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## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



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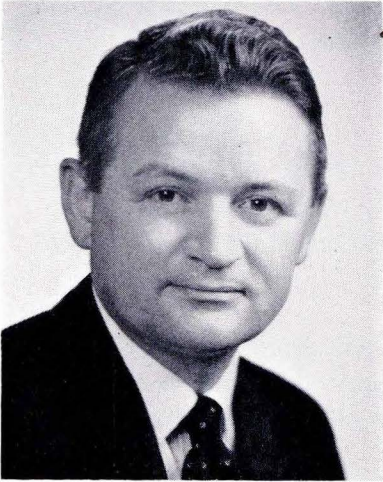
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The Iowa Department of Public Safety reflects the public's desire to promote the general welfare through law enforcement, fire and accident prevention, licensing and motor vehicle administration.

The organization of this Department, outlined in this publication for your information, is designed to provide the services the public wants in the most efficient manner.

It should never be considered, however, that this department is solely and alone responsible for the public safety. Such a responsibility is far beyond the capacity of these various divisions.

Ultimately, the responsibility for fire, accident and crime prevention falls upon you, the citizen. Unless the public honestly supports the laws it has itself created, unless individuals accept for themselves the restraints they would have placed on others, the purpose of any government body such as this department is endangered.

D. M. Statton  
Commissioner



Chief  
T. A. Thompson

## BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

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Assistant Chief  
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A service organization, with 30 office and field personnel, which cooperates with city, county, elected and appointed officers of the state and enforcement agencies of other states and the federal government.

There are three divisions, investigation, identification and technical.

The investigation section consists of 12 agents, who upon request, are assigned to assist on cases involving major crime, and matters involving internal security of the state of Iowa.

The identification section contains over 2,000,000 fingerprint records and photos. Upon receipt of fingerprints they are classified and searched against the master file. If identified with previous record a complete transcript is forwarded to the contributor.

The technical laboratory utilizes the aid of science and in one way or another is involved in most cases. These include handwriting and typewriting comparisons, altered or obliterated writings, photography, latent fingerprints, firearms identification, polygraph examinations, restoration of obliterated numbers on metal and examination of glass fractures and tool markings.

All services, including testimony in court, are without charge to duly constituted enforcement agencies.



Director  
D. H. "Doc" Day

## DEALERS LICENSE DIVISION

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Assistant Director  
Herman Clark

The Dealers License Division of the Department of Public Safety is charged with a dual responsibility. The protection of the buying public, its purpose being to prevent the practice or commission of fraud in the sale, barter, or disposition of motor vehicles at retail in this state; to prevent irresponsible, unreliable or dishonest persons from engaging in the business of selling, bartering or otherwise dealing in motor vehicles at retail in this state and to encourage reliable persons to engage in the business. "Motor Vehicle" means any vehicle subject to registration under the laws of this state.

It is further charged with the administration of the Dealers Licensing Laws, chapter 322, which includes demands as to the place of business, the dealers' "Disclosure Law" which makes certain specific demands as to the items that must be contained in the dealers' "Retail Installment Contract," and the "maximum" finance charges that may be assessed to the purchaser, and the "Ban of Sales on Sunday."

All fees and funds for the dealers license division accrue from licenses issued to the "Motor Vehicle Dealers." These are paid into the treasury monthly, and constitute a separate and distinct fund known as the "Motor Vehicle Dealers' License Fee Fund." All expenses incurred in the administration of this division are paid out of said fund in the same manner as other state expenses are paid. Any amount in such fund in excess of ten thousand dollars at the end of any fiscal year is credited to the general fund.

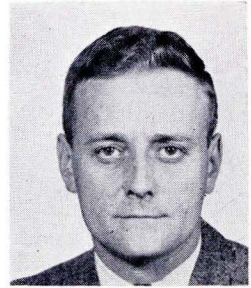
All fieldmen and the director of this division are "Peace Officers" and are on call 24 hours.



