J. Palmer	Patrolman	July 9, 1897	Rondo
32	Thos. J. Brennan	Patrolman	April 21, 1887	Rondo
33	John Ryan	Patrolman	April 19, 1887	Rondo
34	John Casserly	Patrolman	April 21, 1887	Central
35	Joseph Krivanck	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Central
36	Hans Williams	Patrolman	April 21, 1887	Margaret
37	John W. Thelin	Patrolman	May 7, 1887	Central
38	Geo. W. Lampe	Patrolman	Aug 18, 1898	Central
39	Peter Carroll	Patrolman	June 1, 1887	Central

40	John Goven	Patrolman	July 6, 1887	Central
41	W. H. Perro	Patrolman	Sept. 9, 1887	Central
42	R. H. Ames	Patrolman	July 5, 1898	Central
43	T. P. Enright	Patrolman	June 5, 1898	Rondo
44	P. J. Powers	Patrolman (Mtd.)	May 14, 1888	Prior
45	Wm. Gavin	Patrolman	Oct. 22, 1896	Prior
46	John Peters	Patrolman	Sept. 1, 1888	Prior
47	Chas. Mayer	Patrolman	Dec. 1, 1888	Rondo
48	Michael Reilly	Patrolman	Jan. 16, 1889	Rondo
49	Chas. Gerber	Patrolman (Mtd.)	Aug. 3, 1896	Rondo
50	J. P. McKinley	Special Detective	Sept. 5, 1889	Ducas
51	Martin Imhoff	Patrolman	April 5, 1889	Ducas
52	Aug. Boesel	Patrolman	Oct. 23, 1896	Ducas
53	M. Scannell	Patrolman	Nov. 1, 1889	Central
54	C. E. Swanson	Patrolman	Dec. 15, 1898	Margaret
55	J. W. Lauderdale	Patrolman	Mar. 29, 1890	Ducas
56	Thos. W. Cummings	Patrolman	June 10, 1890	Rondo
57	D. E. Lindley	Patrolman	June 20, 1890	Prior
58	Michael Tschida	Patrolman	Dec. 2, 1895	Central
59	John Lindon	Patrolman	Aug. 4, 1896	Margaret
60	Herman Bunde	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Rondo
61	Wm. Twohy	Patrolman	July 3, 1890	Central
62	Steve Grieman	Patrolman	July 12, 1890	Rondo
63	Val. Krezewski	Patrolman	July 14, 1890	Rondo
64	John Thill	Patrolman	July 8, 1898	Central
65	H. Aamold	Patrolman	Sept. 6, 1890	Margaret
66	Frank Horn	Desk Sergeant	Oct. 3, 1890	Central
67	J. J. Griffin	Patrolman	Jan. 13, 1891	Ducas
68	Ed. O'Brien	Patrolman	April 15, 1891	Rondo
69	Frank Fraser	Driver	April 27, 1891	Central
70	Frank Hoefer	Driver		Margaret
71	Pat. McHale	Driver	May 1, 1891	Rondo
72	M. F. Sweeney	Special Detective	June 22, 1891	Rondo
73	P. E. Murnane	Patrolman	Jan. 8, 1892	Central
74	J. J. Fitzgerald	Patrolman	July 5, 1892	Margaret
75	Henry Manteuffel	Patrolman	July 8, 1892	Ducas

