

POLICE TASK FORCE IS TO BE EXPANDED

Unit to Have 430 Men; Hackett to Head It

The police task force is to be expanded; decentralized, and placed under command of Capt. James P. Hackett, it was announced yesterday.

Police Supt. Orlando W. Wilson also announced that the department's 80 policewomen will be transferred to the youth division, which also is to be decentralized. The changes, latest in decentralization of the department, will become effective Saturday.

Capt. Bernard Dier, who has commanded the task force, will become a traffic area commander. Hackett will be re-



Dier (left) and Delaney.

placed as commander at Albany Park station by Capt. Thomas McNulty, who has been serving as relief commander during captain's furloughs. Capt. Michael Delaney will remain in command of the youth bureau.

Will Have 430 Men

The reorganized task force will have about 430 men compared with the present 226, and will take over new functions.

Since it was established March 22, 1956, the task force has been moving about the city, saturating high crime areas with policemen.

Two main subdivisions of the reorganized task force will be the tactical section, with 180 men, and the detail section, with



Hackett (left) and McNulty.

190 men. Other subdivisions will be the marine unit, with 14 men, and the canine corps, now including seven men and scheduled to be expanded gradually. There will be a small planning unit, to plan use of the task force personnel based on crime analysis.

Lieutenant to Command

The detail section, to be commanded by a lieutenant, will handle special assignments such as those at baseball parks, McCormick Place, and Soldiers' field. This largely will eliminate removal of policemen from patrol beats for details. When not on details, these men will be assigned to other task force work.

Tactical Unit's Function

The tactical unit, which will do most of the work the task force has been handling, will have groups based at four of the six police area headquarters.

Each group will be commanded by a lieutenant, and will work wherever needed.

The new youth bureau, including the policewomen, will have sections operating out of each of the six area police headquarters with lieutenants in command. It will include school patrols, and men in squad cars and on foot.