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From the beginning of the Bureau in 1870 and for the next five decades, the majority of the officers patrolled on foot. They would take a trolley to their patrol areas; beginning in 1872 with the first horse or mule-drawn trolley and continuing when the trolley became electric in 1889. In a rapidly growing city, horse patrol was soon identified as the best means for covering the residential and business areas that were beyond the effective reach of foot patrol. They were also used to respond to calls after the trolleys had stopped for the evening.

1875

Mounted Police are listed as part of the July 4th parade.

1876

Four members of the Metropolitan Police force lead the First Division in the July 4th parade.

1887

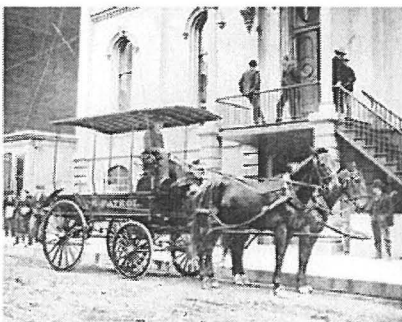
The earliest notation in yearly reports: one horse, one saddle and a wagon are listed. The Police Bureau is just 17 years old and an official patrol wagon was still a few years in the future.

1888

Officer Atterbury, on horseback, chased and caught Mr. Pennington for fast driving north on Fourth street.

1889

Chief Parrish begins requesting funding for a patrol wagon. Officers are escorting arrestees by foot, calling for an express wagon or even borrowing a two wheeled wash cart to haul in a drunk.



The patrol wagon in front of Headquarters

1890

The inventory counted three horses. In January, Patrolman Joe Day mounted a horse and started tracking down a man who had stolen a horse and buggy. He found the rig near 6th and Montgomery. In March a shed for the patrol wagon and horses was constructed in the rear of the city jail.

Early April the patrol wagon finally arrives on the train. It was described as:

"...uncovered though a very neat affair, and is elaborately fitted out with nickel plated and brass trappings. Two rows of nicely upholstered seats, running lengthwise of the vehicle,

are reached by a couple of steps from the rear and all around are tastefully arranged substantial, brass railings. On the sides of the driver's seat, beneath two headlights, are the letters P.P.P. (Portland Police Patrol), and in larger gilt letters, running the entire length of the sides, are the words "Police Patrol."

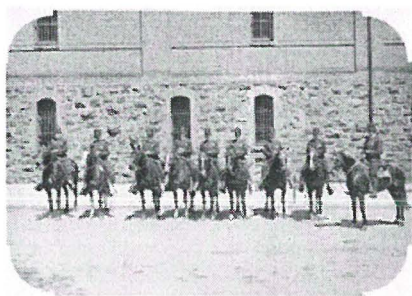
The patrol wagon is used for transporting prisoners, arrestees, officers to patrol locations and is the city ambulance. It appears that one of the first calls for the wagon was to transport a William Winchell from a collapsed building to Good Samaritan hospital.

1891

Five horses for patrol are counted. The first horse patrol is established by Chief Parrish and initially assigned to Fulton Park. This was a new neighborhood populated by some of the more influential people in the city.

During President Harrison's visit, "four mounted police rode one block in advance to clear the streets. Chief of Police Parrish, mounted on his sorrel charger" led the marching police platoon.

The police and fire call box system is up and running by February. For the 1890s, the system included a telegraph and telephone system. The telegraph was received in Headquarters and the police stable and gave the location of the sending call box (there were 25). The patrol wagon responded to every fire alarm received, along with arrestee transports, ambulance runs and shuttling officers.



In front of the Armory around 1892

1892

Now up to ten horses and a second patrol wagon are added. The budget showed five horses and patrol wagon for east side, four horses for four headquarters.

1894

Because of the depression of 1893, city budgets were drastically cut with the effects taking place in the '94 budget, and there are just four horses. Two worked the east side, two on the west side and all patrolled the outlying areas of the city. Two black officers are hired as patrol wagon drivers.

1895

Four horses and four mounted policemen.

1896

The inventory lists four mounted officers, two patrol wagon drivers, one patrol wagon listed with three horses listed for the wagon.

1897

Four mounted officers, two patrol wagons with three horses.

1898

The inventory listed three horses, one patrol wagon and four saddles. Due to severe budget cuts, in November the police commissioners were looking at replacing the five horses with bicycle patrol.

