working with him on a part-time basis. In the '70s, the Belleville Police
Department consisted of the Chief of
Police, the Deputy Chief of Police, one
inspector, one sergeant of detectives, four
detectives, seven sergeants, 45 male constables and two female constables, one
special constable/driver/handyman and 10
civilian employees — three dispatchers
and seven in office administration.

Ashbury retired from the police department in 1977 after 18 years of policing the streets of Belleville. In that period, he handled the forensics identification work for the city police for almost 17 years.

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Dale Ashbury is with his constant companion — a Crown Graphic, a bulky camera with negatives four inches by five in size — during his years of service in the Belleville Police Department forensic identification unit.