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## Hamilton County Police Teletype Network Is Expanding Operations

The Hamilton County police teletype network, which has almost doubled its size in just over two years, is about to expand in two directions:

- The network here is being tied in with the State Highway Patrol in Columbus, which opens the door to teletype communications with police departments in all but two of the states east of the Mississippi River.

- Cincinnati is joining the county network.

**THE NETWORK** went into operation in December 1961 with 13 police departments participating. Now there 23 departments in the hookup.

The center is at the county patrol post in New Baltimore. A teletype transmitter and receiver are maintained there. Twenty-two suburban police departments are equipped with a receiving unit only.

Information on stolen checks, stolen autos, suspects wanted, drivers suspended and the like is handled through the network. Any of the departments in the system can put out information to all the others in a matter of minutes.

The policeman in a suburban department calls the County Communications Center on a special telephone line and gives the information he wants sent out. The message is relayed by teletype there to the other departments on the network.

**THE SYSTEM** was started here by the Hamilton County Police Assn. Chief Thomas Gerth of Madeira is chairman of the teletype committee.

"We used to have to call all the suburban police departments with information we wanted to put out," he says, "but now we just call the Communications Center."

Another advantage is that a department can receive information even if no one is in the office when

the message is sent. The teletype machine receives the information and the printed copy can be kept for handy reference.

A connection with Columbus, which will be made in the next few weeks, will put the local network in teletype communication with most of the eastern U. S. Columbus is a terminus for the Eastern States Network, which covers 16 states. The Eastern Network is linked to a network in the Southeast.

**THE HOOKUP** with Columbus will give the local network quick teletype communication with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Bureau of Criminal Identification in Ohio and the FBI records section and laboratory in Washington, plus hundreds of police de-

partments in this half of the nation.

Cincinnati's entry in the network will bring Norwood in, too, at least indirectly. Cincinnati police have a teletype connection with Norwood police and will be able to relay network information there when Cincinnati becomes part of county system.

Individual communities pay a monthly charge for the teletype machines used by their departments. County commissioners have provided funds for line charges.

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