

Where to find Some Police Department Publications

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Spring 3100. The magazine of the New York Police Department has been published since 1930. The City Hall Library keeps all issues to the present. Some earlier years have been indexed. This magazine features news on the NYPD, interviews and articles about varied topics related to police work.

Complaints and Arrests. Published yearly from 1972 to 1975 and semiannually from 1979 to 2001, this publication includes statistical information by borough and/or precinct depending on the indicator. This is a useful publication to find figures on arrests, complaints and summonses by various types of offenses and to compare the various precincts and areas of the city. Not included are statistics on narcotics crimes. The last semi-annual report appeared in 2001. From 2001 to the present, these statistics can be located in the *CompStat Weekly Report*.

Annual Reports. Police Department *Annual Reports* are available on microfilm from 1860 to 1945. The other years are kept in hard copy until 1991/92 when the last report was published. These reports can be used to locate statistics, descriptions of NYPD divisions and activities and names of Commissioners and other upper echelon personnel.

Personnel Orders, Operations Orders, etc. *Personnel Orders, Operations Orders, Interim Orders* and other directives are located in hard copy. Generally, the collection is

comprehensive and covers the earliest issued to the present. These are not indexed.

Other Publications. Also of interest may be *Police Patrol Guide*, *Administrative Guide* and *1990 Census Data*. The *Guides* are a compilation of department directives and bulletins on various procedural matters. In the collection are current materials and earlier editions from the 1970's and 1980's. *1990 Census Data* presents demographic, socioeconomic and other information by individual police precinct.

NYPD website. Further information including current CompStat crime reports can be found on the Police Department website at www.nyc.gov/html/nypd. The Police Museum and Archives may also be of interest to the researcher. Their telephone number is (212) 480-3100.