

Juneau Police Department History

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1960



JPD - 1960

January 31, 1960 – A meter maid was hired to replace Officer Dull who requested a leave of absence.

-Twelve parkas were purchased for the officers for \$200.

February 4, 1960 – A patrol officer was spending an hour each day at the airport.

-Richard Secrest and Jerry Rasler were hired as police patrolmen.

March 31, 1960 – West Juneau was annexed into the City.

April 7, 1960 – Lawrence Bowman was hired as a police patrolman.

-Harbormaster Cleo Wood was given police authority in the harbor area.

-The speed limit on the Juneau-Douglas Bridge and its approaches was set at 25 MPH.

May 5, 1960 – The City entered into a lease for a police patrol car with Connors Motor Company.

July 7, 1960 – Donald W. Mulkey and William E. Swanson were hired as police patrolmen.

July 10, 1960 – Daniel S. Duncan was hired as a police patrolman.

September 1, 1960 – Chief Severson wrote rules and regulations for the Department.



JPD Shoulder Patch
1960-1963

1961

January 19, 1961 – Mayor Lauris S. Parker was appointed acting City Manager of the City of Juneau. Manager Parker took over the hiring duties from the Council.

March 2, 1961 – An annual report was published by the Police Department with part of the report outlining the history of police activities in Juneau during the past ten years.

May 4, 1961 – The City Manager arranged for the lease of three police cars at \$110 per unit each month from Connors Motors.

May 22, 1961 – Michael A. Korhonen was hired as a police officer.

August 1, 1961 – William Huston was hired as a police officer.

August 29, 1961 – Jack S. Allen was hired as a police patrolman.

October 5, 1961 – Following a referendum, the strong mayor/council system was returned by the voters and Lauris S. Parker won re-election as Mayor.

1962

February 15, 1962 – The first Pan American Airways jet aircraft arrived at the Juneau airport.

May 1, 1962 – James “Pat” Wellington was hired as a police lieutenant.

July 9, 1962 – Joseph R. Ciraulo was hired as a police officer.

July 23, 1962 – Chief Severson welcomed a group of officers to one of the most intensive police training courses in the state. Over a three week period, officers were instructed in such subjects as laws of search and seizure, defense tactics, safety rules, nomenclature firearms, note taking, and fingerprint identification.

July 31, 1962 – Officer Jack Allen resigned.

December 1, 1962 – Sgt. Tom Horn resigned.

1963

February 7, 1963 – Police statistics for the month of January included: 326 complaints, 3,406 telephone calls, 6,592 radio transmissions, 64 adults arrested, 10 juveniles arrested, and 47 major crimes reported. A total of 746 parking meter tickets were handed out.



February 23, 1963 – Officer Gene Moody saved a young woman from drowning in the icy waters of Gastineau Channel and was awarded a USCG Treasury medal for bravery.

April 16, 1963 – Richard J. Adair was hired as a police officer.

May 27, 1963 – Lt. William Huston was praised by FBI Special Agent in Charge Joseph Sullivan for Huston's capture of a wanted fugitive from Denver, Colorado.

June 8, 1963 – Bicycle licenses were required and were sold for 50 cents at the high school from 1-4 PM.

June 10, 1963 – The owners of dogs were asked to keep them off the airport runway, as they had become a serious problem for pilots landing their aircraft. The poundmaster impounded all dogs found running loose on City property.

June 22, 1963 – Patrick J. Kellen was hired as a police officer.

July 11, 1963 – JPD was staffed by 12 officers; the Chief, the Captain, a juvenile officer, a detective, a meter officer, and 6 patrolmen. Officers were paid \$545 per month to start; one of the lowest pay scales in Southeast Alaska.

July 13, 1963 – Terry Jordan was hired as a police officer.

July 22, 1963 – An agent from the US Secret Service provided training on narcotics to members of the Police Department as part of an intensive three week training course held for JPD officers. Officer Mike Korhonen was awarded a new .357 magnum revolver for scoring the highest academic average of 89.8.

August 30, 1963 – A rare forest fire started from an abandoned campfire was brought under control along the old Berner's Bay trail north of Eagle River.

-JPD officers used radar to pace vehicles on Glacier Avenue and on 12th St., issuing 32 citations for speeding.

September 16, 1963 – Ambulance service for the City of Juneau was transferred from the Fire Department to the Police Department because the new aerial platform fire truck required extra space at the Fire Department.

October 8, 1963 – JPD Officer Mike Korhonen accidentally shot himself in the leg when the hammer of his .357 magnum caught on the arm of a chair in the radio room. The bullet went through his upper leg and out, down through his calf and out, and finally through his foot and out. Miraculously, the three wounds were all “flesh wounds” and Officer Korhonen went on to a career with the State Troopers.

October 17, 1963 - Chief of Police Phillip L. Severson resigned to become Alaska's first Chief of Correctional Services.



October 17, 1963 – J. Patrick Wellington was named Chief of Police.

November 6, 1963 – A bid was received from Juneau Motors for two police cars at \$2,600 each.

November 8, 1963 – A representative from the American Humane Association spoke at a public meeting in favor of establishing a local humane society shelter that would take some of the load off of the City pound.

November 22, 1963 – President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas.

November 23, 1963 – JPD Officers started a benefit fund for the widow and three children of Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit, slain while questioning the suspect in the assassination of President Kennedy. Tippit received a salary of \$390 per month before taxes and had no private or city-provided insurance.

December 19, 1963 – James Patrick Wellington was sworn in as Chief of Police.

December 26, 1963 – Chief Wellington suggested that the City should consider building an indoor swimming pool to give young people a healthy activity during the long hours of winter darkness.

1964

February 24, 1964 – Former Ketchikan and Sitka Officer William Bagron was hired as a police officer.

April 13, 1964 – In a Juneau Empire newspaper article, Chief Wellington again warned the public that drivers should not leave their keys in their cars when they park, following the theft of three vehicles that had been left with keys in them over the weekend.

May 22, 1964 – Seven motorists were given warnings for speeding across the Douglas Bridge and were advised that next time there would be citations issued.

June 3, 1964 – JPD Chief of Police Pat Wellington was elected president of the Alaska State Police Chiefs Association at the annual Alaska Crime Conference which was held in Anchorage.

June 12, 1964 – Lt. William Huston resigned.

October 7, 1964 – Michael Korhonen resigned.



Donald Thomas Dull

October 19, 1964 – JPD Inspector Donald Thomas Dull was tragically killed when he was accidentally shot by another Juneau officer while practicing “quick-draw.” The Coroner’s Jury found that the other officer’s gun safety was rendered inoperable by foreign matter in its firing mechanism and ruled the death accidental.

December 31, 1964 – JPD statistics for 1964 included 865 misdemeanor arrests, 24 felony arrests, 285 ambulance calls, 141 car accidents investigated, and 11,000 citations handed out.

1965



Top-L-R: J. Shelly, R. Marshall, J. Scow, L. Campbell, W. Hopper, T. Leigh-Kendall, J. Reed
Front-L-R: R. Willard, R. Neiger, D. Fredericks, J. Wellington, W. Bagron, J. Ciraulo

January 5, 1965 – Gerald J. Dorsher was hired as a police officer.

February 1, 1965 – Lorn Campbell was hired as a police officer.

March 8, 1965 – Chief Wellington began a 12 week training course at the FBI's National Academy in Washington, D.C.

-Dewey Jones was hired as a police officer.



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Robert Kennedy with Governor Egan at the Juneau airport.

March 23, 1965 – On his way to climb Mt. Kennedy in the Yukon, former Attorney General Robert Kennedy stopped in Juneau. JPD had received a report from the FBI that two men intended to assassinate Kennedy while he was in Juneau. Acting Chief Bagron responded by assigning more than 20 officers to protect him from what turned out to be a false alarm.

