



Chief Glass in the center, front row, with his proud Department, standing at attention in front of City Hall, with their snappy uniforms and .45-70 caliber Winchester repeating rifles. Under his leadership, the Department became known as the "Pride of the State." c. 1895



Central Station

1894

The Department's first dedicated police station, Central Division, opened on August 26, 1896, on the south side of First Street, between Broadway and Hill streets. The Central Jail was located directly south of it. "Old Central" as it came to be known, housed not only Central Division but also many of the Department's headquarters units until its closure in about 1955 in favor of Parker Center.

Located directly behind the original headquarters building was the first police or receiving hospital. The sick and injured were treated by the medical staff of the police department. All types of cases were treated by police surgeons and police nurses. Some arrived at the hospital of their own accord; others were transported by police patrol wagons that doubled as ambulances.



In 1896, horsepower along with footpower were the two means of response to calls for service. The main stable for the Department was located in the basement of the main police station at 1st and Hills Streets.