Director  
Brian J. Connell

## DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION

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Assistant Director  
F. Philip Falvey

The Drivers License Division executes the law concerning the issuance, renewal, cancellation, revocation, suspension, or denial of privileges to operate motor vehicles.

The division orders re-examination of drivers whose accident or violation record appears to call into question their competency, or judgment.

The Drivers License Division is organized into five sections:

The Receiving Section: Receives all inquiries, accident reports, licenses and letters and distributes to the proper section.

The Records Section: Has responsibility for the maintenance, distribution and re-file of all divisional records.

The License Section: Processes driver license filing along with auxiliary records. Record entries are kept with all driver licenses concerning traffic convictions, suspensions, revocations, cancellations, denials, and accidents.

The Accident Section: Processes motor vehicle driver accident reports in order to achieve compliance with the financial responsibility law.

The Personnel and Supply Section: Supervises all personnel and controls all supplies.



Fire Marshal  
Ed. J. Herron

## FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION

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Asst. Fire Marshal  
Charles Cornell

**DUTIES**—Fire Marshal. Enforce state laws relating to suppression of arson and apprehension of persons suspected of arson; investigate cause, origin and circumstances of fires; provide inspection for enforcement of state laws concerning storage, transportation, handling and use of flammable liquids and liquefied petroleum gas; explosives; electric wiring; heating; adequate means of exit in case of fire in schools, college buildings, churches, hotels, theatres, hospitals, nursing or custodial homes, and other structures in which persons congregate.

**REPORTS**—Fire chiefs must report to the State Fire Marshal all fires of \$50 or more. Where no fire department exists, reports must be made by the Mayor or Township Clerk. The Fire Marshal is required to keep a complete record on all fires, and prepare an Annual Report on activities of his office.

The Fire Marshal's Division has six fieldmen for inspection, enforcement, investigation and Fire Prevention Education.

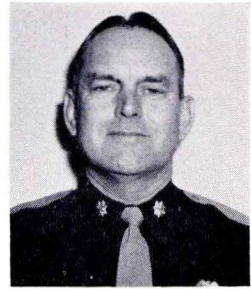




Chief  
Col. David Herrick

## HIGHWAY PATROL

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Assistant Chief  
Maj. James Machholz

The Iowa Highway Safety Patrol was created in 1935 with a personnel of 50 uniformed officers. It has steadily grown until we now have 300 uniformed officers which includes 25 Drivers' License Examiners and all Supervisory Officers.

The Highway Patrol has full police power but our primary duties are enforcing the state motor vehicle laws, conducting drivers' license examinations, holding drivers' license hearings and re-examinations, investigating motor vehicle accidents in the promotion of Highway Safety, and performing many other duties that we are called upon to perform, such as giving Safety talks and showing Safety films, escort duties, etc.

In 1959, the Highway Patrol traveled approximately 11,000,000 miles in the performance of their duties while patrolling the highways, and contacted approximately 300,000 drivers.

We offered assistance to more than 30,000 motorists who experienced car trouble while traveling on our highways. The Patrol issued more than 30,000 memorandums of warnings to drivers for minor traffic violations, approximately 120,000 memorandums for faulty equipment of their vehicles, and 50,000 summons tickets. The summons tickets written resulted in \$788,000 in fines assessed and 83,000 days in jail sentences.

The amount of stolen property recovered was \$212,000 and through the use of the fire extinguisher \$161,000 worth of property was saved from destruction by fire. The uniformed drivers' license examiner personnel conducted 2,325 drivers' license hearings and re-examinations and issued 341,058 drivers' license and chauffers' licenses.



Director  
John F. Carlson

## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION DIVISION

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Assistant Director  
Philip F. Powers

The Motor Vehicle Registration Division, Department of Public Safety, is located in the State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa, and sets up policies and procedures for the 99 County Treasurers' Offices to follow in issuing titles and registrations on vehicles owned by residents of their county, and also serves in an advisory capacity on all types of motor vehicle registration problems, and enforcement of the motor vehicle laws.