March 31, 1965 – Patrick Kellen resigned.

April 1, 1965 – William J. Hopper was hired as a police officer.

April 19, 1965 – Terry Jordan resigned.

April 23, 1965 – The following advertisement appeared in a Seattle newspaper:

Opportunity for Men

A Southeast Alaska city is in the process of enlarging its police department and is looking for men who are interested in making law enforcement a career, and who can meet the following qualifications:

- *25-35 years of age*
- *175-210 pounds*
- *Height 5'10" to 6'2"*
- *Married with no more than one child*
- *High school education*
- *Free from emotional disturbances*
- *Willing to stay at least two years*
- *Free from financial burdens*
- *Able to sustain self for at least one month while in training*
- *Capable of withstanding cold or adverse weather conditions*
- *Willing to undergo an extensive background investigation*

If you are a man who can fit the above description, you can obtain an economical future. If interested, send a letter in your own handwriting along with a picture to: Chief of Police, P.O. Box 2404, Juneau, Alaska.

May 10, 1965 – JPD officers and Alaska State Police officers attended a three day class on crowd control conducted by agents of the FBI.



FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover (Front Row Center) – JPD Chief J. Pat Wellington (2nd Row-2nd from right)

Photo: May 26, 1965 – Chief Wellington graduated from the FBI National Academy.

July 4, 1965 – John Reed was sworn in as a police officer.

September 9, 1965 – Juneau was reported to have one of the best equipped ambulances in Alaska according to JPD Chief Pat Wellington. The Department operated ambulances from two city locations; the State jail and the airport. Ambulance calls cost \$7 within the City and \$1 per mile outside with an average of about 30 runs per month.

October 20, 1965 – Two jail inmates overpowered two City jail guards and escaped, remaining at large for 19 hours before JPD officers located and apprehended them.

October 28, 1965 – “Bad checks” were a problem with about \$25,000 lost each year at local businesses. Store clerks were urged to write down driver’s license numbers, addresses and phone numbers on checks they accepted.

December 2, 1965 – Young teens arrested following a fight in Evergreen Cemetery, Monday, reported they belonged to the gangs, “the Swabs” and “the Village Stompers”. The trouble started with an argument between two girls at Harborview School. JPD Captain William Bagron said that police did not believe the situation was as serious as it appeared.

December 22, 1965 – Chief Wellington denied a report from an unknown source in Anchorage that the Department had purchased \$1180 worth of wire-tapping equipment.

1966

January 1, 1966 – A New Year's Day storm packing winds of up to 90 mph did extensive damage on Douglas Island, blowing the roof off a crab cannery and an apartment building and destroying many small boats in the Douglas harbor. Chief Wellington estimated the damages at \$200,000.

January 15, 1966 – The first annual Policeman's Ball was held at the Armory to raise funds for uniforms and equipment for the JPD auxiliary police force.

January 20, 1966 – JPD Sgt. Bob Nerger and Officer Jerry Shelley delivered a seven pound baby boy in a stalled auto at Fourth and Main Streets. Mother and child were delivered to St. Ann's Hospital and were reported in good condition.

January 25, 1966 – JPD Sgt. John Cunningham was honored by the Jaycees for his distinguished services to the youth of the community.

February 21, 1966 – Darryl O. Storkel was hired as a police officer.



(L-R) Meter Officer Oscar Holmberg, Lt. Joe Ciraulo, Officer Thomas Leigh-Kendall, and Sgt. Bob Nerger

New 1966 Ford police cars at the Evergreen Bowl.



March 15, 1966 – JPD officers were the first in the state to display a new Centennial shoulder patch designed to commemorate the purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867.

May 2, 1966 – Jimmie M. Eastham was hired as a police officer.

May 18, 1966 – JPD Chief Wellington again warned drivers not to leave their keys in their parked cars. Three vehicles were stolen in the past three days.

June 14, 1966 – It was announced that JPD Captain Bill Bagron would attend the 78th session of the FBI Academy in Washington DC, beginning on August 15, 1966.

June 30, 1966 – JPD began patrolling the City of Douglas at midnight following a contract for law enforcement services negotiated earlier in the month.

August 14, 1966 – Two inmates (George Katzeek Jr. and Willard Gowan) attempted to escape from the State jail and were captured by JPD Officers John Skow and Bob Nerger.



August 22, 1966 – Nine people were killed when this Alaska Coastal Airlines Gruman Goose crashed at the foot of High Peak in the Juneau Ice Cap.

Alaska Coastal Airlines Grumman G-21A Goose which crashed near Juneau

September 1, 1966 – Randall W. Parker was hired as a police officer.

October 21, 1966 – District Attorney Jack Asher addressing the Borough Assembly suggested that JPD provide police services throughout the Borough due to the “under-manned” condition of the State Police.

November 28, 1966 – Chief Wellington presented a plan to the Greater Juneau Borough Assembly requesting \$70,862 per year to hire five additional police officers to provide area-wide police protection.

December 9, 1966 – Tear gas was used by police to quell 37 prisoners in the State Jail who rioted causing some \$5,000 in damage.

December 10, 1966 – Gerald Bulkley was hired as a police officer.

December 31, 1966 – The statistics reported for 1966 were as follows:

Population – 9,000

Area – 4 square miles

Misdemeanor Arrests – 845

Felony Arrests – 28

Calls for Service – 2,517

Ambulance Calls – 387

Traffic Citations – 1,042

1967

January 12, 1967 – Chief Wellington returned from transporting a juvenile prisoner to San Francisco and was asked to comment on a new craze in the Golden Gate City; topless Go-Go Girls. Although he had interviewed San Francisco police officials about the issue, he said any official City position was up to the Assembly.

January 17, 1967 – JPD reported issuing 90 moving citations and 244 parking citations in December. Plans were made to crack down on “meter stuffers”; those who put a coin in the meter every hour instead of moving their vehicles, which was against the law.

January 23, 1967 – Shirrel D. Cox was hired as a police officer.

April 5, 1967 – Starting salary for a Juneau Police Officer was \$702 per month. JPD was staffed by 9 officers that included the Chief, an investigator, and a juvenile officer. There were 4 dispatchers.

May 1, 1967 – Arnold R. Kamm was hired as a police officer.

May 13, 1967 – City officials participated in a disaster practice in the Municipal Building which was overseen by the Alaska Disaster Office and the University of Alaska.

June 2, 1967 – Over 100 law enforcement officers attended the annual Alaska Peace Officer's Association (APOA) Crime Conference which was held in Juneau. Chief Wellington served as its president and host of the Conference.

June 27, 1967 – The Police Department requested an increase of \$9,000 in the budget to hire one additional officer to provide 24-hour ambulance service throughout the greater Juneau area.

June 30, 1967 – Dewey Jones and Darryl Storkel resigned.

July 1, 1967 – Jesse Bulkley was hired as a police officer.

July 11, 1967 – JPD officers were kept busy when a broken water main flooded the downtown with 500,000 gallons of water.

September 24, 1967 – Officer Lorn Campbell resigned.

August 12, 1967 – Robert Mizel was hired as a police officer.

October 17, 1967 – Chief Pat Wellington, Lt. Joe Ciraulo and Sgt. John Cunningham were awarded commendations for outstanding service to the City by Mayor Joe George.

December 22, 1967 – Clifford Smith was hired as a police officer.

December 31, 1967 – The statistics reported for 1967 were as follows:

Population – 7,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide - 1

Rape - 3

Assault – 37

Burglary – 63

Larceny +\$50 – 46

Larceny -\$50 – 82

Auto Theft - 17

Calls for Service – 2,415

Accidents - 215

Traffic Citations – 1,343

1968



January 4, 1968 – Anchorage Police Officer Benjamin Strong, the first Anchorage police officer to be slain on duty, was shot and killed while trying to stop a liquor store robbery.

