

At present investigations of an urgent nature are handled by long distance telephone and telegraph. This is expensive and due to expense many details are not followed up. This has been demonstrated numerous times in investigations pertaining to suspicious persons, automobiles, etc. In the past when radio has been used many investigations have been completed which normally would not have been attempted, due to costs. Less important matters are handled by special delivery letters, many of which could be handled by radio at a great saving in time. In all, radio telegraph could handle the bulk of police information now handled by wire and letter at a great savings in cost and time.

An efficiency functioning radio telegraph system would permit police departments throughout the country to handle the bulk of their communications by radio, and at the same time would weld into one compact unit all police organizations throughout the country, a fact that would be of value not only in cases of crime locally and in neighboring cities, but of immeasurable value in time of national emergency.

Mr. E. K. Jett, Assistant Chief Engineer, Federal Communications Commission, has worked very closely with this organization since the inception of the inter-city communication plan, and he will address the Convention on this subject, interpreting suggestions and general procedure as outlined by the Federal Communications Commission. Mr. Jett has under his supervision all technical matters pertaining to telephone, telegraph and all radio services except radio broadcasting. Mr. Fred Schnell, an authority on high frequency radio communication matters, will also address the Convention on this subject.

In addition to the inter-city discussion, a number of technical talks and discussions are to be held on all phases of police radio communications.

Inasmuch as the Convention programs are being printed in St. Louis, we do not at the present time have any copies available. However, we are enclosing a typewritten copy of the program activities and will supply him with printed copies as soon as they are received.

The following persons have been invited and will at least appear for introduction at the banquet. Governor Paul V. McNutt, scheduled definitely for a short talk; Mayor John W. Kern; members of Board of Public Safety; Chief Michael F. Morrissey; former mayor Reginald H. Sullivan; former mayor L. Ert Slack and Mr. Andrew J. Allen, who as president of the Citizens Police Radio Commission helped raise money by public subscription for the first