

TROY TWP. POLICE CHIEF DAVID GRATTOP Checks dept's first year. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## Troy Police Record A Year of Progress

A little over a year ago, as a result of popular demand, Troy township established its own police department. People had complained that the undermanned policing agencies of Oakland county and the state were not able to give the growing township sufficient protection.



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Drivers going through the unpatrolled roads of the township were in the habit of speeding, and hot-rodding youths were turning streets into dangerous speedways, said the people. They argued that since other agencies could not patrol the streets to a sufficient degree, the township needed a police force of its own.

So on Aug. 1, 1952, a police department consisting of Chief David Gratopp and one patrolman was established.

LOOKING BACK over the first year of his department's operations, Chief Gratopp the other day said that apparently the establishment of the force has served as a deterrent to traffic violations.

Chief Gratopp said this opinion is based on the testimony of township residents and businessmen. Since it has only existed for one year, the department does not have records from which it can make comparisons.

Most people agree that speeding has been reduced and that hot-rodding, though still a problem, has been under better control, said the chief.

Statistically, the department has investigated 201 automobile accidents in its first year. Seventy-five of these were injury accidents with a total of 199 injuries and six fatalities occurring.

SINCE THE two-man force got under way last year, there have been some changes made. Today four policemen, including the chief, are employed full time.

In addition, five part-time deputies volunteer their services, at no charge to the township. These deputies contribute their services at night so that two-man patrols may be maintained, "for experience and as civic duty."

"This is necessary for the safety of the police," said Gratopp. "When a patrolman stops a car, he never knows what sort of a person he may have to face. It is important that a second officer be on hand to provide cover."

IN ADDITION to its traffic

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duties, the department has answered an average of 228 complaint calls per month. It has covered 98,750 miles while patrolling in a single scout car. Two cars have been worn out in one year of operation.

Chief Gratopp said any success his department had had is due, in part, to "the splendid cooperation of the state police, the county sheriff's department, and police forces of neighboring municipalities."

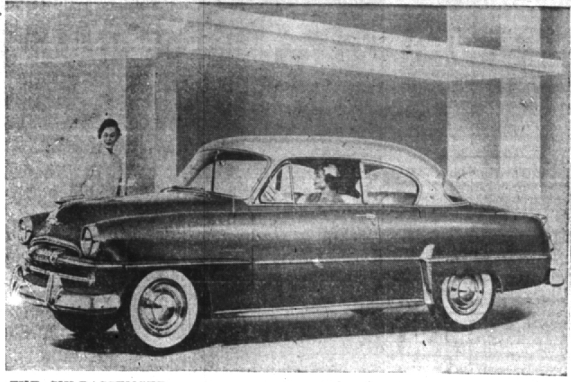
Speaking of the future of his department, the chief said because of the continued growth of the township's population, expansion of the force is inevitable.

MOST NEEDED at the present time is an addition in personnel so someone can be in the police station, at the township hall, to answer phone calls until midnight, the chief stated.

He added that at present, all night calls to the Troy police are automatically transferred to the Bloomfield Hill's city police. This works out all right for complaint calls since the Bloomfield police can contact Troy patrols by radio.

But, persons calling for information concerning auto accidents, etc., cannot get the answers at night since all such records are kept in the Troy office.

"This addition, though not necessary to the work of the department, should be of considerable advantage to the people of the township," concluded Gratopp.



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