February 1, 1968 – Alaska Airlines began daily jet service between Juneau and Anchorage via Cordova and Yakutat.

March 6, 1968 – Donald Richardson was hired as a police officer.

May 27, 1968 – Officer Sherril Cox resigned.

May 31, 1968 – The Alaska Peace Officer's Association annual Crime Conference was held in Juneau and attended by officers from around the State and from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

June 8, 1968 – Michael Gelston was hired as a police officer.

July 8, 1968 – Jack Mitchell was hired as a police officer.



Front Row L-R: Micky Purcell, Carolyn Boddy, William Bagron, Chief Pat Wellington, Joe Ciraulo, Scottie Bohnam, Patsi Sanford
Second Row L-R: James Eastham, Michael Gelston, Jack Santos, William Bradshaw, Donald Richardson, William Hopper, John Cunningham
Back Row L-R: Arnold Kamm, Michael Biggs, Gerald Bulkley, Gerald Dorsher, Jack Mitchell, John Reed

July 9, 1968 – Delbert Phipps Jr. was hired as a police officer.

July 10, 1968 – Officer Robert Mizel resigned.

August 1, 1968 – John Santos was hired as a police officer.

August 26, 1968 – Officer Clifford Smith resigned.

September 4, 1968 – Delbert Phipps resigned.

September 11, 1968 – William H. Bradshaw was hired as a police officer and harbormaster.

September 21, 1968 – Charges were filed against a former Juneau City Clerk for embezzling \$7,500 from the City Treasury in September, 1967.

September 24, 1968 – Two Alaska Airlines jets were held in Juneau to be searched following a report from Sitka PD that there was a bomb aboard a flight about to land in Juneau.

December 2, 1968 – JPD announced a shift in its supervisory personnel, moving Captain Bagron to the Investigative Division and Lieutenant Ciraulo to the Uniform Division. Sgt. Cunningham was transferred to Patrol, Sgt Hopper to Investigations and Investigator Kamm to the Juvenile Officer's position.

December 13, 1968 – Irene Hoisington was hired as a police officer.

December 23, 1968 – The long-time owner of the Red Dog Saloon died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

December 31, 1968 – The statistics reported for 1968 were as follows:

Population – 7,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide - 0

Rape - 4

Assault – 31

Burglary – 85

Larceny +\$50 – 52

Larceny -\$50 – 91

Auto Theft - 23

Calls for Service – 3,111

Accidents - 226

Traffic Citations – 1,511

1969

January 22, 1969 – Officer John Santos resigned.

February 12, 1969 – Larry VanHorn was hired as a police officer.

February 28, 1969 – Captain William Bagron resigned to accept a position with the Alaska State Criminal Justice System.

March 17, 1969 – Harold Nevers was hired as a police officer.

April 7, 1969 – Charles Sleeter was hired as a police officer.

April 30, 1969 – Harold Nevers resigned.

May 1, 1969 – Following special training at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Sgt. William Hopper and AST Cpl. Korhonen were assigned to work vice and narcotics in the greater Juneau area.

-Lt. Joseph Ciraulo was promoted to Captain and Officer John Reed was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

June 3, 1969 – Officer Gerald Dorsher resigned.

July 1, 1969 – JPD purchased its first breathalyzer instrument to test suspected drunk drivers' blood alcohol.

– Richard Siangeo was hired as an airport security officer.

August 1, 1969 – Former Seattle, Wa. PD officer Richard F. Kimber was hired as a police officer.

August 5, 1969 – Roy Albert Kimbrell was hired as a police officer.

August 6, 1969 – Officer Jack Mitchell resigned.



October 28, 1969 – A teletype system linking Juneau PD with police in Ketchikan, Sitka, Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kodiak, and Nome was approved and expected to be operational by the end of the year. Another 10-12 cities were expected to be added during the first six months of 1970.

December 7, 1969 – A series of articles began to run in the Empire on the use of narcotics in the Juneau area. The Department trained its officers to recognize various drugs and took a perspective that it was necessary to address the drug problem in Juneau as “preventative medicine”, because serious criminal behaviors were likely to result from the use of drugs.

December 16, 1969 – Grant Lee Young was hired as a police officer and Clerk of the Court.

December 31, 1969 – The statistics reported for 1968 were as follows:

Population – 14,000

Area – 4 square miles

Felony Arrests – 41

Misdemeanor Arrests – 553

Juvenile Arrests - 355

Calls for Service – 3,477

Accidents - 231

Ambulance Calls - 324

Traffic Citations – 3,735

Meter Tickets – 14,785

1970

January 17, 1970 – Officer Donald Richardson resigned.

March 4, 1970 – Former Salinas, Ca. PD officer Robert J. Bacolas was hired.

March 18, 1970 – Officer Roy Kimbrell separated from the Department following an internal investigation.

March 31, 1970 – Officer Charles Sleeter resigned.

April 6, 1970 – Larry W. Robinett was hired as a police officer.

April 8, 1970 – Raymond W. Bryant was hired as a police officer.

April 15, 1970 – Officer Richard Kimber resigned to return to the Seattle, WA. PD.

May 29, 1970 – Sgt. William Hopper resigned to accept a position with the Seward Police Department.

June 1, 1970 – Officer Robert Bacolas was promoted to Detective Sergeant.

June 19, 1970 – Early morning raids by JPD resulted in the arrest of 16 people for drug violations in Juneau. Three other persons were still being sought.

July 1, 1970 – Several citizens wrote letters to the editor complaining about JPD officers “screening” ferry travelers to ensure that, if they were staying in Juneau, they had lawful business here and means of support etc. Chief Wellington assured the community that no civil rights were being violated by actions of the officers.

July 9, 1970 – Lloyd Edward Prouty was hired as a police officer and Gilbert Lucero was sworn in as a Special Police Officer.

August 11, 1970 – Facing a \$52,000 proposed budget cut by the Assembly, Chief Wellington released the effects of such a cut on police services to the Assembly and to the Empire.

October 15, 1970 – Officer Irene Hoisington resigned.

November 25, 1970 – Chief Wellington filed an application with the Criminal Justice Commission requesting funding for video tape equipment.

November 30, 1970 – Chief Wellington announced that he had submitted his resignation, effective on December 18.

December 18, 1970 – Chief Wellington accepted the position of Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety for the State of Alaska.

December 31, 1970 – The statistics reported for 1970 were as follows:

Population – 14,000

Area – 4 square miles

Felony Arrests – 68

Misdemeanor Arrests – 449

Juvenile Arrests - 279

Calls for Service – 5,541

Ambulance Calls - 327

Traffic Citations – 3,577

1971

January 1, 1971 – A Department Rules and Regulations Manual dedicated to City Manager Ronald Usher was put into effect.

January 25, 1971 – Thomas Sawicki was hired as a police officer.



February, 1, 1971 – Sgt.
Robert C. Bacolas was
promoted to Chief of Police.

February 16, 1971 – Investigator William Bradshaw was promoted to Detective Sergeant.

March 31, 1971 – Former US Treasury agent Stanley R. Edwards was sworn in as the Clerk of the Court.

April 1, 1971 – Chief Bacolas had all JPD civilian employees “sworn in” to qualify for additional federal grant funding opportunities.

April 30, 1971 – Sergeant Jimmie Eastham resigned, and dispatcher Judith Phyllis Egan was sworn in as a police woman.

May 14, 1971 – Sergeant William Bradshaw resigned.

June 30, 1971 – Grant Young, Clerk of the Court and airport officer Richard Siangeo resigned.

