

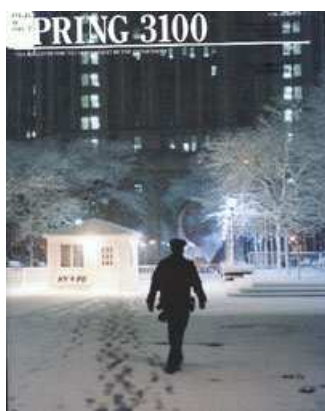


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## CITY HALL LIBRARY NOTES, JUNE 2004

### SPOTLIGHT ON: NEW YORK'S FINEST AND BRAVEST



Where else but the City Hall Library can you find a copy of the 1963 comic book *Your Friend the Policeman*? This publication was prepared by the NYPD for children to help them understand the role of the police officer. There is a wealth of historical and current information published by the Police and Fire Departments, available in the Library.

One of the most popular topics for research is crime statistics. The annual *Complaints and Arrests* reports prepared by the NYPD, contains information by precinct on arrests and complaints for various crimes such as burglary, rape, robbery, etc. These reports started in 1972. Yearly compilations currently end at 2001 but are supplemented by weekly reports.

Old annual reports of the Police Department provide some assistance with locating crime information from years prior to 1972. Other data such as what units comprise the Police Department, names of officials and financial information can be found in these reports. The collection covers the years 1870 to the 1990s.

Both the Police and Fire Departments publish magazines. The Police Department magazine *Spring 3100* dates back to 1930 and the library has all issues. Learn about the history of the Police Department. Articles over the years have been about such topics as police motor vehicles, special divisions, profiles of officers and precincts. *WNYF* from the Fire Department offers a similar view. A recent issue included coverage of how the Fire Department dealt with the 2003 blackout. Annual reports of the Fire Department provide statistical and personnel information from 1855 to 2000. All of these documents and more offer fascinating background on New York's Finest and Bravest.



### REFERENCE QUESTIONS

The City Hall Library is home to a great variety of information sources, from New York City and other public agency publications, history books, newspaper clippings, the street and place name file, legal references and more. If you have a reference question you'd like to ask, our email is [chlibrary@records.nyc.gov](mailto:chlibrary@records.nyc.gov).

Every month, we receive many different and unusual research questions at the City Hall Library, here's a sampling of recent library users and their topics:

- An author from Los Angeles who is writing a book about James Cagney wanted to confirm that there is a street in New York named for the actor. There is: E. 91 St. – James Cagney Place, in Yorkville. We also told her of the small memorial to Cagney there.
- A student from Japan researching Board of Education and census documents from 1880 to 1910.
- Staff at a local hospital seeking circa 1900 annual reports for the NYC Training School for Nurses.
- An author writing a book about the histories of various street names
- A librarian at a private law firm interested in obtaining a copy of the Public Advocate's report: *Clothed in Controversy* published in 1994. It deals with risk to New Yorkers from toxic chemical emissions from dry cleaning establishments and what can be done about

the problem.

- An engineering firm seeking Landmarks Preservation Committee reports and other information on New York City armories.
- A librarian in Pennsylvania requesting crime rate statistics in New York City for the years 1983 and 1984.
- A caller asking about the official song of New York City. It is "New York, New York," written in 1977 by John Kander and Fred Ebb, chosen by Mayor Ed Koch in 1983.

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