Copies of all Iowa titles are filed in the owner's name in a state-wide alphabetical file under the soundex filing system. Upon notice from the County Treasurers' Offices, all liens and lien releases are noted on the state's copy of the title.

Registrations are filed by plate number by county in numerical sequence. One copy of registration receipt is filed by identification or factory number under the make of the vehicle, and by the last four digits.

All refunds are processed by the Motor Vehicle Registration Division.

The division has four inspectors who serve as liaison between the department and the 99 counties of Iowa, and as enforcement officers on violations of the laws pertaining to motor vehicle registrations.

All nonresident owners of motor vehicles who are subject to Iowa registration are registered through the Motor Vehicle Registration Division, State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.



Director  
Boyd Porter

## RADIO COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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Assistant Director  
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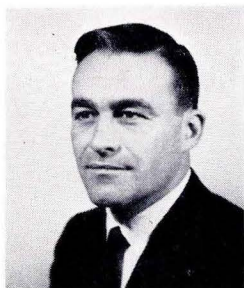
The Radio Communications Division is responsible for the operation of seven personnel operated base stations, two unattended base stations and eleven relay stations throughout the state. This Division has a personnel complement of 36 persons on 24-hour call and responsible for this Division maintaining a 24-hour day, 365 days a year.

The Division installs and maintains two-way radio equipment in 335 vehicles operated by the Iowa Highway Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Adjutant General, Aeronautics, Civil Defense, Governor and Commissioner.

The purpose of this Division is to correlate and coordinate activities of law enforcement agencies to aid and assist in the rapid and accurate collection, exchange and dissemination of information relating to crime, protection of life and property and Civil Defense warning and attack information.

The Division relays and disseminates information to 47 states.

Complete files and records of all broadcasts since the origination of this Division are maintained at the Des Moines station.



Director  
William F. Burnett

## SAFETY EDUCATION DIVISION

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Assistant Director  
Frank B. Ulish

The Safety Education Division promotes traffic, fire, bicycle, pedestrian, farm and industrial safety through public information media and education.

The Division:

- (a) Works in cooperation with the National Safety Council, national, state, county and local safety organizations.
- (b) Undertakes to keep the people of Iowa informed on accident trends and traffic legislation.
- (c) Maintains a safety film library and extensive mailing lists of safety promotion materials. These materials are available to the general public upon request.

The division has six fieldmen who travel throughout the state for the following purposes: Present safety lectures; films and materials; and consults with schools, county and city officials relative to traffic problems and programs.

The division correlates activities of the various divisions in the department as to research, education and enforcement needs for better analysis of safety problems.

## TRAFFIC DEATHS FOR 1959

Based on age:

1 month to 14 years.....	61
15 years to 24 years.....	163
24 years to 44 years.....	163
45 years to 64 years.....	186
64 years and over.....	105
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Total deaths .....	678
Monetary Traffic Loss.....	\$90,000,000

## FIRE DEATHS FOR 1959

Based on age:

1 month to 14 years.....	21
14 years to 65 years.....	33
65 years and over.....	24
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Total deaths .....	78
Monetary Fire Loss.....	\$11,966,841

