

CINCINNATI POLICE UNIFORMS

- 1802 VILLAGE OF CINCINNATI INCORPORATED, ALL OFFICIALS ELECTED, COUNCIL, TOWN MARSHAL, ETC.**
- 1803 NIGHT WATCH FORMED.**
- 1819 CITY OF CINCINNATI INCORPORATED.**
- 1825 TOWN MARSHAL APPOINTED.**
- 1842 FIRST DAY POLICE CREATED.**
- 1853 POLICE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZED-FIRST CHIEF, 6 LIEUTENANTS, 96 WATCHMEN-TOTAL 104.**
- 1856 FIRST UNIFORM.**
- 1861 ALL OFFICERS TO BE UNIFORMLY DRESSED.**
- 1862 POLICE FORCE SENT TO FIGHT IN CIVIL WAR.**
- 1862 CITY PURCHASES- 150 WATCHMAN'S MACES, WREATHS & NUMBERS. 209 POLICEMEN ON FORCE.**
- 1879 CITY INVENTORY- 350 BADGES, 250 WREATHS.**
- 1886 UNIFORM CHANGES, SUPERVISORS HAVE HATS WITH RANK IN GOLD BULLION, PATROLMEN HAVE BLUE CLOTH HELMET AND WHITE METAL WREATH & NUMBER IN IT, BADGE IS TO BE ON LEFT BREAST. PRIOR TO THE UNIFORM ONLY A BADGE WAS WORN.**
- 1888 CITY INVENTORY, 21 LIEUT'S BADGES, 500 REGULAR BADGES, 500 WREATHS, 52 LIEUT'S AND SERGT'S WREATHS.**
- 1903 BULLSEYE LATERN REPLACED, NEW STYLE REVOLVERS, GATLING GUN OBSOLETE.**
- 1904 UNIFORM CONTRACT GIVEN TO JOHN SHILLITO CO., THE 1879 STYLE BADGES REPLACED WITH NEW BADGES,**
- 1910 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FORMED**
- 1912 POLICE CENSUS, DETECTIVE BUREAU REORGANIZED, NEW PATROL SUPERINTENDENT, AUTO'S BEING PURCHASED, PHOTOS IN ANNUAL REPORT SHOW FOOT OFFICERS & WAGON DRIVERS HAVE HIGH TYPE HATS.**

1918 POLICE STRIKE.

In 1918 members of The Police Welfare League protested the old uniform, and the mandatory purchase of one dress uniform which was used only for annual parades. A delegation was sent to complain to the police chief. They were suspended from duty, and a three-day strike resulted. The strike was settled by the safety director in favor of the officers, and the force returned to work. During the strike the Cincinnati Home Guard took over the police function (City 29). The Home Guard was a uniformed group of men who had been formed during World War I assist in emergencies.

1928 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RANK CREATED.

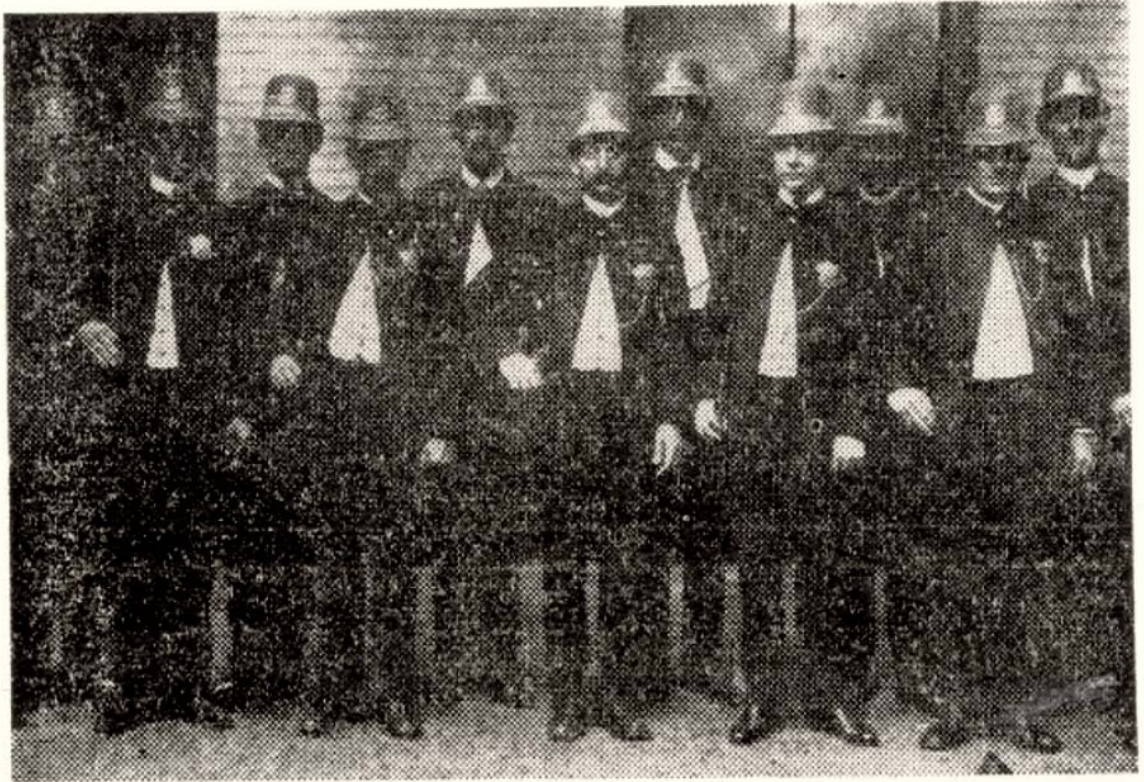
1941 UNIFORM CHANGES, WHITE HATS AND SHIRTS.