July 1, 1971 – William M. Wyatt was hired as a police officer, Stanley Edwards was promoted from Clerk of the Court to Detective Sergeant and Hubert Lee “Bud” Davis was hired as a court administrator.

July 27, 1971 – Former officer Jimmie Eastham was hired as an airport security officer.

July 30, 1971 – Officer Larry Robinett resigned.

September 1, 1971 – Norman Sather was hired as a police officer.



September 4, 1971 – 111 people were killed in the worst single plane crash in US history, when an Alaska Airlines Boeing 727 crashed into the Chilkoot Mountains just north of Juneau.

October 15, 1971 – Pamela Jean Molt was hired as a dispatcher.

October 23, 1971 – Former JPD Officer Irene Hoisington was re-hired.

November 1, 1971 – Frank N.V. See Jr. was hired as a police officer.

December 1, 1971 – Detective Sergeant Stanley Edwards was promoted to Lieutenant.

December 10, 1971 – Pamela Molt was sworn in as a Deputy Clerk of Courts.

December 31, 1971 – The statistics reported for 1971 were as follows:

Population – 14,000
Area – 4 square miles
Homicide - 6
Rape - 8
Assault – 48
Burglary – 75
Larceny – 267
Auto Theft - 37
Calls for Service – 460
Adult Arrests – 355
Juvenile Arrests – 158

1972

February 1, 1972 – Steven Smathers was hired as a police officer.

February 22, 1972 – The Juneau-Douglas Community College on Fifth Street was destroyed by fire.

April 27, 1972 – Hubert Davis resigned.

May 1, 1972 – Former Salinas, Ca PD Officer Harry Treager was hired as a police officer.

May 9, 1972 – Raymond Mathews was hired as a police officer.

June 1, 1972 – JPD and the State's Department of Health and Welfare entered into a contract whereby the State funded three positions, (a coordinator, an officer, and a clerk/typist) for a period of one year to institute a juvenile delinquency prevention program within the Department's newly formed Community Relations Section that provided guidance and counseling to juveniles that were abusing drugs and/or alcohol and resided within a Model Neighborhood Area. The coordinator was Sgt. Kenneth Sather, the officer was William Wyatt and the clerk/typist was Cheryle Yankee. The program cost for the year was \$48,100. The federal grant that helped fund the project was terminated on October 21, 1972, but the Unit continued to provide services to area juveniles into 1973.

June 2, 1972 – Patrol officer William Wyatt came upon a runaway female juvenile who was threatening to jump into the water from the dock of the Aurora Basin Boat Harbor. Officer Wyatt tried to calm the girl, but she ultimately jumped. Officer Wyatt jumped in after her and brought her back to shore, saving her life. He was awarded the Medal of Valor and a commendation from President Richard Nixon.

June 16, 1972 – Officer Frank See Jr. resigned.

June 23, 1972 – Former Los Angeles, Ca. PD Officer James Milton Grace was sworn in as an airport security officer.

June 30, 1972 – The Department was notified by the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice that it was awarding a grant request from Chief Bacolas for incentive pay for the seven officers with college degrees. Officers with an Associates Degree received \$400 and officers with a Bachelor's Degree, \$800.

July 1, 1972 – David M. Seals was hired as a police officer.

July 7, 1972 – John Curtner and Kermit Mosher were hired as police officers and Steven Smathers was hired as an animal control officer.

July 13, 1972 – Officer Dallas Eccles was promoted to Instructor.

July 15, 1972 – Dennis Windred was hired as a police officer.

August 1, 1972 – Officer Arnold Kamm resigned.

August 18, 1972 – Chief Bacolas was notified that his request for \$2,163 for narcotics training for JPD officers was approved by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. Three officers traveled to San Francisco to work for four weeks with the SFPD Narcotics Unit.

September 8, 1972 – JPD conducted the “largest mass narcotics arrest” in Southeast Alaska when 12 men and 5 women were arrested following an undercover operation in Juneau.

October 4, 1972 – The Department was looking for 15 new members, age 15-21 for its Police Explorer Post.

October 9, 1972 – Sgt. Kenneth Sather attended Police-School Liaison Officer training in Flint, Michigan.



October 16, 1972 – Two high-ranking members of Congress, House Majority Leader Hale Boggs (D-Louisiana) and Representative Nick Begich (D-Alaska) disappeared on a flight from Anchorage to Juneau as their aircraft approached the Chugach Mountain range. They were never found.

October 25, 1972 – JPD officers arrested one of their own informants after learning he had lied to a grand jury while under oath. As a result, drug charges against 17 Juneau residents were dropped.

November 1, 1972 – William O. McCracken was hired as a police officer.

November 2, 1972 – Chief Bacolas reported that there were 13 JPD officers attending night classes working towards degrees in police administration.

November 13, 1972 – Officer Lloyd Prouty along with former Officer Eccles was arrested for the burglary of the Juno-Maid Drive-In. Prouty was also charged with stealing 15 packages of marijuana from the JPD evidence locker.

November 30, 1972 – Officers were called to break up a party at the City Shop after a Public Works employee suffered a broken leg during a late night get-together involving alcoholic beverages.

December 9, 1972 – Former JPD cadet Glen Dowd was arrested for possession of marijuana.

December 21, 1972 – Superior Court Judge Victor Carlson ruled the State's Disorderly Conduct statute "unconstitutionally vague and overbroad".

December 22, 1972 – Officer Irene Hoisington resigned.

December 26, 1972 – Bernard George Holland was sworn in as an animal control officer.

December 31, 1972 – The statistics reported for 1972 were as follows:

Population – 14,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide – 0

Rape – 7

Robbery – 0

Assault – 47

Burglary -109

Larceny – 246

Auto Theft – 47

Narcotic Arrests – 35

Calls for Service – 7,431

Adult Arrests – 404

Juvenile Arrests - 117

1973

January 12, 1973 – Petersburg, AK PD Officer William Gary Mahoney was hired as a police officer and Officer Kermit Mosher resigned.

January 22, 1973 – The Department was notified that it had been approved to receive \$10,015 from the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice to purchase a microfilming system.

January 31, 1973 – Officer Raymond Bryant resigned.

February 13, 1973 – Former JPD officers Dallas Eccles and Lloyd Proudly received \$500 fines and 2 year suspended sentences after changing their plea to guilty for Burglary Not in a Dwelling.

February 27, 1973 – Several complaints were made and officers were exonerated following investigations at the request of former Assistant Chief of Police Frank Cavanaugh, who advised that "good public contact was a necessity in law enforcement".

March 1, 1973 – Former Atlanta, Ga. PD Officer James T. Hasty was hired as a police officer.

March 5, 1973 – Linda Sue Weaver was sworn in as an animal control officer.

March 9, 1973 – Community Relations Officer William Wyatt resigned.

April 26, 1973 – Jack Arnold Foley Sr. was hired as the harbormaster and given police powers.

June 12, 1973 – The Department was notified by the Governor's Commission on the Administration of Justice that it was awarding a grant request from Chief Bacolas for photographic equipment in the amount of \$1400.

