

St. Boniface Police 1881-1974

St. Boniface was established as a mainly French speaking village on the east side of the Red River in the early fur trading days. It became a municipality in 1880 and appointed its first Policeman in 1881. The St. Boniface Police Department had 51 members when it amalgamated with the Winnipeg Police on October 21, 1974.



History

St. Boniface was established as a settlement in the early 1800's and became known as the "Cathedral Village" because the first bishop was responsible for appointing Law Enforcement Officers.



On March 10, 1881, Jean-Baptiste JOYAL was appointed constable. He was replaced in 1883 by Louis LAFRANCHISE when St. Boniface was incorporated as a town. JOYAL returned in 1886 and remained Chief until 1890. After a quick succession of three Chiefs between 1891 and 1895, stability was achieved with the appointment of Ligouri GAGNE in 1895. After 18 years as Chief, GAGNE retired in 1913, and the following Chief Constables held office in subsequent years:

Leo MARCIL	1913-1921
Thomas GAGNON	1921-1929
Victor AUDETTE	1929-1930

Joseph A. BAUDRY, became one of the youngest Chief Constables in Canada at 35 years of age when appointed in 1930, and remained in office for 30 years. During his term, the Police force progressed from strictly "foot patrol" to radio equipped cruiser cars. In 1960, Chief BAUDRY was succeeded by William RUSSEL who remained in office until 1968 when Francois A. MULLER took over command. Chief MULLER held the position until the unification of all Greater Winnipeg Police Forces in 1974. He was then appointed Assistant Deputy Chief Constable (field operations) of the new City of Winnipeg force.

The St. Boniface Police Force, with an establishment of 51, served a population of 49,000 and became part of District 5 of the City of Winnipeg Police Department upon unification in 1974.

Two St. Boniface Police Officers lost their lives in execution of their duty. Sergeant Jules VERNE in 1934, and Constable Leonard SHAKESPEAR in 1969.

Pre-Amalgamation Staff List

Chief of Police: MULLER, Francois A.

Detective Inspector: NORDAL, Elmer

Uniform Inspectors: FINLAYSON, J. Wesley
McKALL, Mike

Sergeants: CLAVELLE, George
LACROIX, Leo
MIKALCHUK, Joseph
MILLER, Eric
MITEREK, James

Detective Sergeants: BIRD, R. Cameron
HAGGLUND, Gordon

Patrol Sergeant: TEMPLEMAN, John

Detectives: BRADLEY, Gordon
DERKACH, Walter
DOPSON, Gordon
GARIEPY, Raymond
RUDNICK, Walter
THOMPSON, Robert C.

Constables: ANKROM, Kenneth
BOURBONNAIS, Paul
BOURRIER, Richard
BOYD, Barry R.
CARRETTE, Donald
CHAMBERS, Ronald A.
DOINNE, Bernard
DONALDSON, Wilfred
EVANS, Gary B.
FEENER, Donald
FERLAND, Giles
FREEMAN, J. Robert
GILES, Lynwood A.
GORMAN, Phillipe R.
GREEN, Anthony
HOGLUND, Ronald E.
HUYDA, Dennis
KIHN, Helmut
KRAHN, Ronald



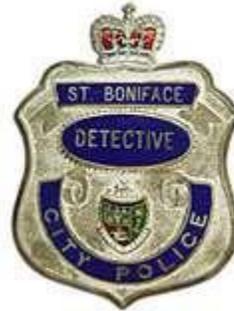
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LABERGE, Louis
 MALCOLMSON, Cam
 MARION, Ernest D.
 MATTHEWS, Craig T.
 MCKINNON, Donald J.
 McLEAN, Donald
 MORIN, Ronald
 MUNROE, Fred A.
 ROBERT, Denis
 ROSS, Noel
 SCOTT, Barrie M.
 SMYTH, Al L.
 TOYNE, Dennis
 TUCK, Gordon O.



Hat Badges

Wallet Badges





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