1970'S IKE STYLE UNIFORM.



CIRCA 1884 SAME/SIMILAR STYLE AS UNION CIVIL WAR

Uniforms Worn 4 Decades Ago



You may recall the police uniform of a generation ago. George J. Tepe is second from right in this imposing line up of 1890 policemen.



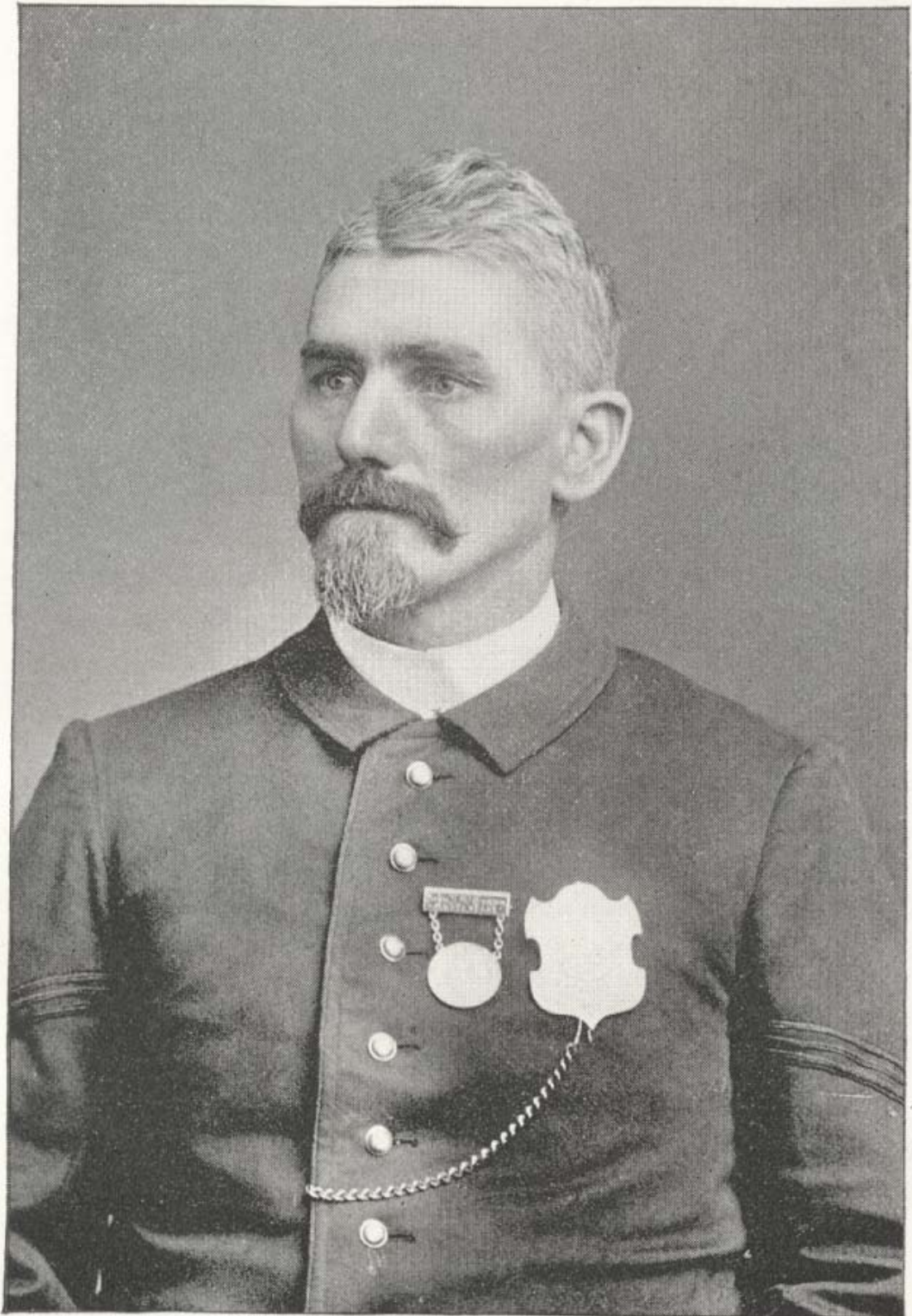
CIRCA 1890'S



HENRY NAGEL,

A Popular Station House Keeper, Who
Knows His Duty and Does It At All
Times—A Deservedly Clever Official.

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JOHN J. McGRANN.

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PETER J. O'HARA.

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WOLSEFER CIRCA 1908, PROMOTED CORPORAL CIRCA 1918



