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150th Anniversary Historical Artifacts

Emergency Light / Siren Combination

From the collection of Retired Burlington Fire Lieutenant Gary Francis, whose father, Ernest G. Francis, was a Burlington Police Lieutenant until his death, while an active member of the Department, in 1971.

Pictured below is an emergency light and siren combination from 1950. It sat atop a police cruiser with the large light facing forward. The flange that flares out in the center was retrofitted for cold weather operations so the mechanical siren inside would not freeze as easily.



.38 Caliber Revolver

Also from the Francis collection, this revolver is an early example of the handguns used in policing in Burlington in the 1940s and 1950s. As the Department transitioned to newer firearms with larger frames, the .38s were sold for \$10 each. The Francis family obtained it as they were sold off.



Rules & Regulations of the Burlington Police Department - January 12, 1939

Pictured below is the cover page from the hand-typed rulebook issued to each officer in 1939. Issued to E.G. Francis, the rulebook shows Francis' home address at the time on the inside cover. While some of the rules from 1939 appear antiquated, many of them remain consistent with contemporary police operations in the 21st Century.

