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Events: 1954 Shooting

Training to Respond

John Allen Murphy explains how the police officers received training to respond to a variety of possible crimes.

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Any call you get, any call you get, we responded as fast as we could. There was no hesitation. And that's what we were told, not to hesitate. That's what we were told, not to put on the siren or not told to put on the light, you know. That's what we did. Otherwise, no matter what it was, a shooting, a burglary, or somebody being mobbed, or a break-in, we responded fast. Usually a break-in, we wouldn't use the siren because if we see somebody running we didn't want to warn them, scare him off. No, we were trained well, honey. And response was always very good. And I know I didn't have a time to take a bite of my sandwich. I put it down in the glove compartment. And the funny part is when we got off a couple hours later and Jimmy took off and I got all the papers in a hand, my coke, the sandwich went all over my lap.