ED SCHOLL GRANDFATHER OF ART SCHOLL 1900'S



CIRCA 1920'S TRAFFIC OFFICER



MAJOR CHARLES F. WOLSEFER, SUPT OF TRAFFIC 1925



MARCH 28, 1928 RECRUIT CLASS



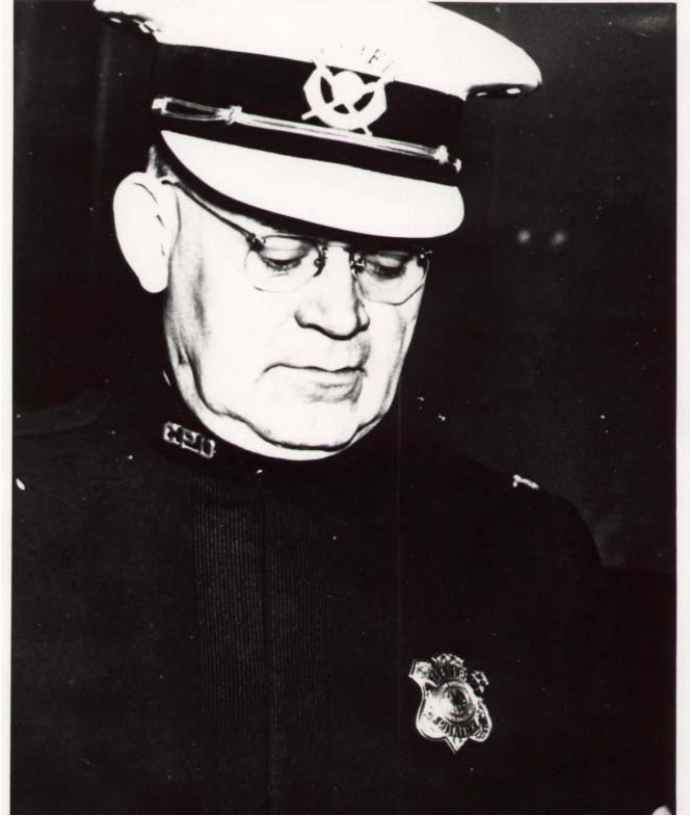
GEORGE PLUM 1937-1942



TRAFFIC OFFICERS CIRCA 1925-1926



**1939 POLICE MEMORIAL
CHIEF AND ISPECTOR WEARING "OLD UNIFORM", OTHER
COMMAND OFFICERS TO RIGHT WEARING NEW STYLE.**



**RANKING OFFICERS UNIFORM STYLES
PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW THE UNIFORM ON THE RIGHT BEING
WORN BY CHIEF AND LIEUT. COLONEL/INSPECTOR AND
MAJORS WEARING THE UNIFORM ON THE LEFT.**



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