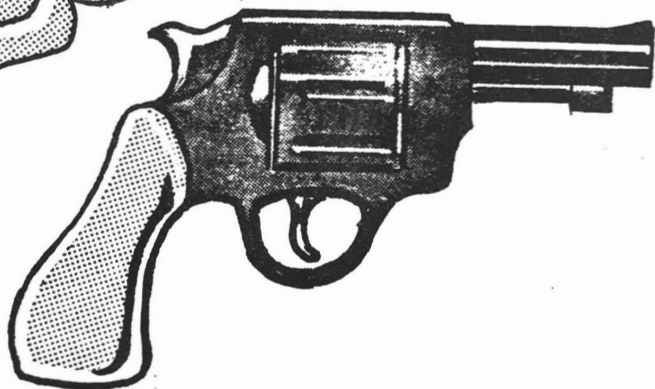
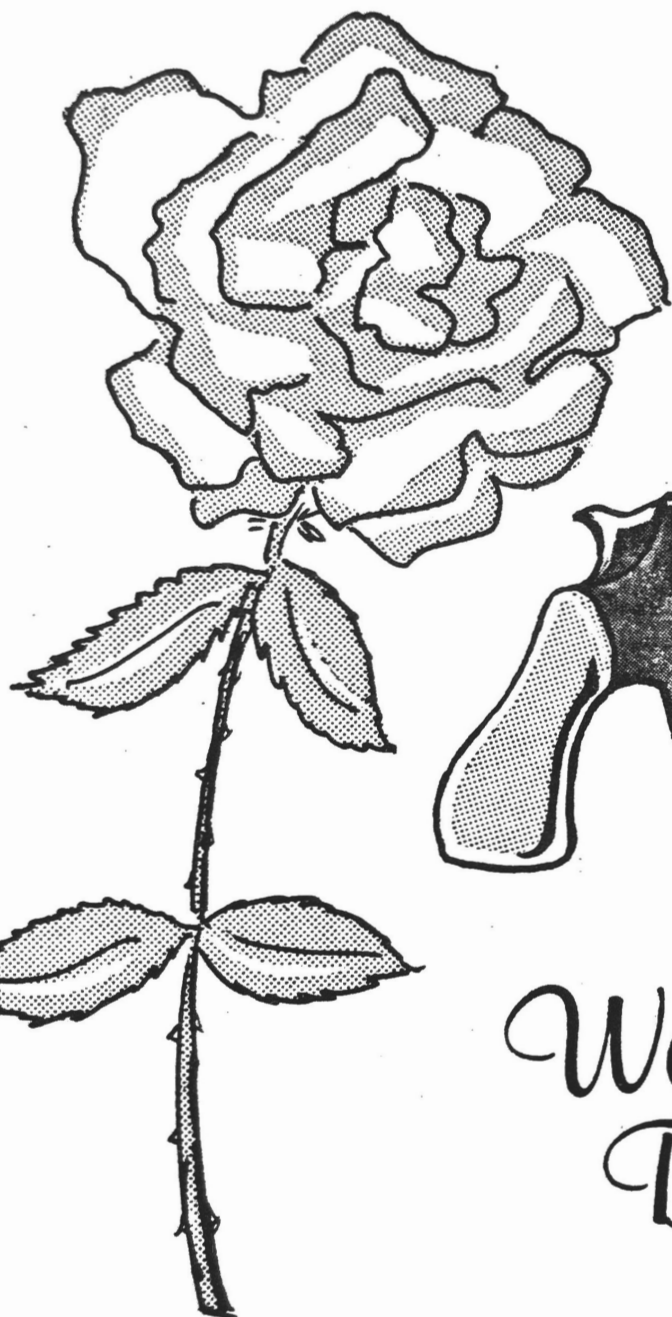


DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



*Women's
Division*

HISTORY

The Women's Division of the Detroit Police Department was created in 1921 and from its original staff of one director and sixteen policewomen it has grown with the City and the rest of the department until the present, where in addition to the Chief of the Women's Division, there are sixteen ranking officers and seventy-one policewomen.

Our Women's Division has the reputation of being one of the pioneers in the work of policewomen in this country, as well as one of the leaders in this field. The Detroit Women's Division has trained women from all over the world and these women, in turn, have returned to their own countries and communities to organize Women's Divisions of their own.

Today the Women's Division maintains offices on the seventh floor of Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, as well as branch offices at Jefferson (#5 precinct), Livernois (#10 precinct), and Grand River (#16 precinct).

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Policewomen investigate and process criminal complaints; the majority are sex crimes in which boys under ten years of age and females of any age are the victims. Cruelties and criminal neglect involving children and abandoned babies are processed by this department. Also, those cases where adults contribute toward making a juvenile girl become a delinquent child in the eyes of the law.

FAMILY AND YOUTH INVESTIGATIONS

Policewomen are also responsible for all investigations and searches for missing women and girls, as well as boys under ten years of age.

The Women's Division processes all cases of misbehavior by girls under the age of seventeen years and boys under the age of ten. These cases include shoplifting, false fire alarms, attempted suicides, assaults, extortion, arson, immorality and incorrigibility, etc.

Many complaints of neglected children and problems of the elderly are investigated. Policewomen are in constant communication with the many social agencies in our metropolitan area.

NIGHT PATROL

Policewomen work twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five (365) days a year. At night emergency situations are handled as well as the inspection of places of commercial recreation that are attractive to youth, such as dance halls, skating rinks, and theaters. Policewomen patrol parks and transportation terminals and are often able to apprehend runaway juveniles found loitering there.

To answer the three questions most frequently asked of policewomen:

No, we do not wear uniforms!

Yes, we do carry guns!

And Yes, our work is very, very interesting.