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POLICE TRAINING SCHOOLS

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For a number of years the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, has conducted a Training School for newly appointed Special Agents of the Bureau. It has been found to be an economical practice to train the Special Agents of this Bureau in the performance of their duties before they are assigned to the Bureau's field offices for investigative activity. Only regularly appointed Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are permitted to attend this school.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are selected from those applicants who, at the time of appointment, are between 25 and 35 years of age, have had at least two years' practical commercial experience, and are graduates of law schools of recognized standing, expert accountants or possessed of a constructive type of law enforcement experience.

After the Special Agents have been in the service for some time, they are brought back to Washington to attend the Retraining School of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which school is available only to those Special Agents who have had extensive investigative experience.

On July 29, 1935, the first Police Training School of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was initiated, and the course of training of twelve weeks was concluded on October 19, 1935. A second school was opened on January 6, 1936, and twenty-four members of local law enforcement agencies were awarded certificates of completion on March 28, 1936. The school provides a program of training for local and state law enforcement officials and is an extension of the Bureau's program of cooperation with local and state law enforcement agencies. This program of cooperation is extended not only in the field of investigations, but also in connection with fingerprint identification; the collection, compilation and publication of crime statistics; the study and examination of latent evidence in the Bureau's Technical Laboratory; and the Training School project of this Bureau.

Police Training Schools are held only in Washington, D. C. The courses of instruction cover the broad, general field of law enforcement and include subjects under the following headings: Scientific and Technical; Statistics, Records and Report Writing;

Firearms Training and First Aid; Investigations, Enforcement and Regulatory Procedure; Tests and Practical Experience; and Police Administration and Organization. The course of training lasts for a period of twelve weeks and, from the very nature of the organization of the program of instruction, is available only to regularly constituted law enforcement officials who are in position to take the entire course.

Members of the first Police Training School have advised the Bureau that the information and experience gained during the school has been of great value to them since returning to their communities. An example of the results of the training is shown in the work of Leo J. Mulcahy of the Connecticut State Police who received considerable favorable comment for the manner in which he handled the investigation of a "hit and run" case in which a boy was killed by a reckless driver who fled from the scene. Immediately upon reaching the scene of the accident, Mulcahy made a minute examination of the surroundings. He discovered a tire track, apparently made by the death car, and also located fragments of the shattered glass from the automobile. Using the technique learned in the first Police Training School, he made a reproduction of the entire track by a casting method and also preserved the shattered glass for identification purposes. Shortly thereafter, as a result of intensive investigation, the car was located and by virtue of a comparison of one of the tires with the tire track found at the scene of the crime and also a comparison of the glass, it was possible to definitely identify the car. Mulcahy immediately apprehended the driver and obtained a confession from him according to the methods which he had learned in the Police Training School concerning the obtaining of statements in conformity with the rules of evidence. This detailed, accurate and original investigation resulted in a conviction.

Clarence Smith, patrolman, Stamford, Connecticut, upon his return to the Stamford Police Department likewise put into practice the fundamentals of identification by reorganizing the Identification Bureau and instituting a program of systematic fingerprinting of persons arrested. He has been invited to talk before numerous civic groups and the Bureau has been advised that these talks have resulted in an increased confidence, interest and cooperation with the police department on the part of citizens of Stamford, Connecticut.

The progress made by the twenty-three members of the first Police Training School conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for three months, beginning July 29, 1935, is shown by the comparison of the ranks and activities of these members in the following table:

	<u>Previous rank and activities</u>	<u>Present rank and activities</u>
William Adams	Assistant Chief of Police, Cincinnati, Ohio Police Department.	As Assistant Chief of Police is organizing training school for major officers.

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Ralph W. Alvis	Lieutenant, Ohio Highway Patrol.	Instructor in charge of training for this organization.
Charles R. Blake	Sergeant, Rhode Island State Police.	Has established an Identification Bureau and Bureau of Criminology in this organization for the scientific examination of evidence and the maintenance of records.
Claude Broom	Patrolman, Detroit, Michigan Police Department.	Full time instructor in Police Training School.
Matthew J. Donohue	Lieutenant, Bergen County, New Jersey Police Department.	Same.
James C. Downs	Lieutenant, Baltimore, Maryland Police Department.	Captain of Police - in charge of Police Training School. Is also in charge of Forensic Ballistics Laboratory.
L. E. Goodrich	Investigator, State of Florida.	Acting as instructor for Florida State Highway Patrol.
Earl J. Henry	Lieutenant, Pennsylvania Highway Patrol.	Following Police Training School at Washington was assigned to Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol Training School. Recently designated as Acting Superintendent of the organization.
Nelson Hughes	Chief of Police, Tamaqua, Pennsylvania.	Organizing extensive civil identification activities in his city.
Francis X. Latulipe	Inspector, San Francisco, California Police Department.	Criminologist, San Francisco Police Department.
Fred J. Manning	Inspector, Miami, Florida Police Department.	In charge of training school for Miami Police Department.
Camille Marcel	Sergeant, Pittsfield, Massachusetts Police Department.	Same.
Leo Mulcahy	Patrolman, Connecticut State Police.	Instructor, Police Training School, Ridgefield, Conn.

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Morgan J. Naught	Patrolman, Elizabeth, New Jersey Police Department.	Engaged in conducting a training school for New Jersey officers.
Michael P. Naughton	Lieutenant, Chicago Police Department.	Same.
James B. Nolan	Lieutenant, New York City Police Department.	Instructor, New York City Police Academy
Norman R. Purnell	Lieutenant, Delaware State Highway Patrol.	In charge of Delaware State Highway Patrol Training School.
C. W. Ray	Sergeant, West Virginia State Police.	Lieutenant - in charge of Identification Bureau.
Harry T. Riddell	Patrolman, Dallas, Texas Police Department.	Sergeant and Assistant to Superintendent of Identification Bureau.
E. W. Savory	Patrolman, Petersburg, Virginia Police Department	Chief of Police, Henrico County, Va. (Richmond)
James T. Sheehan	Captain, Boston, Massachusetts Police Department.	In charge of Records Department.
Clarence Smith	Patrolman, Stamford, Connecticut Police Department.	Chief, Identification Bureau.
Ellis J. Wyatt	Chief of Police, Prescott, Arizona.	Same.

Although only two weeks have elapsed since the conclusion of the second Police Training School, information received in the Bureau indicates that the following members will be in charge of training of police in their respective communities:

Lieutenant N. G. Falkenstine, Maryland State Police.
A. E. Crawford, Detective, Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi.
Captain George Callan, Newark, New Jersey Police Department.
Lieutenant R. R. McDonald, Los Angeles, California, Police Department.