Police Adopt New System in Recording Auto Wrecks

The three major points in the Winston-Salem police department's new cross-indexing system of recording traffic accidents and violations are shown above. Miss Catherine Cordwell is shown at big map of city.

Winston-Salem yesterday became the first city west of Raleigh to have installed in its police department the cross-index system of recording traffic accidents and violations—a system which is now being used by many as Honolulu traffic violations are shifted on to center with Miss Sara Reed of the police department.

Under the new system, a three-way check on local traffic accidents and drivers figuring in the accidents will be maintained. In addition, a constant record of the record of chronic accident sources is kept. The system is based upon several traffic mishaps, whether through negligence or carelessness. A basis for available in the highway safety division in Raleigh.

Carl Barefoot, of the safety division, together with W. Keith Lackner and R. H. Ingram, assisted police department officials here yesterday in completing the setup of the new filing system. Miss Beatrice Simon and other members of the department had been working on the new index file for the past several days.

Although several towns in the eastern section of the state have already installed the new reporting system, Winston-Salem is the first in the Piedmont or western section to have the system, Barefoot disclosed.

Winston-Salem's police department, which is using the setup, is employed by the state highway commission to serve as an aid to the state in investigating traffic accidents.

The principal points in the system are any of the city showing all streets and intersections, an individual file of all automobile drivers who have been involved in traffic violations of any kind, and a location file—by streets and cross streets—showing where each accident occurred in the city during a year.

When a driver's individual card is shown to be involved in traffic violations, he is given a warning letter. If he continues to violate traffic laws, the accident report is filed in the system and he is given another warning. If he is involved in a fourth offense, the report goes to the police department. If the driver is involved in a fifth offense, the police department is notified and the driver is given a citation.

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Cornell R. Smith, of the police department, was shown at the three major points in the system.