

**Title:** Milwaukee. Police Department

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1877 – ongoing

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**Abstract:** Milwaukee's Common Council passed an ordinance establishing a police force in September 1855. William Beck, a former New York detective, was named the city's Police Chief. Political patronage was the rule in the department's early years until the 1880s when the State Legislature passed a law creating a police and fire commission to insulate police appointments from political influence.

**Scope and Content:** The collection consists of annual reports, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, flyers, various police publications and other ephemera.

**Access and Use:** No restrictions

**Language:** English

**Notes:** Collection initially processed on April 17, 1989, by R. Fuhrman. It was added to on several occasions by Steve Daily and Kevin Abing.

**Arrangement:**

Folder Heading	Box #	Folder #
Annual reports, 1910, 1939-1975, 1977-1981, 1983-2003	1	LOOSE
<i>Rules and Regulations of the Police Department</i> 1877, 1884, 1904, 1910 (2), 1932 (2), 1950 (2)	1	LOOSE
History and survey	2	1
- 10 page typed history <i>The First One-Hundred Years</i> dated 2-1-56. (2 copies)		
- Citizens' Bureau of Milwaukee survey of Milwaukee Police Dept., Sept. 1938. (2 copies)		
Public Service pamphlets, brochures, flyers	2	2
- "Holdup! Do You Know What to Do" (2 copies)		
- "Parental Rights, Responsibility, Law" (2 copies)		
- "Protect Your Business"		
- "Protect Your Home"		
- "For Women Only"		
- "You and the Law"		

- "Protect Your Car"		
- Forum to Deepen Police-Community Understanding flyer		
- Juvenile delinquency and parental responsibility flyer, 1964		
- "What parents can do to help control drug abuse and what parents can do if their child uses drugs" card		
- "Yield the Right of Way"		
- "You Need 2 License Plates"		
- "Here's Looking at You" card and poster		
- "Your Police and Sheriff's Department" ca. 1960		
Clippings and articles, 1907-1998	2	3
<i>Milwaukee Badge</i>	2	4
- Special memorial edition 1884-1986		
- Vol. 16, no. 3 1991 Police memorial		
- Vol. 19, no. 4 1994 in memory of Bill M. Krueger		
- Vol. 19, no. 5 1994 in memory of Wm. A. Robertson		
- Vol. 19, no. 6 1994 in memory of Michael A. Niehoff		
Professionally relevant material	2	5
- <i>Mobilizing Police for Emergency Duties</i> monograph, 1940 (2 copies)		
- <i>Salaries and Conditions of Employment of Police Forces in 245 Cities in the United States and Canada</i> , 1932		
- <i>Merit Ratings in Police Departments</i> , 1933		
- <i>Police Digest</i> Winter 1973		
- <i>The Policeman's Handbook of Law</i> ca. 1930		
- <i>A Guide to Understanding Race and Human Relations</i> , 1951		
- <i>The Milwaukee Police Department: A Case Study in Police Organization</i> , 1955		
Miscellaneous	2	6
Rules & Regulations/Standard Operating Procedures, 1981 (updated 1986)	Loose on Shelf	
Milwaukee Police Department Manual, Books 1 & 2, 1994	Loose on Shelf	
<b>Milwaukee Police Association Newspapers</b>	<b>Location</b>	
Box A: Scattered issues from 1970 to 1974	ER, Sh. 184	
Box B: Scattered issues from 1974 to 1977	ER, Sh. 184	
Box C: Scattered issues from 1981 to 2006	ER, Sh. 184	
<b>PHOTOS (2 boxes): See LM, Sh. 165</b>		