

RESULTS

Since STRESS officers were first assigned to the street, they have witnessed or been the target of on-the-spot street crimes in more than 70 separate cases, each case involving anywhere from one to five perpetrators.

In addition, the officers have observed and made arrests in numerous other "off-street" crimes, including residential and business burglaries, possession of stolen property, auto thefts, arson, murder, carrying concealed weapons, narcotic sale and possession, and a variety of misdemeanors and traffic offenses.

They have arrested a number of fugitives sought by the Detroit Police Department and other agencies. They also have obtained search warrants and conducted narcotics raids based on information developed from street activity.

STRESS officers have made 1,747 arrests for felonies or misdemeanors during the period the program has been in operation through September 30. These resulted in 540 felony warrants and 155 misdemeanor warrants. Other are pending. Of those arrested, 115 had previous warrants outstanding against them. A total of 131 juveniles were detained, and 450 guns were confiscated, including 392 handguns.

Of the total arrests, over 900 have been referred to court or other criminal justice agencies, many more have been turned over to other law enforcement agencies and federal, state, and local parole or probation authorities, and others have been cited to traffic and ordinance courts.

Since January, when STRESS was launched, robberies in Detroit have decreased, compared with a year ago, in six of the seven subsequent months. Of all major crimes, only larcenies show a similar record of improvement.

Robberies in August were 15 percent fewer than the same month a year ago, and for the entire year to date, are down 4.3 percent. This compares with a 67 percent increase from 1968 to 1970, a marked improvement.

In the course of the STRESS operation, one black STRESS officer was killed, and some 56 other members were wounded or injured.

Ten criminals--nine black and one white--were shot to death by STRESS officers, and 38 suspects were injured. This includes those who jumped out of cars, windows, etc.

Coincidentally, police robbery figures for the first eight months of the year indicate that 90 percent of the known perpetrators were black, five to six percent white, and the rest unknown.

All of the criminals killed were shot by white officers. Black STRESS officers, who used their weapons, fired 34 shots, none fatal.

Let no one have any illusions about the violence of the mugger, the strong-arm artist, the armed bandit, who elect often as their victims the weak, the drunken, the aged--those least likely to offer resistance.