

CITY 'GETS SMART' . . .**Cincinnati Police to Get Individual Radios**

Cincinnati police are going to get a new communications center and individual radios within a year.

It's Cincinnati's answer to secret agent Maxwell Smart's shoe telephone and Dick Tracy's two-way wrist watch radio.

The communications center is to be installed in the still-to-be-built third floor of the Police Administration Bldg., 310 Lincoln Park drive.

The center will include a six-channel radio system linking every policeman in the city to the base station.

CITY COUNCIL'S Capital Improvements Committee yesterday approved \$900,000 for the communications installation and \$815,000 for the third-story addition.

The third-floor addition and communications center are expected to be completed within a year from the time the city lets the

bids.

Henry Sandman, safety director, says the individual radios will be a big step toward getting policemen out of their cruisers and onto the streets.

HE SAID the policeman could park his car and carry out an investigation on foot while remaining in constant contact with the base station. The battery-operated radios will work inside or out of the car.

Vincent Grote, head of the city's communication department, says policemen now have to stand in line to contact Station X on its one-channel band.

Two of the six channels would be for an east-west operation with separate dispatchers handling the calls. Another channel would be city-wide, one would be for inquiries, one for investigative personnel, and one for command officers.

Crime Control Area Requested

City Manager Krabach today asked City Council for authority to allow Cincinnati to enter into a District Crime Control Council with surrounding counties and municipalities.

Cincinnati would be in a district comprising Hamilton, Warren, Butler and Clermont Counties. Safety Director Henry Sandman says the Council will be formed at a meeting Thursday at Evendale Police Department.

Federal funds of the Safe Streets Act would finance the Council.

KRABACH TOLD Council he could not recommend the use of motor scooters in the Cincinnati Police Department. He says the three-wheel motorcycles are more effective than scooters because they are radio equipped. Cincinnati now has eight of these. Krabach says repair costs of scooters is extremely high.