

the detective sergeant or detectives so long as there are present incumbents with us and to use the grade of plainclothesmen with compensation for the basic investigative function.

Above the basic investigator the ICP proposed that sergeant be used and there be no distinction between uniform and detective sergeants, but the sergeants be assigned as supervisors of investigators.

Mr. Dowdy. The assigned sergeant would be a uniform man?

Deputy Chief WILSON. He might or might not be. He could very well be, and I would anticipate because this is what happens with most specialties—ordinarily, for example, in traffic most of the traffic division sergeants are men who were privates in traffic division and most of the sergeants in criminal investigations would certainly be men who had been investigators. It naturally follows that you use a man in a specialty who has experience in that, although there is a possibility of lateral movement.

Mr. Dowdy. I was disturbed a little while ago about whether you were going to assign a man to be an investigator for a while and then into something else for a while. It would seem to me that you would want specialists in the field. An assignment to the robbery squad, would it be permanent or temporary?

Deputy Chief WILSON. It is not necessarily permanent. The detective squad often moves from one specialty into another. Exposure to many various specialties sometimes.

Mr. Dowdy. That is all.

Mr. MULTER. What is the thinking behind the change of title from detective to investigator?

Deputy Chief WILSON. This was a recommendation of the ICP, and frankly, I am not certain what their particular reason was and I am not certain that the Police Department especially likes it. I think we will cooperate with the plainclothesmen titlewise in the statute at the present time. It is a different title. I suspect their thinking was it differentiates between what we have now and what they were proposing we would have.

Mr. MULTER. As a career officer in the Police Department, do you not think, that the word "detective" carries with it a lot more meaning and distinction than the word "investigator"?

Are you not downgrading the detective in changing the title to investigator?

Deputy Chief WILSON. I would have to agree with that, Mr. Chairman. I want to make clear we do not propose to change the title. I would have to say that my personal preference is for the title of detective over that of investigator.

Mr. MULTER. What is the thinking behind the compulsion of a detective to make an irrevocable choice as to whether or not he is going to be a uniform sergeant or a detective sergeant?

Deputy Chief WILSON. In order to establish registers from the examination, we have to let him make a choice.

Mr. MULTER. Why make it irrevocable? Why can he not change his mind a year hence and say "I made a mistake. I would rather be a detective sergeant than a uniform sergeant"?

Deputy Chief WILSON. Because then we would not have any reasonable method of converting him over to the registers. What would very likely happen is that he would elect one or the other and then as he saw more rapid movement in one of the promotion systems