



"Excelsior Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, Scotch Plains, Thanksgiving Day, 1884.

Hours, Promotion and Retirement

Policemen work eight-hour shifts for a forty-hour week. Promotion is based on service record and Civil Service examination. The recommendation for promotion is presented to the Township Council with whom the power of appointment rests. A police pension plan is in effect with retirement set at 25 years of service. At the discretion of the Township Council, a police chief over 65 years of age may be reappointed yearly until he is seventy.

Safety Program

A safety officer is responsible for setting up a safety program at the elementary school level. He discusses traffic and personal safety rules with the children and organizes a yearly bicycle inspection in each school under the auspices of the PTA and in cooperation with the corresponding safety officer in Fanwood.

Narcotics Control

A program for the prevention of drug abuse has been set up in cooperation with the community and the schools directed towards the sixth graders. A detective has been assigned to the narcotics control, which is also coordinated throughout the county.

Other Programs

Various programs are presented throughout the school year to students in both the elementary and junior high levels. Prior to Halloween, students view a slide presentation on vandalism. Subjects such as shoplifting, hitch-hiking and babysitting are also presented by the police department.

An extensive crime prevention measure includes the Neighborhood Watch Program which meets monthly at the Municipal Building. A volunteer patrol of sixty members belong to the C.B. Sierra Club and a personalized Senior Citizen I.D. Program enables the Police Department to assist local senior citizens.

Equipment

The Police Department has 15 cars -- 8 radio patrol cars, one radar car, 4 unmarked cars for use by detectives, and one Chief's car. In addition, other available equipment includes a