76	Jerome Martineau	Patrolman	Oct. 1, 1896	Rondo
77	Thos. E . Haggerty	Driver	July 21, 1892	Central
78	E. L. Bumgardner	Patrolman	July 22, 1892	Central
79	Wm. O'Neil	Patrolman	Aug. 10, 1892	Central
80	Christ Porter	Patrolman	Sept. 7, 1892	Margaret
81	Thos. W. Towey	Patrolman (Mtd.)	Sept. 16, 1892	Prior
82	A. J. Zacher	Patrolman	Oct. 3, 1892	Central
83	J. H. Burrell	Patrolman	Oct. 19, 1892	Rondo
84	J. F. McCormack	Patrolman	Oct. 25, 1892	Central
85	P. E. Newoome	Patrolman	Nov. 1, 1892	Central
86	E. L. Schilling	Patrolman	Nov. 10, 1892	Rondo
87	J. M. Furlong	Patrolman	Nov. 7, 1892	Ducas
88	Jas. Ryan	Patrolman	Nov. 16, 1802	Ducas
89	D. F. Hennessey	Patrolman	Dec. 19, 1892	Central
90	Ed. Braak	Patrolman (Mtd.)	Dec. 19, 1892	Prior
91	Fred. A. Ryder	Patrolman	Dec. 22, 1892	Rondo
92	John A. Helmer	Patrolman	Feb. 14, 1893	Central
93	Aug. H. Stone	Patrolman	July 1, 1897	Margaret
94	John Gaul	Patrolman	Aug. 22, 1896	Central
95	Chas. Beattie	Patrolman	April 14, 1893	Rondo
96	Ben Morse	Patrolman	July 14, 1893	Central
97	Oscar Skoog	Patrolman	Sept. 13, 1893	Central
98	Wm. Rassmussen	Patrolman	June 2, 1897	Ducas
99	H. C. Salverda	Patrolman	Sept. 13, 1893	Rondo
100	John Speakman	Patrolman	Feb. 23, 1808	Central
101	A. J. Wendt	Patrolman	Sept. 1, 1898	Central
102	Abraham Walsh	Patrolman	Feb. 12, 1898	Margaret
103	John Hosch	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Central
104	M. Kirchmaier	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Rondo
105	C. A. Gates	Patrolman	June 20, 1894	Margaret
106	M. F. Moran	Patrolman	June 21, 1804	Margaret
107	Chas. B. Picha	Patrolman	June 25, 1894	Central
108	Chas. Hoffman	Patrolman	Nov. 7, 1896	Ducas
109	M. Zimmerman	Patrolman	Nov. 7, 1896	Ducas
110	Amund Jorguson	Patrolman	Oct. 15, 1804	Margaret
111	Swan Lundgren	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1808	Rondo

112	P. R. Smith	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Central
113	J. J. Hennessey	Patrolman	Nov. 13, 1894	Central
114	I. W. R. Hammergren	Patrolman	Nov. 15, 1894	Central
115	Ed. Christian	Patrolman	Nov. 9, 1896	Central
116	W. B. Montbriand	Patrolman	Jan. 8, 1895	Central
117	Geo. D . Hutchins	Patrolman	Nov. 19, 1897	Margaret
118	Chas. Niemczyk	Patrolman	Aug. 18, 1898	Margaret
119	Chas. A. Anderson	Patrolman	July 17, 1895	Margaret
120	Otto Johnson	Patrolman	Feb. 11, 1897	Ducas
121	John L. Hughes	Patrolman	June 12, 1897	Central
122	M. Urbanski	Patrolman	Mar. 21, 1896	Margaret
123	Martin Kuettel	Patrolman	Oct. 18, 1895	Ducas
124	Peter Lindgren	Patrolman	Feb. 29, 1896	Margaret
125	W. B. Miller	Patrolman	Jan. 5, 1896	Central
126	James White	Patrolman	June 5, 1896	Central
127	Aug. B. Swenson	Patrolman	Mar. 8, 1898	Central
128	M. F. Hallowell	Special Detective	June 5, 1897	Central
129	Geo. W. Wells	Special Detective	June 6, 1896	Central
130	W. B. Byrne	Patrolman	June 6, 1896	Ducas
131	Joseph Houska	Patrolman	June 8, 1896	Central
132	W. W. Smith	Patrolman	June 10, 1896	Central
133	Sam. E. Gustafson	Patrolman	June 10, 1896	Central
134	Gustave Nelson	Patrolman	Nov. 17, 1897	Margaret
135	Albert Godbout	Patrolman		Ducas
136	Thos. Flynn	Patrolman	June 12, 1896	Central
137	W. H. Springer	Patrolman	Nov. 5, 1897	Rondo
138	Frank Branca	Patrolman	June 13, 1896	Central
139	Jacob Stadfield	Patrolman	Mar. 8, 1808	Ducas
140	Frank Peterson	Patrolman	June 13, 1896	Central
141	John H. Harris	Jailer	Sept. 4, 1897	Central
142	J. Q. Adams	Patrolman	June 18, 1896	Central
143	M. L. McIntire	License Inspector	June 19, 1896	Central
144	B. F. Ryan	Patrolman	Aug. 4, 1898	Central
145	W. C. Squires	Patrolman	Dec. 17, 1897	Central
146	Barney Shanley	Patrolman	Mar. 22, 1897	Central
147	M. J. Schorn	Driver W. H. Van	Nov. 12, 1897	Central

148	Henry Gycleson	Patrolman	July 2, 1896	Central
149	Louis J . Galvin	Jailer	July 5, 1898	Central
150	Aug. J. Christopherson	Patrolman	July 20, 1896	Central
	Louis Liverpool	Janitor	June 6, 1896	Central
	Mrs. Bridget Cummings	Matron	June 25, 1894	Central

Twelfth Annual Report of Police Patrol Telegraph, for Year Ending December 31, 1898

ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 1, 1899.