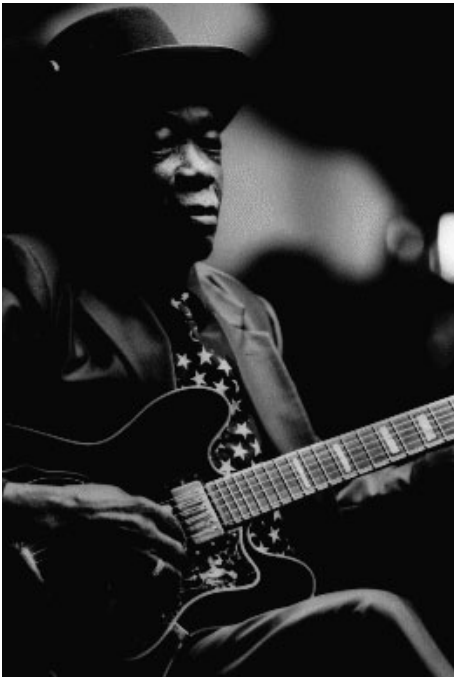
June 14, 1973 – The Alaska Criminal Justice Planning Agency awarded JPD a grant in the amount of \$9,224 for its Police Apprenticeship Training Program. This program provided for the hiring of young men between the ages of 19 and 21, and training them for one year in the major facets of law enforcement.

June 20, 1973 – A JPD patrol officer forfeited 3 days off for comments he made to a traffic violator who had been stopped for standing on his seat while riding his motorcycle.

July 1, 1973 – Michael Gomez was hired as an airport security officer.

July 15, 1973 – Thomas Sawicky was hired as a police officer.

July 27, 1973 – David Seals resigned.



John Lee Hooker – Noted Musician

July 30, 1973 – An officer was reprimanded when he made an "inflammatory statement" to the Assistant City Manager at the John Lee Hooker concert which was held at the National Guard Armory.

July 31, 1973 – Thomas Sawicki resigned.

August 1, 1973 – Officer David Seals and airport officer James Grace resigned; Robert William Martin was hired as a police officer, Gene W. Melle was hired as an animal control officer, and Canine Officer Bernard Holland was promoted to police patrol officer.

August 14, 1973 – Brother Officers Jesse and Gerald Bulkley resigned.

August 16, 1973 – Chief Robert Bacolas was hospitalized in the intensive care unit of Bartlett Memorial Hospital, with chest pains.

August 18, 1973 – Alfred John Gallant was hired as a police officer.

August 22, 1973 – After three former JPD officers filed complaints that city funds had been misused and there existed a Juneau-based syndicate operation involving state and federal officials, an in-depth investigation by DPS determined there had been no wrongdoing by past or present state or federal officials.

September 14, 1973 – Chief of Police Robert C. Bacolas separated from the Department following an investigation into complaints of malfeasance.

September 17, 1973 – Richard L. Burton, a former captain of the Alaska State Troopers was hired as a captain at JPD.

October 4, 1973 – Detective Harry Treager resigned.

October 12, 1973 – Officer Steven Smathers resigned.

October 23, 1973 – Former Reno, NV PD officer Benjamin F.M. Africa III was hired as a police patrolman to replace Officer Larry Van Horn who was promoted to Juvenile Officer.

October 25, 1973 – Forty-one days following the firing of Chief Bacolas, City Manager Ronald L. Usher resigned following an executive session of the nine-member City Borough Assembly.



October 27, 1973 – Captain Richard L. Burton was promoted to Chief of Police.

- Chief Burton removed the sworn status from the office staff that Chief Bacolas had “sworn in”.

November 1, 1973 – Peter A. Lemere was hired as a police officer.

November 7, 1973 – An officer was suspended for 2 days for stabbing a knife into the tabletop in the interrogation room and challenging a suspect to “try and get even with him”.

November 14, 1973 – Lt. Stanley Edwards resigned to take a position with the State Department of Health and Social Services.

December 3, 1973 – John R. Sutton was sworn in as a police officer and animal control officer.

December 31, 1973 – The statistics reported for 1973 were as follows:

Population – 14,000
Area – 4 square miles
Homicide – 1
Rape – 2
Robbery – 2
Assault – 57
Burglary -118
Larceny – 317
Auto Theft – 54
Narcotic Arrests – 41
Calls for Service – 6,562
Adult Arrests – 375
Juvenile Arrests - 251

1974

January 10, 1974 – William Gary Mahoney resigned and William McCracken resigned to return to Oregon.

January 17, 1974 – Animal Control Officer Linda Weaver resigned.

January 18, 1974 – Deputy Clerk of the Court Pamela Molt resigned.



Chief's Meeting in Sitka-1974

Back Row: Barry Pegram-Kenai PD, Richard Burton-Juneau PD

2nd Row: George Gould-Haines PD, Lawrence Carley-Sitka PD, John Winjum-Bethel PD, Larry Kilmer-Soldatna PD,

3rd Row: James Calhoun-Cordova PD, William Bagron-Seward PD

Front Row: John Hines-Anchorage Airport PD, Michael Daugherty-Homer PD, Skagway PD, Raymond Hackstock-Ketchikan PD

January 25, 1974 – Kerry Dean Courter was hired as a police officer and Charles Harold Crum was hired as a police patrolman and canine officer.

January 30, 1974 – Georgette T. Davis was hired as an animal control officer.

January 31, 1974 – Officer Larry Van Horn resigned.

February 7, 1974 – Former Chief of Police Pat Wellington was named Commissioner of Public Safety by Governor William A. Egan.

February 11, 1974 – Corporal Ken Sather was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Ben Africa was promoted to Corporal.

March 7, 1974 – Kirk Lewis Hage was hired as a police officer.

March 11, 1974 – Former Alaska State Trooper Captain James H. Barkley was hired as a police lieutenant.

March 13, 1974 – Officer Bernard Holland resigned in lieu of termination following an allegation that he maced a handcuffed suspect that refused to talk to him.

April 9, 1974 – John R. Marshall was hired as a police patrolman.

April 17, 1974 – Randall Parker resigned.

May 3, 1974 – Officer Judy Egan resigned.

May 16, 1974 – John Hansen was hired as a police officer.

May 31, 1974 – Jay T. Price was hired as a police officer.

June 10, 1974 – JPD was awarded \$2572 by the Alaska Criminal Justice Planning Agency for Sgt. Michael Gelston to attend the 14-week Administrative Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

June 20, 1974 – An arson at the Baranof Hotel resulted in the death of one woman and the evacuation of 300 people from the hotel.

June 30, 1974 – Officer John Gallant resigned.

July 25, 1974 – Corporal Benjamin Africa III resigned.

July 31, 1974 – Animal Control Officer John Sutton resigned.

August 23, 1974 – Steve B. Godfrey was hired as a police officer.

August 26, 1974 – Steven S. Kalwara was hired as a police officer.

September 1, 1974 – Officers John Marshall and Dennis Windred were promoted to Corporal.

– Jerry Huggins was hired as a police officer.

September 9, 1974 – Lester Gibbons was hired as a police officer and animal control officer.

October 1, 1974 – Juneau voters were asked in a proposal if they supported adding 15 positions to the Department's 26 positions, to provide area-wide policing. The police budget was projected to go from the current \$630,740 to \$1.1 million per year.

October 22, 1974 – Sgt. Kenneth Sather resigned.

November 22, 1974 – Sgt. Gelston graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course, ranked #1 in the class of 62 officers from around the country.

December 4, 1974 – Darrel L. McCracken was hired as a police officer.

December 6, 1974 – Fred Umbarger was sworn in as a traffic control officer.

December 9, 1974 – Chief of Police Burton resigned his position to become the State's Commissioner of Public Safety and head of the Alaska State Troopers.



December 20, 1974 – James H. Barkley was named Chief of Police

.December 22, 1974 – Animal Control Officer Charles Crum resigned.

December 23, 1974 – Sgt. Michael Gelston was promoted to police lieutenant.

December 24, 1974 – Fred Umbarger resigned

December 31, 1974 – The statistics reported for 1974 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide – 1

Rape – 3

Robbery – 3

Assault – 59

Burglary - 97

Larceny – 325

Auto Theft – 74

Narcotic Arrests – 55

Calls for Service – 9,511

Adult Arrests – 179

Juvenile Arrests - 179

1975

January 1, 1975 – A new Traffic Violation Demerit Point System took effect earning offending drivers demerit points for violations. The system required offenders who reached high point milestones to respond to corrective training or face the loss of their licenses.

