

September 12, 1910, Alice Stebbins Wells was appointed as the nation's first female policewoman with arrest powers. On the first day of her appointment, Mrs. Wells was furnished with a Gamewell (a telephone call box) key, a book of rules, a first aid book, and a "policeman's badge." In those days, an officer was privileged to enjoy free trolley car rides while going to and from work, but when Mrs. Wells displayed her badge, the conductor accused her of misusing her husband's identity. This was remedied by presenting her with "Policewoman's Badge Number One."



Alice Stebbins Wells



In 1909, Wilmington and San Pedro were annexed by the City.

The Los Angeles Times bombing was the purposeful dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times Building in Los Angeles, California, on October 1, 1910, by a union member belonging to the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. The explosion started a fire which killed 21 newspaper employees and injured 100 more.



Chief Sebastian and Officer Lung Yep

The first fingerprint record system was inaugurated in 1911.



Hollenbeck Station

First Chinese Police Officer Lung Yep was appointed by Chief Sebastian on November 17, 1913, making him the 1st Asian-American police officer in the Department's history.

Hollenbeck Station was built in 1911.

1913

City of Hollywood was incorporated in 1903 but merged into the City of Los Angeles in 1910 in order to receive water from the City's new water supply.



First Hollywood Station in 1910

East Side Station, which would go on to become Lincoln Heights Division and ultimately the Lincoln Heights jail, opened in 1911. Eastside Police Station housing not just officers, but the City's population of inmates in the adjoining jail.



East Side Station

Members of the "Speed Squad" show off their new Indian motorcycles in front of the old Good Year plant circa 1913.



Beginning in 1913, officers wore a silver shield with a copper city seal.



By 1911, Los Angeles had 200 miles of paved streets frequented by 28,000 motor cars registered in the City. The problem of auto theft had begun and has plagued the City ever since.



In October 1913, a new, modern structure was built and served as both the Hollywood Police and Fire Station.

In 1912, the Chief did away with the chain gang and employed men sentenced to jail in Griffith park, to build roads and trails. The prisoners ate and slept in quarters in the ranch houses in the park, within the Municipal Farm.



Hollywood Police and Fire Station