1899

Three horses, one wagon and two saddles are mentioned in the yearly report, but in December a newspaper article notes that "... the horses...have been disposed of with the exception of those necessary for the patrol wagon. The bicycle has been introduced into the patrol system, which has permitted a reduction in the force."

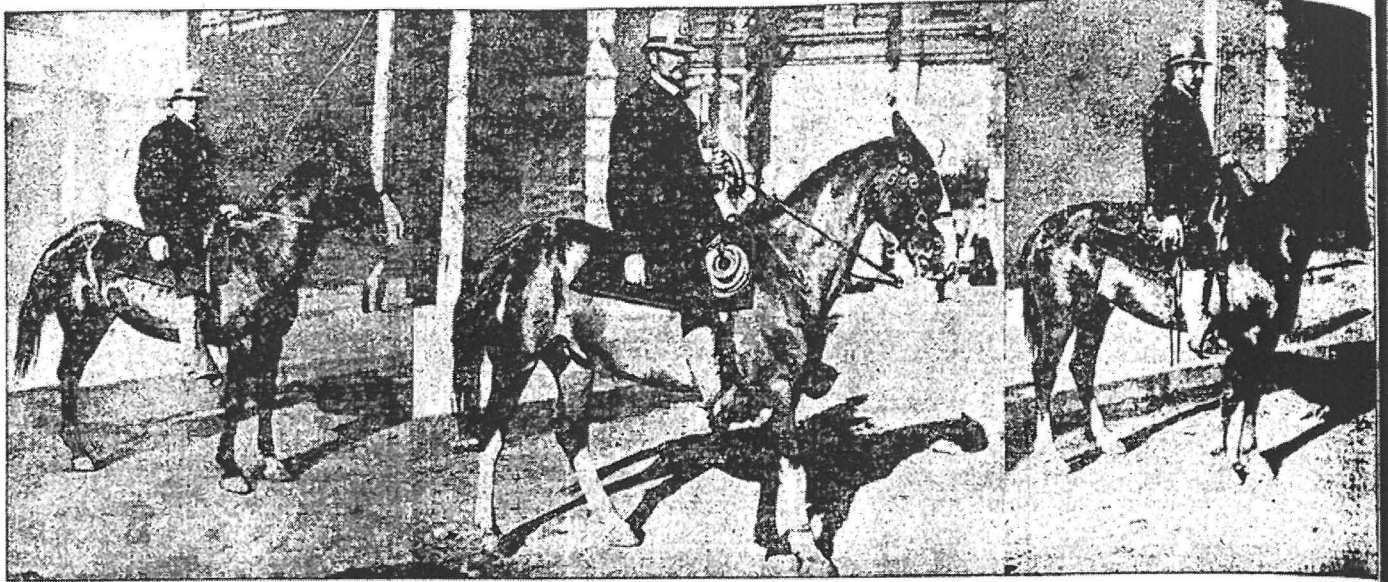
1900

Only two wagon drivers listed.

1903

The horse patrol is re-introduced with seven horses and patrolmen. It was found that the bicycle corps wasn't able to navigate the rougher roads, and suffered constant flat tires. Officers Shane riding "Bill," Circle riding "Palo Alto," Hirsh riding "Black Dick," Gabriel riding "Piebald," Mallett riding "Tom," Croxford riding "Fred," and Vaughan on "Teddy."

