

Historical Marker - S529 - Police Radio Dispatch (Marker ID#:S529)



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During the early twentieth century, Detroit police and their criminal foes both adopted the automobile as their preferred means of transportation. To regain an advantage, Detroit police pioneered a novel use for radio. In 1921, under Commissioner William P. Rutledge, the police began experimenting with radio-equipped patrol cars. Police shared a frequency with a commercial station and cut into its programming to dispatch patrols. On April 7, 1928, police radio operators broadcast for the first time on a dedicated frequency from this police station, which eliminated radio interference from downtown stations. Reduced response times and increased arrest rates quickly made radio-dispatching standard police practice nationwide.

Significant Date:

Two World Wars and the Depression (1915-1945)

Registry Year: 1979 **Erected Date:** 2007

Marker Location

Address: Inselruhe Drive, Belle Isle

City: Detroit

State: MI **ZipCode:** 48207

County: Wayne

Township:

Lat: 42.34028700 / **Long:** -82.98694800

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