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Historical Note

The City of Manchester’s Police Department has existed since 1846. According to an ordinance from the same year, the department exists to “preserve the public peace, and prevent all riots, disorders and unlawful practices within the City.” Early responsibilities of the department included administering the City’s ambulance services, observing defects in highways and streets, and reporting all causes of sickness and sources of filth. The department has worked throughout its history to serve the greater good by protecting life, property, and the liberties of Manchester’s residents and the community at large.

Collection Description

The collection consists of reports created by the Police Department, including annual reports and ward crime reports. It offers general information and raw data regarding the department and criminal activity in the City of Manchester.

Series Descriptions and Inventory

Series 1: Annual Reports, 1954-2012 (non-inclusive)

Annual reports document the general activities of the department over the course of a year, and supply a general overview of the department in general. Information may include rosters of police officers, administrative information about the department and each division, mission statements, organizational charts, messages from the Chief, aggregate crime statistics, special announcements, pictures, and other related topics. Arranged chronologically.

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Series 2: Ward Crime Reports

Ward crime reports break down calls for police service that occurred in each ward for a given year. It offers raw data such as the numbers for the total calls of service, percentages of called made in each ward, average response time to calls, and average time it takes for an officer to arrive on the scene. It also breaks down each service call by category, including calls for rape, robbery, assault, gunshots, and several other types of criminal activity. Maps of wards are included. Arranged chronologically.

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2001; 2002; 2003; 2004	07	27