

Pilot program seeks to ease police burden

Three civilians are being hired to see if Cincinnati policemen can be freed from police dispatching duty to do more police-like work.

Miss Deborah Neudigate, 20, of 3601 Puhlman Avenue, Cheviot, and Arthur Elkins, 23, of 1931 Neyer Avenue, West End, and another person yet to be hired will work in the police communications center on the third floor at police headquarters, 310 Lincoln Park Drive, West End.

They are in a pilot project with a \$34,268 grant from the Law Enforce-

ment Assistance Administration.

If the one-year project proves successful, more civilians may be hired, Lt. Col. William Bracke, commander of the technical services bureau, said.

The center is staffed by Lt. Paul Krumme, five sergeants and 47 patrolmen. Working with them are 23 police cadets and four civilian clerks, who operate computer terminals.

Station X dispatcher is "a highly sensitive job," Bracke said. The pilot project is modeled after the use of civilians as Station X dispatchers in Seattle,