

# Automation Asked For Station X Task

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Police Chief Schrotei will ask City Council to buy a timing system that will automatically inform Station X dispatchers whenever any police car has been off the air for an hour.

The system, says Schrotei, would cost about \$12,000 and would replace a regular detail of five police cadets who are now paid a total of \$21,250 a year to do the job.

SCHROTEI conferred with Safety Director Robert Lockridge yesterday, explaining the system and urging Lockridge to send a purchase request to Council.

The one-hour margin, Schrotei says, is considered the longest period during which a car can be out of service—on an investigation or other detail—without concern arising over the safety of the officer driving.

The new system would put a pair of buttons and an electric timing clock on Station X dispatch boards, one for each of the 115 police cars in use at any time.

WHEN an officer reports "out of service" for an investigation, and takes his car off the air, a dispatcher will press a button in front of him to start an automatic timer. After an hour, the timer switches on a red light.

The dispatcher then would notify the officer's immediate supervisor of the situation. The supervisor would decide whether the situation required further investigation.

Schrotei says he considers such a system essential in a

city like Cincinnati, in which one-man patrol cars predominate.

## Shocked by Guitar

THRYBERGH, ENGLAND (UPI)—Robert Smith, guitarist, collapsed yesterday as his beat group began a performance in a local club. He was felled by an electric shock from his instrument.

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