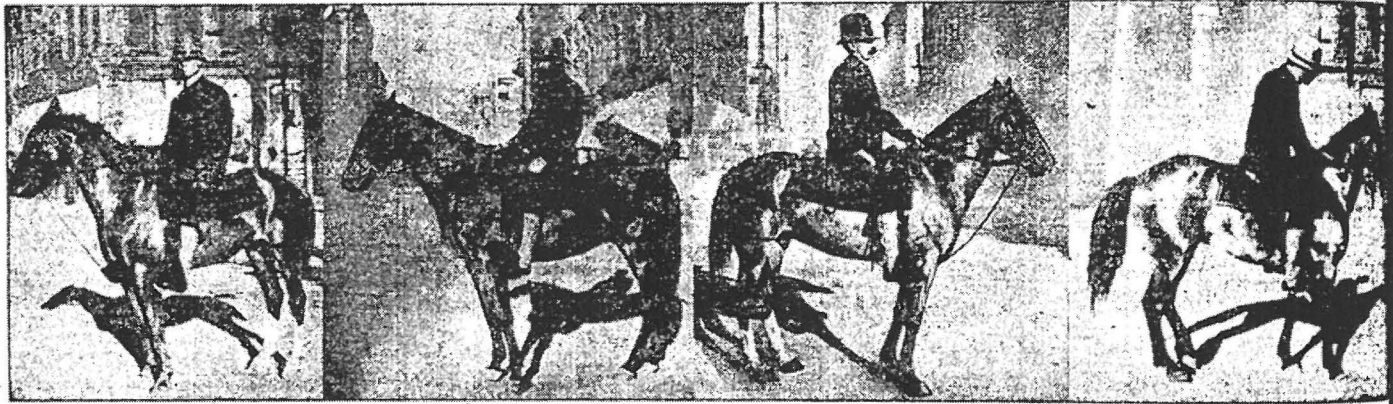
Seven mounted officers for better protection of outlying areas, three patrol wagon drivers, three horses for mounted and three for the wagon. The old stables was gutted and rebuilt with six new stalls for the wagon and patrol horses. The stable was painted white and blue.



POLICEMAN HIRSCH.

POLICEMAN GABRIEL.

POLICEMAN W. A. SHANE.



POLICEMAN KALLERT.

POLICEMAN CROSSFORD.

POLICEMAN YATAMS.

POLICEMAN CIRCU.

1904

Eight mounted patrolmen. During a February drill, "The eight mounted patrolmen demonstrated their ability as equestrians outside the Armory on Tenth street." "While Captain Moore was drilling the patrolmen in the drill room, Chief Hunt and the police committee were reviewing and giving final instructions to the mounted officers." "The eight horsemen lined up for attention and gave a creditable display of their horsemanship, riding in twos, fours and single file at the pleasure of the inspecting committee."

1906

Three drivers for the patrol wagon.

1908

Twelve saddle horses, three wagon drivers, four patrol wagon horses, two wagons. The stable inventory also included: two sets of double harness, four blankets and surcingles, 25 feet of one inch hose, 400 feet of one inch fire rope, two harness hangers, three brooms, two pails.

1909



Rose Parade. Sergeant Crate on "Blaze" leading the formation.

Nine mounted officers, twelve horses, four wagon horses. First year for motorcycles. One pitch fork, one shovel, two curry combs, twelve horse blankets, twelve saddles, eleven saddle blankets, eleven pair of spurs, eleven pair of leggings, one wagon jack, one electric gong (for fire alarms). In May the police put on a parade that included thirteen mounted patrolmen and the patrol wagon.

1910

July 14, 1910 a fire burned or damaged over twenty businesses and buildings over several blocks at the Exposition Building and Multnomah Field (now Providence Park). The buildings included two stables and a kennel and tragically the fire caused the death of two stable employees and 188 animals. Among the many horses that died were four from the mounted patrol – “Rattler,” “Rock,” “Dan,” and “Billy.” Their four riders, officers Rudolph, Inskeep, Van Overn and West were grief stricken. “All of the horses were specially adapted for police work. They had been painstakingly trained...They were well-drilled for parade purposes and took as much interest in their work as the owners.”

1915

Twelve horses for the Mounted Squad. In October the city passed an appropriation for five small automobiles for the police patrol. This resulted in the non-filling of ten vacant positions, rejection of all proposed salary increases and that the twelve horses will be sold.

1941

The Portland Police Mounted Reserves performed maneuvers as part of the Rose Parade. For Halloween, the city put on an air raid and black-out drill. Among the thousands of monitors (that included 7,000 women, 400 regular officers, 500 veteran guard officers, 2,500 boy scouts, 175 regular reserves and 35 motorcycle police), were 130 mounted police patrol.

On December 15, in response to Pearl Harbor, Chief Niles bolstered the 400 regular officers by assigning the 24 members of the mounted reserves to the detective bureau.

1979

Central precinct is developed a Horse Patrol, starting with one sergeant and two officers. This was a trial, begun on

1911

In July, patrol wagon driver Leisy found the stable faucet running wide open. This was during a water shortage and after finding the faucet turned on several more times, he enlisted the help of several officers. They set up a surveillance of the stables and after a long wait they saw “Tom,” one of the two grey wagon horses, stretching his lead and neck to the limit and turn on the faucet with his teeth. He then had a good long drink. “Jerry,” his teammate made jealous noises. Tom’s tether was shortened.