M. N. Goss, Esq., Chief of Police,

DEAR SIR: I hereby submit for your consideration the thirteenth annual report, being for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898, showing in detail the work performed by this branch of the police department, embracing alterations, improvements and extensions; also, the number of calls from patrol boxes, special calls, orders for chief, captains, and lieutenants, calls by city telephones, by patrolmen and citizens where arrests were made and trouble occurred, reports from patrol boxes; also, fire alarms attended, number of sick or injured taken to hospitals or home, lost children found and returned to parents, accidents attended, number of miles traveled by patrol wagons, and number of persons brought to station.

The system on Dec. 31, 1898, embraces and in use 78 miles of overhead lines, 22 miles of underground lines, working through the telephone company's underground system, making a total of 100 miles of line in use; also, 89 police signal boxes, 49 police sentry boxes, 150 telegraph poles, 275 cells of gravity batteries on main lines, 25 cells of gravity batteries in use as a local at Central office, 16 cells salammoniac batteries in locals at sub-stations, 15 cells Edison telephone batteries and 35 cells dry telephone batteries in street boxes, 41 wood battery boxes for street batteries, 75 two-pin cross arms, 72 iron circuit brakes, 475 side brackets, 85 porcelain knobs and 965 glass insulators.

I submit tabulated statements from central and sub-stations, showing the number of box, special and fire calls, miles traveled and arrests made; also, such other information taken from records kept by operators at central station as may be of interest to you.

The extensions and alterations have been as follows: Installing new patrol box No. 219, at the corner of Arcade and Lawson streets, for which 1,200 feet of wire was used; also, installing new patrol box No. 316, at the corner of Rice and Geranium streets, for which 3,000 feet of wire was used; making a total of 4,200 feet of wire used. Transferring Box 34 from the corner of Rice and Como, to the corner of Dale and University avenue; also, Box 124 from the corner of Third and Locust to the corner of Fifth and Neill streets, for which 1,800 feet of wire was strung on fifth street from John to Neill.

A new 'sentry box was placed on Third and Sibley in place of the old one.

I would recommend that fifty boxes and telephones be brought to the attention of the honorable common council as in report of 1895. I submit the following statement showing why I ask for the fifty boxes and telephones: The Margaret district has about nine and one-half square miles of territory, in which they have seventeen boxes, five telephones and eighteen miles of line. The Rondo district has about seven square miles of territory, in which they have, fourteen boxes, four

telephones and nine and three-quarter miles of line. The Ducas district has about four and one-half square miles of territory, in which they have fourteen boxes, six telephones and seven miles of line. The Prior avenue district has about twelve square miles of territory, in which they have four boxes, three telephones and sixteen miles of line. The central district has about five square miles of territory, in which they have thirty-nine boxes, twenty-five telephones and twenty-eight miles of line. You can readily see by the above statement why I ask for the fifty boxes and telephones. They are needed in the sub-station districts more than in the central, as it is almost impossible to do efficient service with the small number of boxes and telephones now in service.

I would also recommend the Margaret and Rondo substations be furnished with an electrical mechanical gong and door opener for horse stalls.

I would recommend that the city buy the telephones used by the police patrol telegraph outright. The city now pays a yearly rental of \$249.96, and they can buy them outright for \$375. You can see that it would be the least expense by buying them. As the city now owns all of the property used by it, they should own their own telephones.

There have been during the year of 1898 253,234 box calls to and from officers and patrolmen over the police lines, and 31,057 messages from citizens over the city telephones, making a total of 284,291 messages received and sent during the year.

Following find tabulated statements from records at central and substations, showing the number of box, special fire calls, miles traveled, arrests made, etc.

In closing this report, I respectfully extend my thanks to the common council, to the committee on police; also, to yourself for the interest taken to promote this branch of the police department; also, to your secretary, to the officers and patrolmen, operators at central station and lineman, officers in charge of wagons and drivers of same. I desire to extend to them my acknowledgment for their hearty cooperation to promote the efficiency of this branch of the police department and many courtesies extended to me.

Yours respectfully,

JOS. KING,
Superintendent of Police Patrol Telegraph.