

In 1928, Traffic School was conducted for the purpose of bringing about greater uniformity in traffic enforcement. The course consisted of six lectures of one and one-half hours each. These six lectures were followed by a written examination consisting of 200 questions based upon the provisions of the California Vehicle Act, the Los Angeles Traffic Ordinance, and rules and regulations of the Department.

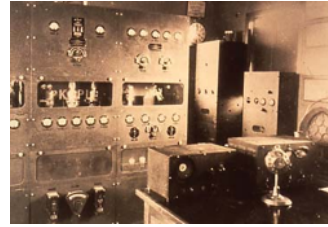
In 1930, the City was 441.69 square miles with an estimated population of 1,231,830 and the Department had 2371 sworn and 278 civilian positions for a total authorized strength of 2649 employees.

The Metropolitan Division was formed April 16, 1933, by combining the Reserve Unit, the Vag Squad, Intelligence Bureau and several miscellaneous details working out of the Chief's Office.



Hollywood Police Station

By the late 1920s, both the Police and Fire Departments realized the joint station was insufficient. A new, separate Hollywood Police Station and Receiving Hospital was built and opened in March 1930.



1st Radio Equipment in 1931.

In February 1931, LAPD was granted its first radio license from the Department of Commerce Radio Bureau for the station "KGPL". Initially, all calls were received by the main City Hall Switchboard operators. Those requiring police service were routed by a conveyor belt on top of the switchboard to call dispatchers, who forwarded the information to the radio-transmitting station in Elysian Park. From there, radio dispatchers broadcast the calls to patrol cars using a one-way radio transmitter. Officers could only receive calls, but unable to "talk back". Two officers were assigned to handle these calls. Officers were also assigned to the 8-position "complaint board" and were required to have 5 years of patrol experience.

San Pedro City Hall was completed in 1928. The Police Station occupied the first floor and the Divisional Jail occupied the seventh floor.



San Pedro Station

1933

The Crime Prevention Division headquarters was located at 1335 S. Georgia Street. This station was originally known as Georgia Street and was placed into operation as a police division on June 27, 1927. Georgia was abolished as a uniform division at 12 noon on December 2, 1936. It's territory south of Pico Street meridian line was absorbed by University Division and that north by Central Division. The personnel were likewise transferred to the merged divisions. The motivating factors for this change were the radio and juvenile problem, the former eradicating distance and the necessary for established points of contact in the field, the latter the modern police manner of treating crime by nipping it in the bud.

On December 7, 1931, the new Lincoln Heights station opened.



Opening Ceremony for 1932 Olympics

The 1932 Summer Olympics was held from July 30 to August 14, 1932, in Los Angeles. The Elysian Park range was the pistol venue site for the Games.



Lincoln Heights Station

Georgia Street Receiving Hospital at 1337 S. Georgia St. was opened in 1927, was staffed with doctors, nurses and ambulance personnel. Doctor Edwin G Goodrich was Chief Surgeon. Charley Whitehead was Chief Nurse. The ambulance is a 1927 Studebaker "Big Six."

A vision came to a handful of Los Angeles Police Officers. This vision was to establish an organized training program for every Los Angeles Police Officer. A secure location in the Elysian Park, Chavez Ravine area was identified. Land permits were obtained from the city to occupy over 20 acres, and the Los Angeles Police Pistol Club (now known as the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPRAAC) was founded. The year was 1931 and this was the beginning of police training for the Los Angeles Police Department.



Georgia Street