

Detroit Police Department



Tactical Mobile Unit

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DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of the Commissioner

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

Subject: Tactical Mobile Unit

Effective this date there is hereby established a new unit within the Detroit Police Department. The unit will be known as the TMU (Tactical Mobile Unit). This group of highly skilled uniformed officers will be housed in the Municipal Garage, 2650 Jefferson Avenue, East.

As is indicated by the unit designation, this group will be completely mechanized, fully equipped and trained to handle temporary assignments in high crime areas or areas where emergencies may develop or exist.

The unit will initially consist of some sixty patrolmen, four sergeants, two lieutenants and one inspector. Their assignments will be determined and directed from the Executive Offices of the department.

RAY GIRARDIN
Commissioner

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Streamlined Police Plan Brings Action

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Police Commissioner Ray Girardin is drafting plans to strengthen the department with special mobile units and modernized communication methods.

His program, expected early this week, is based on the city's \$13.7 million request for federal aid to improve police services. The request is \$3.7 million more than the sum suggested by President Johnson for police aid in the nation.

Mayor Cavanagh today said prospects for the federal assistance were "very good indeed," and added he had asked Girardin to begin some of the programs immediately.

This is expected to require a supplemental appropriation to Cavanagh's budget which goes to the City Council Tuesday.

LINKED TO U.S. AID

Girardin said he does not know the cost or the numbers of men involved, but he is basing his proposal on two sections of the federal request:

- A \$252,035 tactical mobile unit involving 10 patrol cars manned by top personnel who would concentrate on special crime problems. The cars would not answer regular radio runs, but would be able to operate as a command post in areas of recurring crimes.

- Special communication equipment for 400 patrolmen at a cost of \$324,150. A small transmitter-receiver, which could be carried on the patrolman's belt would keep him in constant contact with his precinct and fellow officers within two miles. Police believe it would be the first significant modernization of foot-patrol efforts in 25 years.

Girardin said he does not know how much of the federal proposal can be immediately adopted.

NO PANIC PLAN

Girardin said the plan is not a response to Tuesday's murder

of Michael Railsback, 18, of 6708 Sheridan.

"Our street crime has been going down for the last two years," Girardin said.

"This sort of senseless crime highlights a problem. But it should not panic people into thinking that crime is increasing. It is decreasing and this program is part of our efforts to continue and accelerate that decline."

STEP UP FIGHT

"We are already putting additional men into high crime areas."

Police who developed the tactical mobile units and special communication equipment believe both will add greater mobility and efficiency to the fight against street crime.

Girardin said the acceleration of the program, his merely an effort to get a small start in advance of the federal funds, which are intended to create a model regional police training and communications center for the country.