January 22, 1975 – Chief Barkley warned the community that Juneau was catching up with the outside world in its use of illegal drugs. He said the sale of hard drugs was strongly competing with the less dangerous marijuana and hashish market following the seizure of PCP known as “angel dust” mixed with marijuana and being sold in the junior and senior high schools.

January 24, 1975 – Fire broke out in the Occidental Apartments, 418 South Franklin, killing a 70 year old man and injuring several others. JPD officers worked to identify the man killed in the blaze.

February 5, 1975 – Officer Kirk Hage separated from the Department following an internal investigation.

February 11, 1975 – Kimmerly Morrow was hired as a police officer.

March 3, 1975 – Gregg, Fraties, Petersen & Page, a Juneau law firm demanded \$40,000 from the City to avoid a Title 18 lawsuit alleging excessive force by three JPD officers when they arrested a woman on July 28, 1974, during a fight with her “common-law husband”.

March 7, 1975 – JPD was awarded a federal grant in the amount of \$6,040 to purchase new communications equipment.

March 10, 1975 – Juneau attorney Gail Roy Fraties turned the tables on State Trooper Thomas Martin, by convincing Judge Lynn Asper to hold a hearing into the patrol tactics of Trooper Martin. Martin who had arrested 12 drivers for DWI in late 1974, faced 19 witnesses including several defendants subpoenaed by Fraties during the two day hearing.

March 27, 1975 – Eleven students were injured, two critically when a lumber truck carrying a load of plywood in a snow storm, struck a Juneau school bus carrying 26 high school students.

April 1, 1975 – Steven N. Jimmerfield was hired as a police officer.

April 25, 1975 – Former JPD Chief of Police Pat Wellington was named director of the Alaska State Troopers by former JPD Chief of Police, DPS Commissioner Richard Burton.

April 27, 1975 – Sgt. James Hasty traveled to Anchorage to attend a Drug Enforcement Administration training course.

April 28, 1975 – Juneau’s dog population boom was keeping the Gastineau Humane Society and JPD’s canine control program busier than ever. 190 dogs had been impounded since January 1st; 79 in March alone.

April 30, 1975 – Animal Control Officer Lester Gibbons resigned.



Redbone

May 5, 1975 – JPD officers arrested a member of the rock group ‘Redbone’ after he was alleged to have assaulted a Juneau man at The Whaler nightclub on South Franklin.

May 21, 1975 – Robert Brookshire was hired as a police officer.

May 27, 1975 – The Alaska Supreme Court ruled that the mere possession of 4 ounces of marijuana by a man in his home did not endanger the general public to the extent that the government could breach the right of Alaska citizens to be secure in their homes. The result in effect made possession of up to 4 ounces of marijuana in a person’s home, legal. (Ravin vs State)

May 31, 1975 – Officer Jerry Huggins resigned.

June 3, 1975 – From the Empire....*“The Juneau Police Department is accepting applications for the position of police patrolman regardless of sex. The beginning salary for the position is \$1249 per month plus benefits. Candidates must be a citizen of the United States, between 19 and 40 years of age; may not have been convicted of a felony which would prevent the legal ownership of a firearm; be a high school graduate or the equivalent; and be physically sound and free from any physical defects that might effect their performance as a police officer. Candidates must be willing to undergo a series of tests.”*

June 9, 1975 – The Alaska Criminal Justice Planning Agency awarded JPD a grant in the amount of \$1,820 to purchase a paging system.

July 1, 1975 – Vincent Hobson was hired as a police officer.

July 7, 1975 – Two NYC student interns who were working in the JPD Records Section separated from the Department after they admitted leaking confidential juvenile record information.

July 18, 1975 – Juneau Police Officers Kemmery Morrow and Stephen Kalwara forcibly arrested Douglas Dean Patterson following a disturbance.

July 31, 1975 – The Alaska State Commission for Human Rights notified Chief Barkley that a complaint had been filed with their office charging JPD with discrimination in the arrest of Douglas Dean Patterson.

August 1, 1975 – As the result of rumors that local attorneys were preparing to file suits against the City and Borough of Juneau and officers of JPD for alleged police brutality, coupled with local comment via the news media, Chief Barkley asked the Department of Public Safety for an investigator to conduct an impartial investigation of the three incidents rumored to be the cause of concern.

August 3, 1975 – DPS Investigator Hoffbeck assigned to CIB Anchorage completed his investigation and reported to Chief Barkley that he did not see anything to support charges of police brutality from his point of view, but someone else might believe so if they wished to overlook the attitude and actions of the defendants at the time of their arrest.

August 15, 1975 – A grant from the Alaska Traffic Safety Bureau provided a new Breathalyzer instrument with simulator at a cost of \$980.

August 29, 1975 – Officer Steven Jimmerfield resigned to accept a position with the Troopers.

September 10, 1975 – Gene Hammond was sworn in as a police officer and clerk of the court.

September 16, 1975 – Two portable radios and four battery chargers were funded at a cost of \$2,540. The radios were justified to the Alaska Traffic Safety Bureau following a test period which showed that officers working traffic crashes were wasting undo amounts of time walking from crash scenes back to their police vehicles to request ambulance, fire and tow truck services. An “in-kind” match was required for this grant, so it was calculated that 2% of JPD’s two patrol sergeant’s and three patrol officer’s work time was spent operating the radio equipment which figured out to be \$3,085 per year.

September 19, 1975 – The USS Peoria docked in Juneau with 450 Marines and sailors on liberty. JPD stepped up security by adding an extra overlapping night shift for the weekend.

October 7, 1975 – After receiving a subpoena for a deposition and appearing as ordered, Chief Barkley refused to provide documents and to answer questions related to personnel investigations as ordered by the subpoena.

October 14, 1975 – Chief Barkley was advised that the Department was in turmoil, morale was virtually gone, and several officers were considering resigning. The Chief conducted numerous officer interviews and concluded that the problems centered on one corporal. The Chief ended up demoting the corporal and reprimanding his Command Staff for not acting on complaints about the corporal's behavior.

October 16, 1975 – Animal Control Officer Gene Melle resigned.

November 4, 1975 – JPD officers and troopers from Juneau attended an 8 hour seminar on rape investigation funded by a bill passed in the last session by the State Legislature.

November 20, 1975 – A patrol officer was suspended for five days for an off-duty incident in which he arrested a man that he had argued with at a downtown bar.

November 28, 1975 – Frederick Boyd retained the law firm of Gregg, Fraties, Peterson, Page, and Baxter to bring a claim against the City and Borough for injury he allegedly received from a JPD officer that forcibly subdued him as he was striking another man.

December 3, 1975 – The FBI advised that the Bureau had received a complaint that JPD officers had violated Douglas Dean Patterson's civil rights when they arrested him on July 18.

December 10, 1975 – A JPD sergeant and corporal responding to a loud music complaint at an apartment complex ultimately forced their way into an apartment after the intoxicated occupant told them to leave. An internal investigation determined there was no exigent circumstance to justify the officers' entry without a warrant. Chief Barkley reprimanded the sergeant for using poor judgment when he violated the apartment resident's civil rights.

December 31, 1975 – An avalanche partially blocked the Thane Highway and knocked a caterpillar operator out of his cab, sending him to the hospital. JPD urged motorists to exercise caution when driving on the highway as another avalanche was possible.