1916

The Chief’s remarks in the yearly report included the “...passing of twelve horses used by the Mounted Squad...” replaced by five Ford touring cars.

“Police horses have graced the streets of Portland continuously, with the exception of six years, since 1896. During those years, and particularly during recent years, they have been admired by hundreds as they carried their uniformed and star and helmet-bedecked riders about the residence streets and as they headed parades. They have taken the front rank in most of the big parades for 10 or 15 years.”

The horses weren’t sold, but given to the Oregon National Guard to be kept at their Clackamas rifle range.

1942

The Veteran Guard and Patrol forms a 40 horse mounted division. Members of the Guard were given up to 10 weeks of training to be volunteer war-time auxiliary officers. The mounted patrols were initially formed to primarily to handle traffic in case of evacuation or any other highway congestion.



At the Mollala Rodeo, 1944

1980

July 1, the Mounted Patrol becomes a regular program of the

1940

In May, an article mentions, in passing, the newly organized Portland Mounted Police squad.

1954

Portland Police Posse, after several years of inactivity, reforms for the Rose Festival Parade. The posse consisted of 20 horses and their owners. They were given training twice weekly that included: horsemanship, crowd control, self-defense, laws of arrest, search and seizure, marksmanship and other police related subjects. The possemen are auxiliary policemen and to be used on parades, traffic control and patrolling city parks. They will wear police blue uniforms with a trouser stripe, western style shirts, hats, boots and holsters.

The Portland Police Mounted Posse performed drills at Raleigh Hills along with the Portland Police Drum & Bugle Corps and competed against posses from Oregon and Washington.

1983

Two sergeants, twelve officers and sixteen horses.

July 17 and funded from Park money and ended in October. The main patrol area was the Park Blocks. (Although there is a note that two officers rode their own horses, beginning in June.) The officers were: Sgt. Larry Kanzler, Charles Walters and Daniel Geppford.

Patrol Branch with one sergeant and five officers, adding: Michael McDonald, and Steven Coffman.



Bobby

1984

This is a story about Sir Robert Peel. Not the former British Prime Minister and creator of the London Metropolitan Police Force. This Robert Peel was a horse. Not just any horse, "Bobby" as he was nicknamed, was a Portland Police Horse.

Fast forward to July of 1979 and there are three horses being formally introduced as the new Mounted Patrol. Bobby is one of these horses. They arrived late at the ceremony because on the way they became involved in arresting a robbery suspect.

Bobby was eight years old, chocolate brown, a little over 15 hands tall and around 1,275

pounds. He came from an Oregon farm where he had been used to cut cattle. He was known as the fastest of the patrol horses and just a little more assertive. When he patrolled with other horses, he liked to be either in front or a little ahead. He could be a little nervous around moving shadows or tight crowds, but his main rider, officer John Johnson, kept him calm.

Bobby was affectionate. When tours came to the stables he would lower his head for children to hug. He would lay his head on the laps of visitors in wheelchairs.

On the late afternoon of February 29, 1984, Bobby and another horse were on patrol in downtown Portland. It was a rainy day. At the corner of Yamhill and Broadway, Bobby stepped on a steel grate and suddenly slipped and fell hard to the pavement. Officer Johnson was thrown clear, hurting his wrist. Bobby tried to get up, but couldn't and died within minutes.

John Johnson said that he had three partners; two were human. With Bobby though, the connection was much closer. "You're a team, a couple. You get close, real close, in a police situation. It's almost inexplicable the way the pressures and routine bring you tighter."

1985

Budget cuts threaten the mounted patrol, but the public started a "Save Our Steeds" effort. The patrol was saved, but reduced to one sergeant, four officers and five horses.



2001 The new horse barn facility opens in a renovated flour mill with one sergeant, six officers and seven horses.

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From: Farrell Richartz <farrell@liuna483.org>
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: Request to speak at Council meeting March 8

Hello Karla, I'd like to request to be on the council agenda for communications on March 8, 2017.

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The subject I wish to address are proposed cuts to the street cleaning program at the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Thank you, please let me know if you need further information.

Farrell

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Request of Farrell Richartz to address Council regarding proposed cuts to
the street cleaning program at the Portland Bureau of Transportation
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