

In 1925, the Los Angeles Police Pistol Club was formed, and a private organization of sworn members of the Department opened a pistol range in Elysian Park on the site of the present Police Academy. Officer Ronald French became the first rangemaster.

Important factor in developing the efficiency of the Department as a crime prevention body has been the establishment of the Department Range, at Elysian Park. A general order was issued by the Department on October 21, 1926, relative to monthly qualification requirements in revolver shooting for sworn personnel.

On January 1, 1924, Valley Division opened in the Van Nuys City Hall. It was the largest police division, embracing an area of over 200 miles.



Valley Division Station



Pistol Range in Elysian Park



Wilshire Station



Los Angeles City Hall

The Medal of Valor was first presented to an officer in 1925.



From 1924 - 1940, a pointed, oval badge was used.



The police boat located at the Los Angeles Harbor was periodically used to dispose of contraband including guns used in crimes.

Wilshire Station located at 4526 West Pico Street was placed in operation December 28, 1925. The Division was first established in 1922 on Wilshire Boulevard near Koreatown but outgrew its initial space in three years.

Los Angeles City Hall was completed in 1928 and dedicated on April 26, 1928.

## 1924

Newton Street Division was established February 23, 1925.



Newton Station

Highland Park Division was formerly known as Eagle Rock Division and was located at 2336 Colorado Blvd. The change in name came with the establishment of the station at 6045 York Blvd, which opened in April 1926.



Highland Park Station - Division 11 (originally 9)

Venice Division was acquired through the annexation of that city November 12, 1925.



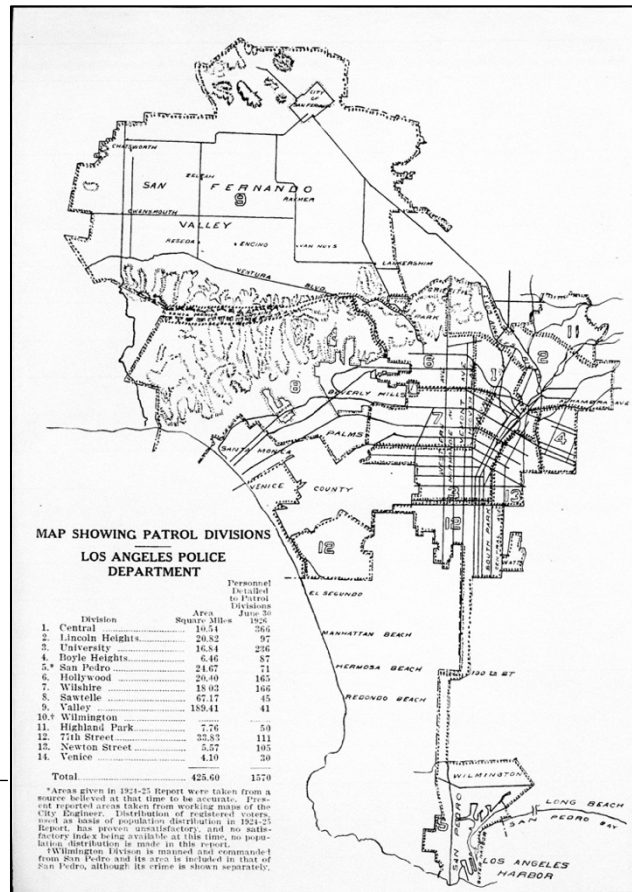
Venice Station

77th Street Station was established in 1925. Its divisional territory was originally a part of University Division.



77th Street Station

Headquarters acquired a teletype machine in 1925.



LAPD Map from 1924-25