December 31, 1975 – The statistics reported for 1975 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide – 0

Rape – 4

Robbery – 7

Assault – 145

Burglary - 132

Larceny – 508

Auto Theft – 71
Narcotic Arrests – 186
Calls for Service – 12,403
Adult Arrests – 739
Juvenile Arrests - 713

1976

January 1, 1976 – It took five of the ten JPD officers that were working on New Year's Eve to contain a fight that erupted at the Victory Bar at 1:57 AM.

January 14, 1976 – JPD officers arrested the owner-operator of Juneau's only massage parlor for prostitution, only three weeks after it opened in the Hilton Hotel. The story in the newspaper quickly generated a complaint from citizen, Robert Harko who accused JPD of entrapment.

-Christopher Thomas was hired as a police officer.

February 17, 1976 – Chief Barkley received a complaint from correctional officers at the jail that they believed a JPD sergeant that had brought in a female prisoner on February 15, had used excessive force by slamming her face into a door-glass. The JPD lieutenant that investigated the complaint wrote, "It is my opinion that the complainant is a big cry baby, a social goodie-goodie, and that he over dramatized what he 'thought' he saw." He concluded that the sergeant was not guilty of any brutality to the woman prisoner.

-Lois E. Brown was hired as the new Harbormaster.

February 26, 1976 – Famed artist and Juneau resident Rie Munoz asked Chief Barkley if he didn't agree "that getting needled by a police officer when receiving a ticket is not part of the bargain".

March 4, 1976 – Following an investigation, the FBI notified Chief Barkley that there would be no civil rights prosecution of Officers Morrow and Kalwara in the arrest of Douglas Dean Patterson.

March 8, 1976 – Lt. Michael Gelston resigned to open up his own service station.

April 2, 1976 – JPD canine officer Chris Thomas was taken to the hospital after a husky-malamute lunged for his throat. Officer Thomas blocked the attack with his right arm, but the dog sunk its teeth into his hand and wouldn't let go. Thomas finally tore loose, receiving a serious injury.

April 5, 1976 – Several Juneau residents were aboard Alaska Airlines Flight 60 when it plunged down a 60 foot ravine and burst into flames after overshooting the runway at Ketchikan's International Airport. An 85 year old Oregon resident died in the crash.

April 16, 1976 – Three officers were required to apologize to a young man that complained they had awakened him while he slept in the Youth Hostel at the Teen Club when they investigated an open window.

May 9, 1976 – Officer Steven Godfrey resigned.

June 7, 1976 – Thayer Smith was hired as a police officer.

July 5, 1976 – Officer Vincent Hobson resigned.

July 20, 1976 – David Bartlett was hired as a police officer.

August 2, 1976 – Officer John Curtner resigned following an internal investigation into alleged misconduct.

August 10, 1976 – John Brian Pringle was hired as a police officer.

August 20, 1976 – Airport Officer Michael Gomez resigned.

September 14, 1976 – A corporal requested that all patrol vehicles be taken to private service stations where competent mechanical service could be rendered and all officers familiarize themselves with the roads outside of their jurisdictions following a late night crash of a patrol vehicle that was responding to a possible homicide in Thane.

October 22, 1976 – Officer Kimmerly Morrow resigned.

November 2, 1976 – JPD was asked to investigate a report that the director of the City's Alcohol Central Agency was using the CBJ telephone system to make personal, long-distance calls without paying for them.

November 15, 1976 – A confidential informant reported that he had purchased marijuana from a JPD "meterman" who was a roommate of a known dealer. A polygraph was conducted and indicated that the JPD employee was being truthful when he denied the allegation.

November 16, 1976 – JPD officers were allowed to withdraw their membership from Teamsters Local 959 after Superior Court Judge Allen Compton signed an agreement reached between the union and the officers.

November 12, 1976 – Jack Weaver was hired as a police officer.

November 29, 1976 – A JPD dispatcher complained that without her permission JPD officers "wired" and gave "marked" money to her 16 year old daughter to purchase stolen property.

December 8, 1976 – A probationary officer was reprimanded for damaging a patrol vehicle while in pursuit of a traffic violator.

December 17, 1976 – Mel J. Personnett was hired as a police officer.

December 27, 1976 – The Juneau Empire accused JPD Chief of Police James Barkley with “toying with the news” when he defended his officers withholding information related to three women being attacked by an unknown man. Chief Barkley said that the rationale was to retain an investigative advantage.

December 31, 1976 – The statistics reported for 1976 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide – 0

Rape – 3

Robbery – 5

Assault – 172

Burglary - 187

Larceny – 495

Auto Theft – 96

Narcotic Arrests – 87

Calls for Service – 11,424

Adult Arrests – 753

Juvenile Arrests - 447

1977

January 10, 1977 – Two 19 year old citizens complained that they were being harassed when they were stopped and cited for speeding, failing to yield to an emergency vehicle and for having a tail lamp burned out on the vehicle they were driving.

January 25, 1977 – A woman reported that a man had pointed a gun at her and her dog when her dog stopped to relieve itself on the man’s front yard.

February 3, 1977 – The Empire reported that crime in Juneau and Douglas was up 55% since 1971, compared to 26% nationally.

February 11, 1977 – A JPD officer was investigated for parking his personal vehicle in someone else’s parking space when he arrived at work late and found another car in his mother’s parking space.

March 13, 1977 – A JPD Canine Control officer issued a citation to a citizen for letting her dog run at large.

March 21, 1977 – Captain Joseph Ciraulo attended a two week course certifying him in the use of the polygraph lie-detector instrument at the Keeler Polygraph Institute in Chicago.

April 13, 1977 – Former JPD Chief and current Public Safety Commissioner Richard Burton disagreed with Alaska Attorney General Avrum Gross's plan to de-emphasize prosecution of "victimless crimes".

The AG was responding to a statewide public opinion poll that concluded the overwhelming majority of Alaskans favored decriminalization of prostitution, gambling, homosexuality, and marijuana use and possession.

April 27, 1977 – A complaint was lodged with the court that an officer drew his weapon and pointed it at a woman and her dog when she was cited for letting her dog run at large on March 13.

June 23, 1977 – Arthur B. McKinnon was hired as a police officer.

July 1, 1977 – Brian W. Coyle was hired as a CETA employee and parking meter officer.

July 12, 1977 – The Alaska State Commission for Civil Rights ruled there was no probable cause that JPD officers discriminated against Douglas Dean Patterson when he was arrested on July 18, 1975. It was noted that both arresting officers had served less than one year on the force and neither had received any formal training or had prior police experience.

July 15, 1977 – DPS Commissioner and former JPD Chief Richard Burton railed against a proposal by state prosecutors to apply similar regulations on state department's gathering and use of intelligence information to police. One regulation would require that the court be notified as to the identity of an informant before police could use information from him.



July 24, 1977 – Officer Thayer Smith and Officer Darrel McCracken were shot while attempting to arrest a violent suspect who they found biting pieces of flesh from a young woman's face in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Breakwater Hotel. The suspect was shot and killed by a back-up JPD officer.

July 28, 1977 – Officer and Clerk of the Court Gene Hammond resigned.

-A 24 year-old burglary suspect managed to "reach around the corner" and retrieve a key to the holding cell at the police station, open the door, and walk out of the building where he was awaiting a polygraph test.

It was later learned after his capture, that he was an escaped prisoner from two federal facilities and was using an alias.

August 6, 1977 – A citizen reported that two of JPD's "metermen" were regular marijuana users. An investigation into the allegation resulted in their termination.

August 7, 1977 – Traffic Officer Brian Coyle separated from the Department.

August 12, 1977 - JPD was awarded \$2597 by the Alaska Criminal Justice Planning Agency for Lt. James Hasty to attend the 14-week Administrative Officer's Course at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

August 17, 1977 – The skateboard craze hit Juneau and Chief Barkley appealed to parents to control their children, reminding them that they were liable for any injuries their children might cause while skateboarding.

