

To The Honorable,

The Board of Police Commissioners.

Gentlemen:-

With respect to relieving the officers who work the outlying posts in Division B. by Officers of Division C., at 4 a.m., I beg, respectfully, to state that I have given this matter much thought;

In the first place it is my desire to protect the public and property from thieves and fire and give the proper police protection at all times and thereby have no weakness, or unprotected posts at change time 4 a.m.

In the second place it would be well to place the officers working posts in the outlying portions of the respective districts on their posts at 4 a.m., fresh and in good condition to perform their duty.

By referring to the table attached you will observe that the officers working post No. 20, Division C., Northwestern District, arrives on his post at 4:53 a.m., leaving the station-house at 3:50 a.m.; this consumes one hour and three minutes for him to reach his post, and on a wet or slippery day, it will take him much longer; when an officer reaches his post, after walking this distance, he is evidently tired and exhausted and therefore unfit to perform efficient police duty. In addition another thing may be taken into consideration; the members of Division C., are mostly composed of our elder men.

At the present time the officers working the outlying posts in Division B., are relieved by officers working Division C. posts in the following manner.

Captain League states that Division B. officers working outlying districts call in from boxes at 4:25 a.m. and then go to their respective homes from the box. Division C. officers do not arrive until 4:20 a.m., consequently no perceptible break.

Round Sergeant Arbin, Northeastern District, states that Division B. officers working outlying posts in that district, call in from boxes at 4:15 a.m. and then go to their respective homes. By referring to the attached table the officers working Division C. post No. 18 does not arrive until 4:30 a.m., which leaves the post unprotected for 15 minutes.

Sergeant Johnson, Northern District, states that Division B. officers, working outlying posts in the district call in from boxes