

St. James-Assiniboia Police Department 1969-1974

The original City of St. James Police Department (61 members) absorbed the Village of Brooklands Police Department (5 members) when the two areas amalgamated in 1967. In 1969, the Assiniboia Police Department (16 members), was also absorbed by the St. James Police and the name changed to the St. James-Assiniboia Police Department. The St. James-Assiniboia Police Department later amalgamated with the Winnipeg Police on October 21, 1974.

History

The large District of Assiniboia became a Municipality in 1880 and originally included the area of St. James. Later in 1881, the Council appointed James HALLETT and Frank NESS as Constables to create the Assiniboia Police Force. In 1921, St. James became a separate Municipality with its own Police Force headed by Chief Herbert WALTON. The Law Enforcement Officer for Assiniboia was Constable DIXON during this time.

Chief WALTON was succeeded by William ATKEN, followed by George MCCONNEL, William GARTHSIDE, Donald MACDONALD and Joseph BAGLEY.

In 1956, St. James was granted City status, and in 1967 absorbed the Village of Brooklands with its 5 man Police Force headed by chief William SMERCHANSKI.

A further change in 1969 saw the amalgamation of the City of St. James and the Rural Municipality of Assiniboia. The 16 member Assiniboia Police Force headed by Chief Ken MCCASKILL, joined with the St. James Police to form the new St. James-Assiniboia Police Department. George MALTBY became Chief Constable with MCCASKILL and Herbert ROGERS as his deputies. Ken MCCASKILL succeeded Chief MALTBY in 1970, and ROGERS remained Deputy Chief.

Prior to the unification of all Greater Winnipeg Police Forces in 1974, the St. James - Assiniboia Police Force, with a Police and civilian strength of 95, served a population

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of 75,000 and patrolled an area of 41 square miles. Upon amalgamation, this area became District No. 2 of the new City of Winnipeg Police Department.

Pre-Amalgamation Staff List

See the [Assiniboia](#), [Brooklands](#) or [St. James](#) Police Department pages for their personnel lists.

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