August 25, 1977 – Dennis Stickler was hired as a police officer.

September 1, 1977 – Following four months of performance related issues, Chief Barkley demoted a corporal back to patrol officer.

September 19, 1977 – Donald W. Pierce was hired as a police officer.

October 26, 1977 – A Canine Control Officer was reprimanded when he had his 4th crash in a year's period while backing up the Department's van.

November 2, 1977 – Officer Peter LaMere resigned.

November 3, 1977 – Jimmy Earl Kennedy was hired as a police officer.

November 7, 1977 – Lt. Hasty graduated from the Southern Police Institute's Administrative Officer's Course.

November 30, 1977 – A dispatcher forfeited a day off when she was disciplined for failing to notify the Troopers that a reported stolen vehicle was seen in their jurisdiction by a citizen.

December 31, 1977 – The statistics reported for 1977 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide – 0

Rape – 3

Robbery – 12

Assault – 247

Burglary - 150

Larceny – 372
Auto Theft – 41
Narcotic Arrests – 50
Calls for Service – 8,645
Adult Arrests – 498
Juvenile Arrests - 363

1978

January 4, 1978 – A study commissioned by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration was released alleging that organized crime did exist in Alaska, although exception was taken by both DPS Commissioner Richard Burton and Alaska Attorney General Avrum Gross..

January 17, 1978 – Officer Thayer Smith resigned.

January 23, 1978 – A new city ordinance took effect closing bars and saloons at 2AM rather than 5AM, Monday through Thursday.

January 26, 1978 – The second bank robbery in the history of Juneau was reported when a man with a .357 revolver handed a teller at the Alaska National Bank a note on a paper sack and demanded her money. 50 year-old Ivan Stewart was arrested by JPD officers later in the day and charged with bank robbery.

March 5, 1978 – Officer John Marshall resigned.



March 6, 1978 – Daniel Vander Weele was hired as a police officer.

-Winds clocked at more than 100 MPH by the wind recorder blew off the roof covering the National Guard Armory.

March 7, 1978 – The Police Department was reorganized into two divisions: The Administrative Services Division headed by Captain Joseph Ciraulo included Clerk of Court, Records, Bookkeeping, Purchasing, NCR Statistics, Inventory, New Media Liaison, Building Maintenance, Recruitment and Selection, Community Relations, Planning and Special Projects. The Enforcement Division commanded by Lt. James Hasty, included Patrol, Traffic, Canine Control, Case Assignment and Review, Investigative Follow-Up, Major Case Investigation, Liaison with the District Attorney, Equipment Maintenance, Training, Communications, Citizen Complaints and Internal Investigations.

March 13, 1978 – Sharon Wagner was sworn in as a police officer and clerk of the court.

May 9, 1978 – 18 indictments were handed down by the Grand Jury for various drug offenses and 13 people were arrested and incarcerated by JPD officers and State Troopers.

May 12, 1978 – Arthur McKinnon resigned.

May 25, 1978 – The Assembly discussed the creation of a citizen review board to review the actions of local law enforcement officers following media coverage of three incidents in which there was a dispute over the facts of the incidents between the officers and the citizens involved.

June 1, 1978 – James W. Rickard was hired as a police officer.

June 14, 1978 – A Title 1983 lawsuit was filed on behalf of Elizabeth Patricia Brown against the City and the Police Department for violation of civil rights and negligent selection, appointment, training, supervision and retention of one of its police officers who arrested Ms. Brown on July 28, 1974.

June 15, 1978 – John Lichtenberger was hired as a police officer.

June 30, 1978 – Officer Robert Brookshire resigned.

July 5, 1978 – Donald Otis was hired as a police officer.

July 12, 1978 – Robert Martin resigned.

July 14, 1978 – Thirty Juneau residents including several JPD officers underwent tuberculin skin tests following the June 10th beating death of a man who was determined to have pulmonary tuberculosis.

August 3, 1978 – Corporal J. Brian Pringle attended an Officer Survival Course at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

September 15, 1978 – An Alaska Supreme Court decision resulted in the Alaska Peace Officers Association and other law enforcement organizations throughout the State, railing against the decision. Known as State v Glass, the Court ruled that in Alaska, police must obtain a search warrant to surreptitiously record a suspect's conversation when the suspect has a reasonable expectation of privacy.

September 20, 1978 – Assembly member Ray Paddock called for increased foot patrols in the Franklin Street area. Chief Barkley regarded foot patrols as an "inefficient and uneconomical use of available personnel."

October 1, 1978 – The US District Court for the District of Alaska in the Elizabeth Brown vs City and Borough of Juneau case ordered the "plaintiff's entire cause of action against the City and Borough of Juneau dismissed with prejudice".

October 31, 1978 – Sgt. John Reed resigned.

December 1, 1978 – Juneau's 245 parking meters were removed on a trial basis and JPD officers were instructed to chalk tires and cite violators who failed to move their vehicles within an hour.

December 31, 1978 – The statistics reported for 1978 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide/Manslaughter – 5

Rape – 1

Robbery – 9

Assault – 190

Burglary - 138

Larceny – 404

Auto Theft – 76

Narcotic Arrests – 57

Calls for Service – 8,031

Adult Arrests – 578

Juvenile Arrests - 316

1979

January 2, 1979 – Former JPD Chief of Police and current Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Richard Burton retired after spending 25 years in law enforcement.

February 1, 1979 – Cpl. Darrell McCracken attended the Police Supervision Techniques and Police Personnel Evaluation Course in Fairbanks.

February 5, 1979 – James Rickard resigned.

March 12, 1979 – Ben Coronell was hired as a police officer and animal control officer.

April 1, 1979 – Paul W. Smith was hired as a police officer.

April 17, 1979 – Patrol Officer Jimmy Earl Kennedy and Traffic Officer Richard J. Adair were shot and killed by Louis Sorenson, a State Department of Revenue mailroom worker. Sorenson, wielding an automatic rifle shot the two officers and Officer Mike Stickler when they responded to a report of shots fired at a passing motorist. Sorenson, who had a history of mental problems killed himself after police lobbed canisters of tear gas into his residence.



Jimmy Earl Kennedy



Richard J. Adair

April 25, 1979 – Paul W. Smith was hired as a police officer.

May 1, 1979 – Karl Stuart was hired as a police officer.

May 23, 1979 – Krista Lee Coleman was hired as a traffic control officer.

June 25, 1979 – Karl Lewkowski was hired as a police officer and Officer Dennis “Mike” Stickler resigned.

June 29, 1979 – Officer and Clerk of the Court Sharon Wagner resigned.

July 1, 1979 – District Attorney Larry Weeks was reassigned to Anchorage and was replaced by long-time Juneau resident from the State Attorney General’s Office, Pat Gullufsen.

July 19, 1979 – Robert G. Williams was hired as a police officer.

September 28, 1979 – Officer Jay Price resigned.

October 29, 1979 – A citizen complained that officers had injured her wrists with their handcuffs when she was arrested for refusing to leave the Taku Taxi office after being asked to do so by the taxi dispatcher.

December 21, 1979 – A man was found dead, hanging from the ceiling in the JPD holding cell, only two hours after his arrest for rape and armed robbery.

December 31, 1979 – Officer Dennis Weaver resigned.

December 31, 1979 – The statistics reported for 1979 were as follows:

Population – 18,000

Area – 4 square miles

Homicide/Manslaughter – 4

Rape – 6

Robbery – 3

Assault – 211

Burglary - 127

Larceny – 402

Auto Theft – 55

Narcotic Arrests – 31

Calls for Service – 7,865

Adult Arrests – 455

Juvenile Arrests - 268