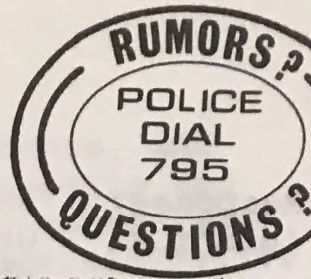




THE GRAPEVINE



• An Internal Information Service of the Detroit Police Department •

IIS 72-10
March 30th, 1972

Inquiry:

Though "Talk is Cheap," the Guardians seemingly intend to usurp the administration of this Department with respect to STRESS. How long will the Department put up with violations of Rule E of Department Regulations such as the repeated critical comments by individual Guardian members in the media, including the March 26th anti-STRESS rally at U.ofD

Response:

The Department has tried to be consistently liberal with all officers as far as the airing of personal opinions has been concerned, whatever the subject may have been. We have not wished to appear to be censors of legitimate free speech, whether we liked what was said or not. Any officer who avails himself of the Department's toleration of the ideal of free speech has a commensurate responsibility to his fellow officers to be responsible in the exercise of free speech, and to demonstrate to the command of the Department the essential loyalty in performance that proper discipline demands, whether he agrees with various command decisions or not. We cannot and will not tolerate persistent and irresponsible challenges to the necessary authority of the Department command to direct the operations of this Department in the way our professional judgment deems will produce the best result for all the citizens of Detroit and all members of the Department. When criticism goes beyond this point of tolerance, those whose grievances are so deep would be better off to resume civilian status.

Inquiry:

Will the police department have a new headquarters building by 1976? If so, where will it be located?

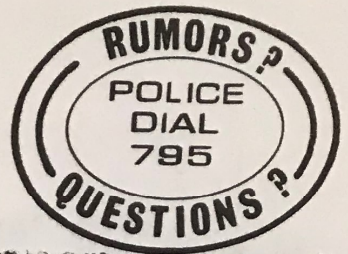
Response:

As stated before the city is thinking about a whole new criminal justice center, that would include a new police headquarters and a traffic court. Preliminary plans and drawings have been completed for such a center, but nothing will be started until financing can be assured. The

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IIS 72-15

May 12, 1972

Inquiry:

Is the rumor true that the top score on the Lieutenant's exam was 59? That appears very low.

Response:

Not true. The raw scores and statistical information needed for this determination have not been developed at this time. It is exactly as you say, a rumor, and it is unfounded.

Inquiry:

The March 30th issue of the Grapevine response to a question regarding the Guardians who "seemingly intend to usurp the Administration with respect to STRESS," was to indicate that the policy was not to censure or restrict free speech but went on to state that you cannot and will not tolerate persistent and irresponsible challenges to the necessary authority of the Department, etc. Now the Guardians and certain named officers of that group have instituted a lawsuit to halt STRESS. How many persistent and irresponsible challenges will be allowed before action is taken?

Response:

Your interpretation of what constitutes "persistent and irresponsible challenges" and mine appear to be different. I do not consider legal redress through our court system an irresponsible challenge. To the contrary, it is incumbent upon us as police officers to espouse and uphold the doctrine of the judicial process, no matter what our personal views are. As the sole named police department defendant in the current litigation, I am well aware of the issues at hand and very few of the ramifications of this case escape my attention. As of today, the court proceedings in this matter have been stayed and I will keep you abreast of the situation.

Inquiry:

Why are the new station wagons painted all blue rather than following the marking style of the sedans? The present fleet looks like Cox's army. Also, why not use the "Visi-bars" for all marked cars?

Response:

Station wagons have never been any colors except solid black and solid blue. The blue wagons have only been utilized during the past two years. One of the primary reasons for the solid color is the savings in repair time when the vehicle is tied up due to accidents. If the vehicle is two-toned, it must be baked in the oven twice and masked. This takes time and time is money. Solid colors are also cheaper to purchase from the manufacturer. It has been some years since our entire fleet has been identical in color. In regards

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