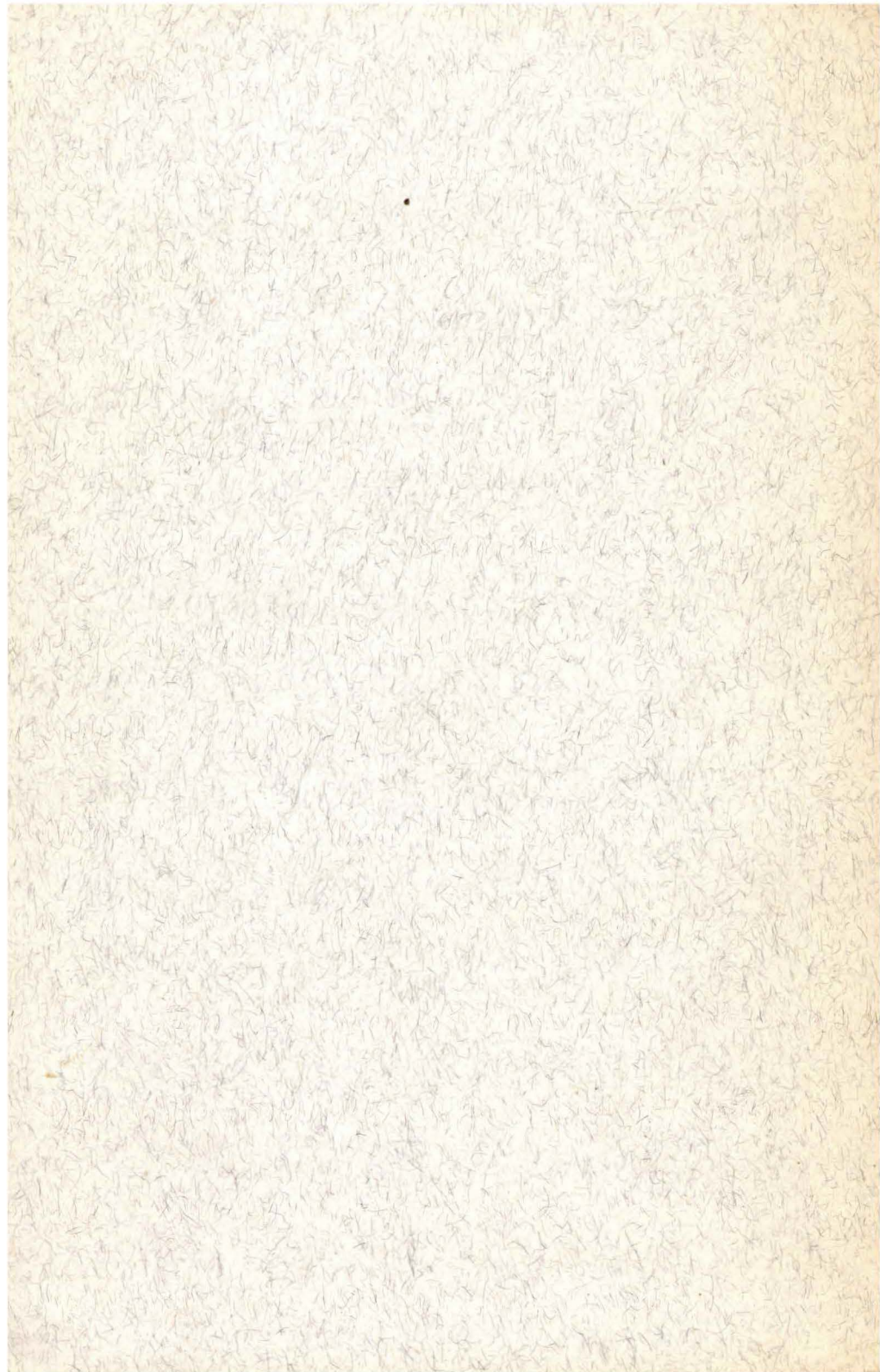
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## HOW FAST CAN YOU STOP?

MPH	Dry Concrete	Gravel	Wet Pavement	Packed Snow	Ice Sleet
20	42 ft.	63 ft.	70 ft.	94 ft.	210 ft.
30	84 ft.	129 ft.	140 ft.	185 ft.	410 ft.
40	143 ft.	223 ft.	242 ft.	322 ft.	715 ft.
50	220 ft.	339 ft.	366 ft.	490 ft.	1100 ft.
60	317 ft.	486 ft.	526 ft.	700 ft.	1585 ft.
70	436 ft.	670 ft.	723 ft.	970 ft.	2170 ft.

The reaction time of an alert, healthy Iowa motorist is three-fourths of a second. If you're driving along at 60 m.p.h. you will use up 66 feet before you hit the brake pedal. Apply this rule when following the car ahead—On dry pavement keep one full car length behind for every 10 m.p.h. of speed. At 60 m.p.h this distance would be six car lengths.

\*Based on figures from "Winter Driving Hazards" by the National Safety Council.



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